

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning

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I just want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. It has been a very busy term and it has been a delight to see the children enjoying school and making such great progress. It always amazes me how the children change, grow-up and achieve over such a short period of time.

I am sure that you will agree that we have a wonderful team who are passionate about the education and well-being of your children. I know that you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work and dedication and to wish them a restful Christmas break.

I also wanted to thank various local businesses and organisations who have recently generously donated both money and resources to the school. Please see below for the names and logos of the businesses and organisations who have helped us. Traffi donated £333 towards our outside developments, Alton House Hotel lent the school a hot drinks dispenser for the Christmas Fayre and Pies Farm donated milk and milkshakes, also for the Christmas Fayre. Wickes donated various products that have been used on projects around the school and the Watercress Line donated lots of salt to help grit the school premises on those icy mornings!



Diary Dates



Christmas.



We hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas concerts and activities this year. I think that you will all agree that the children performed very well and they certainly enjoyed entertaining you all. The children have also enjoyed eating Christmas dinner and joining in with different Christmas games and activities. We even had a visit from Santa!

Thank you also for you kind Christmas wishes, gifts and cards.



Don't forget that school starts back at the usual time on **Tuesday 6th January!**

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET Day..

Tuesday 6th January 2026- Children return to school after the Christmas Holiday

Friday 13th February 2026 - Break up for February Half Term.

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Children return to school after the February Half Term Holiday.

Thursday 5th March 2026- World Book Day - More details to follow.

Friday 13th March 2026 - H S A Wonderful Women's' Day Sale - More details to follow.

Friday 27th March 2026 – Break up for the Easter Holiday.

Monday 13th April 2026 - Children return to school after the Easter Holiday.

Thursday 21st May 2026 - Break up for the May Half Term.

Friday 22nd May 2026 - INSET Day.

Monday 1st June 2026 - Children return to school after the May Half Term Holiday.

Friday 19th June 2026 - H S A Marvellous Men Sale.

Friday 26th June 2026 - INSET Day.

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Break up for the Summer holiday.

More dates to follow during the Spring Term.

Some of the organisations and companies who have helped us with donations!

We are delighted and lucky enough to work with organisations & businesses in our local community, and over the last 12 months we would like to make special thanks to the following for their generous donations and support:



If you, or someone you know, has a child starting at Alton Infant School in September 2026, applications must be made by 15th January 2026.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

If you know someone who is interested in their child starting at Alton Infant School, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a tour of the school.

A Christmas Message from the Governing Body

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wanted to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It's been a busy Autumn Term, and it's been wonderful to see the children settle in, enjoy their learning and make excellent progress. Governors have really enjoyed spending time in school this term, seeing the children in their classrooms, and witnessing their enthusiasm and curiosity first-hand. We have particularly enjoyed seeing our Year R children grow in confidence over the term, as well as how well families who joined us this year have become part of the school community.

As you may be aware, the Governing Body is currently in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher. Working on this has once again reminded us what a special school Alton Infant School is. Most importantly, we have spent time listening to the children, and it has been a real joy to hear what they love about their school and what matters most to them. We have also valued the views of staff and parents as part of this process.

The Christmas Fayre was a real highlight, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the HSA for organising such a successful and enjoyable event. Their time, energy and fundraising make a real difference, helping to provide extra opportunities and resources for our children.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas performances this week. The children worked incredibly hard, and their performances were a joy to watch. Well done to

ATTENDANCE MATTERS— EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School Attendance

We're delighted to share that our attendance has improved to 93.6% this term compared to 88.9% this time last year. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work and commitment of our pupils and parents. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this happen!

Alton Infant School is focused on the continuous improvement of attendance, because every day in school counts. Our current attendance is just below the national average, which means we need to continue working together to reach and exceed this important benchmark. Being present and arriving on time ensures children don't miss out on crucial learning and activities that set them up for success.

Why is attendance so important?



- Education**
Every day in school is packed with key learning opportunities. Missing lessons means missing out on essential building blocks such as phonics, spelling, maths and core subjects that help children progress confidently through their education.
- School Routine**
Daily routines help children feel secure and prepared for learning. From choosing lunch to following daily class routines, these experiences teach independence, responsibility, and time management—skills that last a lifetime.
- Friendship Bonds**
School isn't just about academic learning; it's where friendships grow. Regular attendance ensures children spend time with their friends, building strong relationships and social skills that are vital in early childhood development.

We are always here to support parents, so please do get in touch with us if you are experiencing challenges in getting your child to school on time, and if you are unsure if your child should be at school due to illness, the following useful link can help: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#).

Let's keep up the great work and aim even higher next term!

