



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 5th June 2025

Swimming

It has been fantastic to see the children swimming again - we are so lucky to have a pool! Sapphire Class have had lessons over the past couple of weeks and really enjoyed it. The children all tried really hard and we could see their progress. It is now the turn of Emerald Class who are having lessons three times a week, starting on Monday. The lessons are all being funded by money raised by The Friends of Alfriston School which is fantastic!



Sapphire Class Author Visit



On Thursday 21st May, excitement filled the air as Sapphire Class welcomed the brilliant author Jenny McLachlan for an inspiring visit! The children were captivated by her storytelling, gaining a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of writing. Jenny shared tips on crafting engaging characters and thrilling adventures, sparking creativity in every young mind. The session ended with eager questions and a buzz of inspiration - who knows, we might have some future authors in the making!

A huge thank you to Jenny for a truly unforgettable experience and to the Friends of Alfriston School for funding the visit!

Rotary Club Young Artist Competition

A little while back, the school sent out information from the Seaford Rotary Club, about the Young Artist Competition... This was a competition open to all children across all the schools in our area and some of our Alfriston School pupils were winners!

Under 7

3rd:- Jane

Highly Commended:- Arden

7-10yrs

Highly Commended:- Alba

Congratulations!

Baby News!

We are pleased to announce that Miss Foster gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at the weekend. Ava Vivienne weighed in at a rather large 10lb 11oz.

Both mother and baby are doing well.

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Skills Festival

A number of our year 3 & 4 children were chosen to take part in a Tennis Skills Festival at Ratton School. During the festival the children did a carousel of activities, learning skills needed to help with forehand and backhand strokes, footwork and ball control. The children behaved exceptionally and were courteous and helpful to each other, some of the Ratton Year 8 and 9 sports leaders even commented on how good they were!



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure. It's **FREE** to take part. Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src. The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 5th July and end on Saturday 6th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#).

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. They will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability.

Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in **Story Garden** children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one.

You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

Your local library has lots of free events over the summer holidays. You can also visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for online fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

Dates for the Diary 2024 - 2025

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

12th June	School Games Day
16th June	INSET day
17th June	Reserve School Games Day
19th - 20th June	Year 2 overnight stay at school
23rd - 27th June	Emerald Class residential
1st July	Open classrooms (after school)
7th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Ruby Class parents (after school)
8th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Sapphire Class parents (after school)
9th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Emerald Class parents (after school)
11th July	End of year reports out to parents
14th July	Whole school transition day
16th July	Whole school celebration event (9am - 9.30am)
18th July	Year 6 leavers assembly (14:00 to 15:00)
18th July	FoAS non-uniform day
18th July	Last day of term 6



Lindsey Hudson
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)

Safeguarding Team

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child you can contact Lindsey Hudson our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Tanya Fitzgerald out 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



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