



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 2nd May 2025

Newsletter's Got Answers!

As we wrap up our series on attendance, we'd like to answer some of your most common questions:

1. What if my child is unwell?

If they're genuinely unwell, they should get better at home. For minor sniffles, we'd encourage them to come in, as they'll still benefit from being with their class.

2. Can I take holidays during term time?

We understand family time is important, but term-time holidays can disrupt your child's learning. We actively discourage term time holidays. Please speak with us before making plans.

3. What if my child doesn't want to come to school?

Let us know if this happens. Together, we can work on understanding and resolving any worries they might have.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such wonderful partners in your child's education. Your involvement means the world to us, and together we can help your child shine!

Ruby Class DT Day



On Wednesday, Ruby Class enjoyed a DT day, focusing on cooking and nutrition. They started the day by exploring foods, identifying fruits and vegetables, describing them, looking at seeds and locating where foods grow. The children then learnt how to prepare, cut and juice various fruits using cooking equipment. After this, they had lots of fun tasting all of the fruits, trying some shop-bought smoothies, and discussing their favourite flavours! The children worked in groups to decide on the fruits they wanted to use to create a smoothie to meet a design brief. In the afternoon, they made their own smoothies and evaluated them. There were smiles all round and the smoothies were delicious!



Cricket Session

Ruby, Sapphire & Emerald Classes had a wonderful cricket session with Sussex Cricket. The children all participated in developing the skills of fielding, batting, running and working as a team!

They loved every minute and worked so hard, both collaboratively and when challenging themselves independently through solo skills tasks.



Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit



On Monday 28th April, Sapphire class had an incredible time visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace, diving deep into the fascinating world of the Romans. The children were captivated by the beautifully preserved mosaics and learned about the daily lives of those who lived in the

grand villa centuries ago. From handling real Roman artefacts to watching the

reconstruction video, every moment was a step back in time. The interactive workshops made history come alive, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm in all our young historians. It was a truly inspiring day, filled with discovery and excitement!



Message from the Friends of Alfriston School

The Friends of Alfriston would like to thank those of you who supported at the Bluebell Wood event at Bates Farm on the 15th April 2025. A special thanks to those who volunteered to help on the day and who provided the wonderful array of cakes that we were able to offer to the cafe customers.

Despite limited bluebells and iffy weather, we still managed to raise a very respectable £1000 which will go towards providing activities and resources for the children of our school!

What Parents Need to Know about Search Engines

Search engines are a huge part of daily life, helping us find information in an instant. However, with this convenience comes a hidden risk, especially for young users.

With billions of websites just a click away, children can easily encounter misleading, inappropriate, or even illegal content. Search engines don't always filter this effectively, and features like AI-generated summaries or unlabelled ads can make things even trickier to navigate.

That's why this week's [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide focuses on what parents and educators need to know about search engines. From the risks of misinformation and AI errors to practical steps like activating parental controls and promoting digital literacy, it's packed with expert advice to help keep children safe online -

[What You Need to Know Search Engines | Free E-Safety Guide](#)

Dates for the Diary 2024 - 2025

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs
19 th May (Monday)	Open classrooms (after school)
23 rd May	FoAS non-uniform day
23 rd May	Last day of Term 5
26 th – 30 th May	May holiday
2 nd June	Children return to school – Start of Term 6
5th June	New to reception meeting 5pm - 6pm
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

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 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



Tanya Fitzgerald
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)