

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning



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As we come to the end of another academic year and my last as Headteacher, I just wanted to thank you for your on-going support and to let you know how proud we are of all the children. I also wanted to thank you all for supporting me, for your kind words and end of term gifts and cards. The end of term has been a busy and emotional time with lots of events and end of year activities. I particularly enjoyed the BBQ on the 10th of July as it was a great way to celebrate the end of the year and to mark my retirement. Thank you for attending the BBQ and a particularly big thank you to our wonderful governors who arranged and ran the whole event. It is something that I will remember for a long time!

You will be pleased to know that I have completed a lot of ‘hand-over’ work with the school’s new Headteacher, Mrs Serdet. She has regularly been into school and has worked with staff, attended our Inset Day and been to other events including the Spring Fayre and welcoming new Reception parents and children. Mrs Serdet is very excited about starting in her post as Headteacher and I know she is looking forward to getting to know parents, pupils and staff.

It is always amazing to see how the children develop over the year and it has been wonderful seeing them make progress and enjoy all the different learning activities across the school. Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed time in their new classes and year groups and I’m sure that they will be ready in September to start a new academic year.

As ever our end of year assessment results for 2025-26 are very pleasing and are a testament to the hard work of pupils, staff and support from parents. These assessments include those from the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Year 1 phonics screening and other end of year assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science for all year groups. Well done everyone!

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic Summer break and I am sure that I will see some of you soon! Don’t forget that Tuesday 1st of September is an Inset day and then the children start back to school at the usual time on Wednesday 2nd of September.

Great British Summer Savings!



From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting

VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and

family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and

admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel

during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young

people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Also, please click [here](#) to find nearby attractions.

Diary Dates

School Attendance.



ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR



THIS TIME LAST YEAR
89.5%



THIS YEAR
94%

Attendance Matters!

This year, we are delighted to celebrate our whole-school attendance reaching 94%, matching the national average and improving significantly from 89.5% at the same point last year. Thank you to all our families for the commitment you have shown in supporting your child’s attendance.

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop confidence, and make the consistent academic progress they need to achieve their full potential. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day.

Wednesday 2nd September -
Children return to school after the Summer Holiday.

Friday 25th September - Flu
immunisations.

Friday 2nd October - School
photographer—individuals.

Friday 23rd October - Break up for
October half term holiday.

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day.

Tuesday 3rd November - Children
return to school after the October Half
Term holiday.

Friday 18th December - Break up for
the Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January - INSET Day.

Tuesday 5th January - Children return
to school after the Christmas Holiday.

Friday 12th February - Break up for
February Half Term.

Monday 22nd February - Children
return to school after the February Half
Term Holiday.

Thursday 25th March - Break up for
Easter Holiday

Monday 12th April - Children return to
school after the Easter Holiday.

Thursday 27th May - Break up for the
May Half Term.

Friday 28th May - Inset Day.

Monday 7th June - Children return to
school after the May Half Term Holiday.

Friday 25th June - Inset Day

Wednesday 21st July - Break up for
the Summer holiday.

More dates to follow!

A message from one of our Co-Chair of Governors, Roisin Pope.

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I want to thank everyone who has helped make Alton Infant School such a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow and thrive.



Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of spending time in school and seeing first-hand just how much our children have achieved. Whether visiting classrooms, joining assemblies or taking part in school events, it has been wonderful to see their confidence, curiosity and love of learning grow. That is a real credit to the dedication, care and enthusiasm of our fantastic staff, who work so hard every day to help every child be the very best they can be.

This term, we also say a special thank you to Richard Mead as he retires after more than five years as Headteacher and a long career in education. On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank Richard for his kindness, leadership and unwavering commitment to our children, staff and wider school community. We wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Stacey Serdet, who joins us as Headteacher in September. Over recent weeks, Richard and Stacey have been working closely together to ensure a smooth handover, and Stacey has already spent time getting to know our pupils, staff and families. We know she shares the values that make Alton Infant School so special, and we look forward to supporting her as she builds on the school's strong foundations.

To our wonderful Year 2 children, congratulations on everything you have achieved during your time with us. We are so proud of the kind, confident and curious young people you have become, and we wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next adventure at Anstey Junior School.

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us at our end-of-year celebration to recognise Richard's contribution to the school. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, celebrate all that has been achieved this year and wish Richard every happiness for the future.

Wishing all our pupils, families and staff a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Farewell to Year 2.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing our Year 2 children a fond farewell as they leave us to join Anstey and Wootey Junior Schools. They have been a great year group and we shall miss them all very much.

However, this is the start of their next exciting journey through life and I know that they will continue to flourish and thrive as they join their new school. All the best Year 2 and do keep in touch with everyone!



HSA News

We would like to thank you for all of your support this year - we have another amazing fundraising total for 2025/6. We hope you have enjoyed our events as much as we have! A huge thank you must also go to our volunteers, school staff, and governors; your continued support is very much appreciated. The money we raise goes directly towards enhancing the wonderful education our children receive at Alton Infants.

We will meet in the Autumn term for the AGM, all welcome! Date and time to be arranged. If you would like to get in contact before then drop an email to altonhsa@gmail.com

Good luck to all of our Year 2 children moving up to junior school, and we look forward to seeing everyone else in September. Have a brilliant summer!
Hannah Nicholson
HSA Chairperson

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