



# Alfriston School



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## Newsletter - December 2025



We are at the end of another term and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year

### House Talent Competition

We recently held our House Talent Competition, organised and led by our House Captains – Alba, Luna & Miriam - they did a fantastic job!

Children of all ages showed off a range of fabulous talents and all were absolutely brilliant!

#### The winners were:

- 1st Place – Leo (piano)
- 2nd Place – Jane (dance)
- 3rd Place – Aaren (clarinet)

The overall winning house this year was **Windover**

A very entertaining afternoon was had by all...

Alfriston School really does have talent!

### Armistice Day

This year, the children of Emerald Class were once again invited to join in Alfriston village's Remembrance Service to mark Armistice Day on Tuesday 11th November.

They walked to the Tye, outside St. Andrew's church, where they joined the British Legion, locals and veterans.

The whole class joined together to sing a moving rendition of Dona Nobis Pacem, led by Kelly Ellis.

At the end of the service, House Captains, Luna and Alba laid the school's Remembrance wreath in the church.

Many of the attendees went out of their way to comment on how well the children conducted themselves and how well they represented the school. Not only was this event important in building community links, but it also ties in with the Emerald learning for this term – The Great War.

### Tree Decoration Assembly & Decoration Day



We started with our tree decorating assembly where the children brought in their wonderful, often homemade decorations, to decorate our Christmas tree. We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr & Mrs Downton for donating the tree for the second year.



The children and staff then had a creative afternoon together, applying the skills and knowledge that they've been learning across the curriculum into designing and making decorations to make the school look festive. It was a lovely afternoon.

### Start of the School Day

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late at school which means they miss out of learning that takes place as soon as children arrive and is disruptive for the rest of the class.

Children in **Pearl & Ruby** Class should arrive at **8.40am - 8.45am** and children in **Sapphire** and **Emerald** 8.45am - 8.50am.

Any child arriving after this time will be coded as late and we will contact parents where this is happening consistently.

Please ensure your children come in to school on time.

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the after school book fair, we managed to raise a fantastic £411.12 for books for the school.

### Safeguarding Team



Lindsey Hudson  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
(DSL)

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, you can contact Lindsey Hudson, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Tanya Fitzgerald, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.



Tanya Fitzgerald  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Alfriston School for organising such a wonderful Christmas Fair and to everyone that helped on the day. With your help, the Friends managed to raise a fantastic £1250. Without your continued support this would not be possible so **THANK YOU!**

### Pearl Class Church Trip

As part of our 'Celebrations' topic, Pearl class set off on a visit to St Andrew's Church! The children were eager to discover why the Nativity scene and the story of baby Jesus holds such special meaning for Christians. They were fascinated by the Advent candles and loved learning about the importance of prayer in Christian worship. Their behaviour was impeccable, and their curiosity shone throughout the entire visit!

### Emerald Class Trip

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Emerald Class took a trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum in West Sussex to enhance their learning about Victorian Life. They met Mrs Owens, a stern Victorian teacher, who taught them the 3



Rs in an authentic Victorian manner and within an authentic Victorian school building. They also had



the opportunity to explore a range of living and working buildings not just from the Victorian period but dating as far back as Anglo-Saxon times. It was an interesting and engaging day for all!

### Dates for your Diary - New/amended dates are shown in **bold**

17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class party afternoon
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>FoAS non-uniform day</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Small group of children to Alfriston Court Care Home to sing Christmas songs (pm)</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to school – Start of Term 3
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Open classrooms (after school)
30 <sup>th</sup> January	FoAS Jumble Sale (no celebration assembly)
9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	FoAS non-uniform day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	February holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school – Start of Term 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Open classrooms (after school)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Open classrooms (after school)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Telephone
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	FoAS non-uniform day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service, led by Sapphire Class (2 – 3pm)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 4
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school – Start of Term 5