



# Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!



## Newsletter - January 2026

### MP Visit

Sapphire and Emerald enjoyed a special visit from our local MP, James MacCleary. He spoke to the children about his role within the community and how he helps represent local people in Parliament.



The pupils were then invited to ask questions about the issues that matter most to them, and they rose to the occasion beautifully. Their thoughtful, mature, and well informed questions - along with their excellent listening and respectful behaviour - were a real credit to themselves and to the school.

### Sapphire Class Workshop

On Tuesday 20th January, the children enjoyed an exciting visit from Jaws and Claws to enrich their geography learning this term. They impressed our visitor with their already extensive knowledge of the rainforest before getting the chance to meet some incredible creatures up close, including a blue tongued skink, tree frogs, millipedes and many more. The children showed great care and respect while handling the animals and had a truly wonderful afternoon discovering more about these fascinating rainforest habitats.



### Thank You

Thank you for all your support and kindness that you have shown while we have been out attempting to help with easing the traffic congestion, during the road works taking place in the village, to keep the children safe.



## Thank you!

### Alfriston School

For your donation of £148.21 from your Christmas Jumper days in support of Hailsham Foodbank.

We gave out 302 Christmas parcels to local people and your donation made such a difference to them. We really appreciate your support.

Julie Coates  
Foodbank Manager



Registered charity number 1199124. Registered in England and Wales.

### Our Amazing Maintenance Crew

Our wonderful year 3 & 4 maintenance crew have been busy helping to keep the playground clear and safe. This time of year the majority of their work has been leaf clearing but they have done this with such enthusiasm!

Organised By The Friends Of Alfriston School

## ALFRISTON SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 30 JANUARY | 3:15 PM**  
INCLUDING FLAPJACK FRIDAY, TEA & COFFEE  
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

### 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)

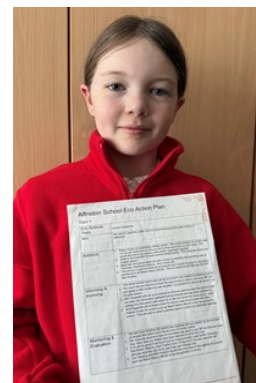
## Eco News

There are six eco warriors and our aim is to help the school be more eco friendly.

At the beginning of the year we had a meeting to talk about what environmental issues we felt were important to focus on over the coming year, Mrs Fitzgerald then wrote an eco action plan.

This year we have decided to raise money to buy litter pickers which will be hired out to families to enable litter picks to be done at weekends. We will be working towards reducing the use of single use plastics in school and in lunch boxes, and we are going to write to our local MP to raise environmental issues. We will also be making a school mural using recycled materials to help raise awareness of environmental issues.

To make sure everyone turns off computers, interactive whiteboards and lights when they are not in the classroom or office, we do checks every playtime. Each room has a chart to record whether everything is switched off, if it is then we give a green bottle top, and if not, a red bottle top. At the end of the week, the room with the most green bottle tops wins the eco teddy to keep for the week.



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

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
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
<b>9th March</b>	<b>Open classrooms (after school)</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face
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
<b>23rd March</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs parent meeting (after school)</b>
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
29th April	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting (after school) tbc
4th May	Bank holiday
11th—14th May	Year 6 SATs
18th May	Open classrooms (after school)
22nd May	FoAS non-uniform day
22nd May	Last day of Term
25th – 29th May	May holiday
1st June	Children return to school – Start of Term 6