



Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Return to school

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope you and your family had a restful summer and were able to spend some time away from the usual routine.

We are really excited to welcome the children back to school tomorrow and we are all ready to embark on another year of learning, growth, and fun. Whether you are new to our school community or a returning family, we look forward to welcoming you all. We are excited to introduce some new faces to our team this year, alongside our dedicated returning staff who will all be on hand to meet and greet you and your children over the days ahead. We are so looking forward to filling our classrooms with exciting activities planned to ignite curiosity and foster a love of learning. Our teachers and support staff have been hard at work preparing lessons and learning that will inspire and challenge our children.

As the end of the summer term seems like a long time ago, I thought it would be useful to send some general housekeeping reminders to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

Classrooms/teachers:

Year group	Teacher	Room
Nursery	Mrs Pearson	Ladybirds
Foundation	Miss Pollard	Squirrels
Foundation	Miss Spence	Bumblebees
Year 1	Miss Thomas	Hedgehogs
Year 1	Miss Patmore	Foxes
Year 2	Mr Turner	Dragonflies
Year 2	Miss O Mahony covering Miss Isherwood's maternity leave.	Grasshoppers
Year 3	Mr Thomas/Miss Charlton	Kingfishers
Year 3	Miss Thompson/Miss Charlton	Otters
Year 4	Mr Moore	Newts
Year 4	Miss Goulding	Starlings
Year 5	Miss Dash covering Miss Hills' maternity leave.	Badgers
Year 5	Mr Clutterbuck	Avocets
Year 6	Ms Daniel/Miss Knight	Kestrels
Year 6	Miss Collinson/Mrs Knight	Kites
	Mrs Holmes	Owl class

The gates will be open at 8.45 each morning and lock again at 9.00 to ensure all children are in school for the start of the school day. The gates will be open again at the end of the day in time for you to collect your child/ren at either 3.25 for children in nursery, foundation and KS1 and at 3.30 for our KS2 children. Children in years 5 and 6 are able to walk home by themselves unless you tell us otherwise.

PE days:

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Outdoor learning
Foundation	Monday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Year 3	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday

Lunches:

Following on from the letter sent at the end of last term, I wanted to remind you that from September children in Year 3 – Year 6 as well as the Nursery, will be required to book and pay for meals by Wednesday 4th September for that week and the following week. After this time, we will pick up the two-week cycle and ask you to pre book for the following 2 weeks. This means that at the time of booking daily meals for one pupil, you will need to pay a maximum of £24.00. Children in Reception to Year 2 and those eligible for means tested Free School Meals will also be required to order their meals 2 weeks in advance from these dates in September via the school gateway app but there will be no charge.

School uniform:

At the start of the school year it is a good time to check that you have named all of your children's uniform and clothes which they will be bringing into school, as this means we can return any lost items quickly. Please can we ask that all hair that is long enough, is tied back. The only jewellery allowed in school is small, stud earrings and a watch if required. We cannot keep these items safe in school and hooped and long earring can be a health and safety risk. Thank you for your help with this.



Medical:

Please can we ask that any prescribed medication which children need in school, such as inhalers, Epi Pens etc is bought in on the first day back. Every item will require a medical form to be completed, these can be collected from the school office. Please do let us know if your children has any new medical conditions that we need to be aware of.

Key dates:

We will share key dates with you in the next newsletter.

If you require any further information, then please check our website and our Facebook Page.

<https://alphington.devon.sch.uk/>

We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey this year. Let's make this year another one to remember! Thank you, as always, for you continued support.

Sharon Tarr

