

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning



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End of academic year results.



I am delighted to let you know that our end of academic year assessment results for 2021-22 are very pleasing and are a testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff.

Our end of year assessments include those from the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. The results from each of these assessment areas are all above national averages and either in-line with, or above, Hampshire national averages.

These results have also been recognised by Hampshire County Council as being particularly strong in the light of the many challenges of COVID. Indeed our staff worked very hard to teach and fill pupils' gaps in learning that were a result of Covid absences. Well done to all!



Dates for the Christmas period.



H S A Christmas Fair - after school on **Friday 2nd December** - more details to follow.

Christmas Activity afternoon for Reception children (Willow and Elm) - **Wednesday 7th December**. This is also for parents (or another known adult) to attend. We would be grateful if each child in Reception has a parent or known adult in attendance to support their child.

After school Christmas outdoor nativity event involving children and staff - **Monday 12th December at 4pm (reserve date—Tuesday 13th December)** - This is an event for the whole family to enjoy - more details to follow.

Christmas dinner for the children - **Thursday 15th December**.

Christmas parties for the children - **Thursday 15th December** - more details to follow.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th December - Break up for the Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 3rd January - The children return to school for the start of the Spring Term.

Friday 10th February - Break up for the February Half Term Holiday.

Tuesday 21st February - The children return to school after the Half Term Holiday.

Friday 31st March - Break up for the Easter Holidays.

Monday 17th April - The children return to school after the Easter Holidays.

INSET days for 2022/2023

20th February 2023 26th May 2023

30th June 2023

Extra Bank Holiday!

In order for families to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, there will be an extra bank holiday on Monday 8th of May. Schools will obviously be closed for this day. The bank holidays on 1st and 29th May are also still going ahead.



However, the bank holiday on the 29th of May is during the half term holiday.



Don't forget that if you, or someone you know, has a child starting at Alton Infant School in September 2023, applications must be made by 15th January 2023.

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.

Please click [here](#) for details of tours of the school.



Governor’s Corner - A message from one of our new governors—Roisin Pope.

As a neighbour to Alton Infant School since we moved to the area five years ago and now a mum to two small children, I am delighted to be the new Local Authority Governor at Alton Infant School. I have been incredibly impressed by the school and the care and the commitment that the staff have in delivering excellence in teaching and learning as well as the enthusiasm and curiosity of all your wonderful children.

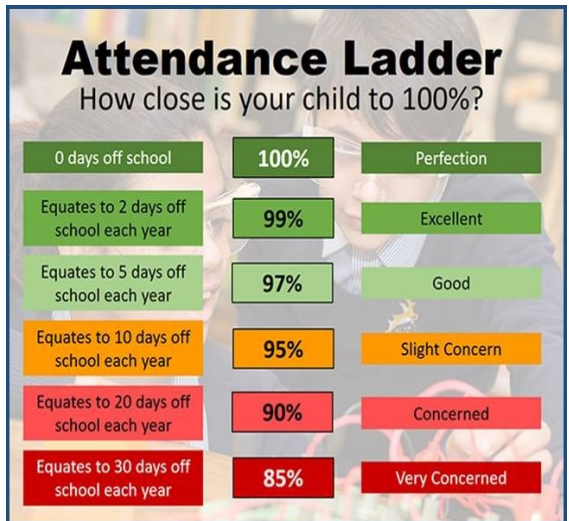


I am looking forward to bringing my background skills of nearly 20 years’ experience working across communications, campaigns and building partnerships along with my passion for quality education for all children to support the school, the pupils and our local community.

I’ve really enjoyed my first term as the new Local Authority Governor, particularly understanding more about my role, getting to know the staff and other governors and taking part in Governor training sessions. However, perhaps most importantly, I have enjoyed spending time in school and with the children. I’ll also be getting back in the classroom over the next few weeks to take part in some Science lesson monitoring.

The importance of good attendance at school.

I just wanted to remind you of the importance of good attendance at school. Regular attenders make better social and academic progress. They find school routines, school work and friendships easier and learning more satisfying. Regular attenders are also more successful when transferring between schools and when entering employment. For children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital for pupils to be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable (e.g. illness).



Furthermore, persistent lateness can have a detrimental effect as children miss vital learning and instruction at the beginning of the school day. Please remember, therefore, that the school day begins between 8.45am and 8.55am and that arrival after this time will be recorded as ‘late’. In line with Hampshire County Council’s attendance policy, arrival after 9.30am will result in an unauthorised absence which, over time, could result in a Penalty Notice (as can an unauthorised absence for 10 or more morning and/or afternoon sessions). Please click [here](#) to see our Attendance Policy for further information.



H S A - Christmas Fair

After school on Friday 2nd of December

Christmas Tree Game

Christmas Racers

Splat the Christmas Pud

Chocolate Tombola

Lucky Dip

Glitter Tattoos

Face Paintings

Pocket Money Toys

Refreshments