



The Alton News

Danebury Avenue, Roehampton, London, SW15 4PD

17 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for all your kind words and support after the unfortunate incident that happened outside our school last week. With Mr Stan off this week, we have increased our security with help from Elizabethan Security. Mr Stan will be back on-site next week.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer's evening this week. It was lovely to see so many families share their children's successes and areas to develop. The Woodland Centre are holding their parent/carer's evening the week beginning 3rd November. Look out for your invitation to sign up.

This will be the final paper-based sign up for parent/carer's evening. In the Spring term, we will be using School Spider to organise this. Please make sure you are registered!

Linsay Thomson

Headteacher

Breakfast Club

Our children enjoying our **free** breakfast club every morning at 8.15am.

If your child would like to join, please book by Thursday for the next week.





Important Dates

Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchant's Hill – Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 October Last day of Autumn Term 1 - Friday 24 October

Autumn half term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October. School closed.

Inset Day - Monday 3 November, school closed to children.

First day of Autumn Term 2 - Tuesday 4 November. Children come back to school.

Year 6 visit to Holly Lodge – Tuesday 11 November

Flu Immunisation Day – Monday 17 November

Year 4 visit to British Museum – Thursday 20 November

School Photo Day – Thursday 27 November

Year 3 visit to British Museum – Friday 5 December

Last day of Autumn Term 2 – Friday 19 December. School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm.

Inset Day - Monday 5 January, school closed to children.

First day of Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 6 January. Children come back to school.

School Spider

Thank you to those parents/carers who have signed up for the School Spider app. and sign into the School Spider app. We are now at 32%.

If you have not signed up yet, please can you sign up as soon as possible.

For Android phones For Apple phones



Full Term dates are

on our website.



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Respectful School for All - Behaviour Expectations for our Parents, Carers and Visitors

At The Alton School, we are very proud and fortunate to have a very dedicated and supportive school community. The staff, governors, parents and carers all recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between us, and we welcome and encourage all parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

As a partnership, we are aware of the importance of good working relationships. We recognise the importance of these relationships to equip our children with the necessary skills for their education. We expect our school community to respect our school ethos, keep our school tidy and set a good example of their own behaviour, both in and outside the school premises, in the community and when accompanying classes on school visits.

Below are clear expectations around the conduct of all parents, carers and visitors to our school. We ask you to agree with these expectations.

We do not tolerate:

- Disruptive or inappropriate behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the normal school day or activities anywhere on the school premises
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper
- Threatening in any way a member of staff, visitor, fellow parent, carer or child
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text, voicemail or phone messages or other written communications (including social media) to anyone within the school community
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents, staff or governors at the school on any social media sites
- The use of physical, verbal or written aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment of your own child on school premises
- Approaching someone else's child to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises
- Dogs being brought on to the school premises (other than guide dogs).

Should **any of the above** occur on school premises or in connection with the school, we may send out a formal letter to the parent or carer inviting them to a meeting to warn them that if they do not stop this behaviour, their permission to be on the school site will be withdrawn. This would normally be for a fixed period. However in more serious cases it may be necessary to consider a permanent ban. In cases where the unacceptable behaviour is considered to be a serious and potentially criminal matter, the school will contact the appropriate authorities and concerns may be referred to the police, and to the Q1E Trust's Legal Team for further action.

We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through an open and positive dialogue. However, we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and have a negative impact on relationships. Where issues arise or misconceptions take place, please contact Ms Morris, Mr Brennan or Ms Thomson, and we will meet with you and attempt to resolve it. If you have any questions or you would like to discuss further, please contact the school and ask Mrs Gibbs to make an appointment for you. Thank you for following these expectations. Together we can create a positive environment, not only for the children but also for all who work and visit our school.





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School Tours

If you know of any families moving into the area who need a primary school or nursery place for their children, please encourage them to come along on a school tour.

Tours usually take place at 10.30am on the first Tuesday of every month. To book a tour, email Mrs Gibbs on admin@thealton.qle.org.uk or call 020 8876 8482.



School Uniform

Regrettably we are increasing the cost of The Alton School fleeces, rucksacks, bookbags, jumpers and cardigans.

We continue to use suppliers who sell good quality items and keep prices as affordable as possible. However, our suppliers have increased their prices this year and so some price changes are unavoidable.

We have a small stock of pre-loved uniform which we put out for sale any cash payments.



Q1E Trust

Recently, our Deputy Headteacher joined Deputy Heads from 20 other schools across six London Boroughs for a meeting to help develop our Guided Peer Visits programme for which the Q1E Trust provides the structure, guidance and encouragement.

This free professional development programme enables our senior leaders to visit and learn from different schools, providing a network of support and refreshing their ideas. As one participant put it, it helps Deputy Heads "to build trusting relationships for constructive, non-judgemental dialogue on school improvement." As a Trust, it is a privilege to work with this committed group of professionals whose leadership is driving improvement for the children.

Free Wellbeing Webinars

The Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: Nursery and Reception, Years 1-6.

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE. Childline: 0800 1111