



# October at Alford !



Harvest Festival | Diwali | World Mental Health Day

## School Shop

The school shop is available through our school website to allow you to make a range of purchases or bookings at a time convenient for you!

**Uniform** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- both new and preloved

**PE KIT** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- including our fantastic house team

**Accessories** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- such as book bags and hats

**Wrap Around Care**  
([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- we offer both breakfast and after school club

**Educational Visits**  
([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- pay for any visits or trips easily

## School Website

**Dates** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- term dates

**Curriculum** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- information about your child's learning

**Online Forms** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- medication/medical updates and term time absence requests.

**Contact Us** ([alfordprimary.co.uk](http://alfordprimary.co.uk))

- how to find and contact us



## Dear Parents & Carers,

The first half term of the school year is coming to an end. This last week alone has seen our Diwali Day, Harvest Festival, Year 4 girls football, and our Good to be Green celebration.

This half term has seen Year 3 enjoy their trip to Creswell Crags and Year 2's visit to Baytree Owl Centre. Next half term, Year 4 are off to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at Nottingham Theatre and Year 5 are off on their Saxon Adventure to Murton Park.

Our Remembrance display is already taking shape. We are so lucky this year to have the War Horses as part of our Remembrance display, thanks to Rachel Burnett and the Alford Knitting Nannas for kindly loaning them to us this year. The children have also created beautiful art work that will be on display at the Alford Library. Please pop along to have a look, and whilst you are there the children can always borrow a book!

Happy Half Term everyone!

Mrs Snow





## November

**Monday 3rd November—First day of term**

**Wednesday 5th November—Year 5 trip to Murton Park**

**Thursday 6th November—Year 4 trip to Nottingham Theatre**

**Thursday 6th November—Flu Vaccinations**

**Tuesday 11th—Monday 16th November—Book Fair**

**Friday 14th November—Child in Need Day**

## December

**Wednesday 3rd December—Flu Vaccination 'mop up' session**

**Thursday 4th December—Y6 Lincoln Castle Trip**

**Friday 5th December—FoS Christmas Fair**

**Thursday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day**

**Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner Day**

**Friday 19th December—Whole school trip to Skegness Pantomime**

**Friday 19th December—Last day of term**





# Assessment Dates

Every year, there are dates set by the Department for Education for our Statutory Assessments to take place.

As we are all aware, the school are unable to authorise holidays and the fixed penalty notice system is applied. Should you still make the decision to book a term time holiday, we ask that you avoid the dates below.

## Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026:

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

## Multiplication tables check

Schools must administer the [multiplication tables check](#) within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.

## Phonics screening check

Schools must administer the [phonics screening check](#) within the 1-week period from Monday 8 June 2026.







# Attendance

## Betty's Tea Party Winners - ALDER!



## Whole School Attendance

**Class Attendance for this term so far:**

EYFS— <b>95.8</b>	Alder - <b>97.8</b>
Blossom - <b>96.7</b>	Rowan - <b>95.7</b>
Acorn - <b>97.0</b>	Maple - <b>97.1</b>
Conker - <b>97.2</b>	Oak - <b>96.3</b>
Willow - 93.9	Elm - <b>95.3</b>
Hazel - <b>96.3</b>	

National Attendance Expectations are for children to have at least 95% attendance

For more information, see our website:

[Attendance \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)



# Community News



**LIVE & LOCAL**  
**Creative Alford**  
RURAL HUB TOWNS

**FREE**

**Half Term Workshops**  
28 | 29 | 30 October  
10:30am to 3:30pm each day  
South Street Car Park, LN13 9AF  
(next to Alford Library)

## Lantern Making Workshops

**Drop in at anytime!**

Work alongside talented Lincolnshire artists to craft your very own Lantern to hold in our procession at the Bonfire event at Alford Cricket Club on the 1st November.

Participants will get free entry to the Bonfire event, and will be invited to take their beautiful lantern home after the procession.

Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Further information  
[martyn@liveandlocal.org.uk](mailto:martyn@liveandlocal.org.uk)  
07485 390907



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MONDAY 27 OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER  
10.15AM—12NOON & 12.30PM—3.30PM

OCTOBER  
HALF-TERM

*Family Activities*

MAKE  
IT &  
SHAKE IT!  
IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

Make a range of percussion instruments to  
make music in our mini percussion orchestra  
and then take home your lovely artwork.



Our half-term  
activities are  
included in  
your Cathedral  
admission.



Children visit **FREE** with  
a paying adult and if you  
Gift Aid your admission  
you can return free of  
charge for 12 months.



# Community News

FRIENDS OF ALFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

NOV

Professionally printed Christmas cards featuring your children's artwork

NOV

Decorate a Christmas bauble competition

NOV

Non-Uniform day, donations of a chocolate bar

DEC

Christmas Fayre

Donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers and raffle prizes will be gratefully recieved.

Follow us on facebook

New members ALWAYS welcome.

Next FOS meeting date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9am