

Alverstone Infant School



July 2025

Belonging, Respect, Responsibility

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this year. We are so proud of the children's progress and achievements, and we can't wait to see what next year brings.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families in September.

Thank you to our committed Friends of Alverstone, who have continued to organise brilliant events for our children.

Thank you to our amazing reading volunteers and to everyone who has helped with school trips and local walks. We couldn't do these things without you...you really make a difference!



Classroom makeovers!

The classroom carpets have all seen better days so over the summer holidays every classroom will be being fitted with wooden flooring.

Our amazing "Friends of Alverstone" have very kindly purchased a rug for each classroom for the "carpet" areas. Thank you to them and to you for all your donations which has made this possible. We look forward to showing off the transformation in September.

Attendance matters!

Thank you! This year our school attendance figure is **95.9%**. This is above the national average of 94.5%.

Please remember that good school attendance is essential in ensuring your child makes the progress they deserve.

Classroom doors open at 8.30 and children **MUST** be in their classroom at 8.40. If you arrive after 8.40, you must come in through the office and fill in a late form if arriving after 8.50.

Summer Holiday Club!

Summer holiday club will be on **23rd, 24th 25th July and 19th, 20th and 21st August**. This is available to book on SCOPay.



This will remain open to our current Year 2 pupils.



To our wonderful Year 2, we are so proud of everything you have achieved. As we wave you off to your next chapter, we wish you lots of luck and happiness!

Fly high!



Our much loved guinea pigs, **Woody and Buzz**, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has had them for a weekend mini break throughout the year.

They have had a lovely time and been very well cared for. They are already looking forward to some more holidays in the next academic year.



Outstanding Outcomes!

We are proud to share that our children's end of year outcomes continue to be above national expectation.

We are particularly delighted with our Phonics results where the children achieved **over 93%** pass rate. This is our best result to date!



Well done children!

Thank you to our staff who work tirelessly to ensure children reach their potential and to you all for supporting your child at home...hard work really does pay off!

Gosport in Bloom Awards



We are delighted to announce that we won **silver** in the following categories:

"Most colourful salad patch"

"Best garden art feature"

and we won **gold** for the

"Best edible garden"

"Best bee and butterfly garden"

Well done children!

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to make the gardens so fantastic!



Uniform

Please note that we can only take cash at the office. You can also pay for uniform orders on SCOPay.

We would appreciate it, when you place an order via SCOPay, that you pop an email to the office with your order so that we can ensure that we get it to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, orders do not always show up our end.

Dates for your diary 2024/2025

Return to school – Thursday 4th September 2025

Tea and Tissues – Coffee morning to welcome Year R parents (all welcome)
Thursday 11th September at 8.40 in the hall

Welcome Picnic – Friday 19th September, 4.30-6.30, on the school field. Further details to follow.

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 26th September – from 8.30 until 9.30am in the hall

End of half term - Thursday 23rd October

Children return for Autumn 2 – **Monday 3rd November**

Last day of Autumn term – Friday 19th December

INSET days 2024-2025 – school closed to children

Wednesday 3rd September

Friday 24th October

Friday 13th February

Friday 1st May

Monday 15th June

F is for Friendships



This half term we have been focussing on the theme of **Friendship** and continuing to think about “keeping safe”.

The children have been learning about keeping themselves safe in the community and particularly around water.

Next half term our focus will be “Keeping ourselves and other safe – actions and consequences”. The children will be learning about trusted adults, thinking about classroom rules and their relationships.

If you would like to know more about our PSHE (SCARF) curriculum, please look at our website or ask your child’s class teacher.

During the holidays- safeguarding concerns.

If you have any concerns because you think that a child is at risk, contact the Children’s Services Department.

Hampshire Children Services
Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm
Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, phone
0300 555 1384

If you are a member of the public and wish to report a welfare or safeguarding concern, complete an [online enquiry form](#).

Email:
childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373

Water Safety

As part of our safety curriculum, we have learning about keeping safe around water. Of course, we all hope they never need to use this, but this knowledge is essential for our children, particularly living in such close proximity to the sea.

We have looked at materials from the RNLI and talked with the children about what to do in an emergency on or around water. The children have looked at the different flags they may see at the beach and what these mean. They have also learnt about how to contact the Coastguard in an emergency.



The children have particularly enjoyed learning the “RNLI Seaside Safety Song”. Please see the link below and you can learn it too 😊



[The RNLI's Seaside Safety Song](#)



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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Summer Tips for Supporting Your Child's Learning & Development 🌞

As we head into the summer break (we are nearly there!), here are some simple and fun ways you can support your child's development at home. These activities don't require anything fancy—just a bit of time and attention, and they can make a huge difference to ensuring that your child's attainment does not slip during the long 6-week holiday.



Keep the Love of Reading Alive

- **Read together daily:** Just 10 minutes a day makes a big impact. Try bedtime stories, picture books, or even signs and labels when you're out and about.
- **Visit the local library:** We have recently had an assembly about the free summer reading challenge – visit and get involved!



Practice Everyday Skills

- **Name/word writing:** Encourage your child to practise writing using chalk, paint or any other item you can find!
- **Counting and number games:** Count toys, stairs, or pieces of fruit at snack time. Make it fun and part of your daily routine. Practice some addition and takeaway too!



Keep Thinking and Talking

- **Ask open-ended questions:** "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why did you choose that?" helps build thinking and communication skills.
- **Talk about what you see:** Whether at the park or in the car, describing the world around you boosts vocabulary.



Play, Create, Explore

- **Outdoor fun:** Water play, building with natural materials, or simple scavenger hunts keep children active and curious.
- **Creative time:** Drawing, painting, or making up stories helps with fine motor skills and imagination.



Most of All... Just Enjoy Time Together

Young children learn best through play, talk, and time with caring adults. Enjoy the summer as a chance to slow down and connect.

We hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to learn in the new term!

☀️ Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing Over the Holidays ☀️

The holidays are a wonderful time to slow down, have fun, and spend quality time together as a family. They also offer a great opportunity to support your child's wellbeing in simple, meaningful ways. Here are a few tips to help during the long 6 weeks 😊



Keep a routine (but stay flexible)

Children feel safe and secure with some structure. Try to keep regular times for meals, bedtime, and quiet time – while still enjoying the flexibility that holidays bring.



Talk and listen

Check in with your child regularly. A quiet moment at bedtime or during a walk is a good chance to ask how they're feeling. Let them know it's okay to talk about their worries as well as their joys.



Limit screen time

It's tempting to rely on screens, especially in bad weather, but try to balance this with screen-free time. Books, board games, or simple baking activities can offer calmer, more connected alternatives.



Make time for play

Play is vital for your child's development and mental health. Whether it's imaginative play, outdoor fun, or crafting at the kitchen table, giving them time to explore and be creative can do wonders.



Stay active

Fresh air and movement help boost mood and reduce stress. Walks, bike rides, or even a dance party in the living room can make a big difference.



Enjoy the little moments

Children remember the small things – reading together, making a den, or just cuddling on the sofa. These shared moments build connection and help children feel loved and secure.