

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families and children. Hello and welcome to all our new families and children. Thank you for choosing The Alton School. We hope you and your children will be very happy here.

The children have all settled in well and are excited about their learning. They all look so smart in their uniforms. Please remember to name uniform so we can re-unite lost property.

Over the next few weeks we will be hosting our 'Meet the teacher meetings' – we hope you can join us. These will start at 2.50pm in your child's classroom.

As a school committed to sustainability, this is our first paperless newsletter – accessible through 'school spider' and on our website.

**Linsay Thomson**  
Headteacher

## Our teachers and classes

**Nursery – Duckling**  
Ms Mendes

**Reception – Butterfly**  
Mrs Best-Biddle

**Year 1 – Bumblebee**  
Miss Baker

**Year 2 – Hedgehog**  
Miss Small

**Year 3 – Rabbit**  
Mrs Garces

**Year 4 – Owl**  
Mr Elgie

**Year 5 – Parakeet**  
Miss Sardar

**Year 6 – Bat**  
Mr Burton

**Woodland Centre**  
**RB1 – Squirrel**  
Miss O'Dowd,  
Ms Gibbons

**RB2 – Fox**  
Mrs Lamb

**RB3 – Deer**  
Miss Fuller

## Meet the Teacher

**Nursery** - Wednesday 17 September, 2.50pm

**Reception** - Monday 15 September, 2.50pm

**Year 1** - Thursday 18 September, 2.50pm

**Year 2** - Friday 19 September, 2.50pm

**Year 3** - Tuesday 23 September, 2.50pm

**Year 4** - Thursday 25 September, 2.50pm

**Year 5** - Monday 22 September, 2.50pm

**Year 6** - Tuesday 16 September, 2.50pm

## Other Important Dates

**Year 6 PLT assembly followed by PGL Meeting** - Monday 22 September

## School Spider



All parents and carers need to download and sign into the School Spider app.

We will be using it to send you all the information you need from school. It will replace letters, texts and emails. If you need support to do this, please ask at the office.

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## PE days

**Nursery** – Thursday

**Reception** - Thursday

**Year 1** - Tuesday

**Year 2** - Thursday

**Year 3** - Monday

**Year 4** - Wednesday

**Year 5** - Tuesday

**Year 6** - Monday



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## Water Bottles

Thank you for sending your children to school with a water bottle. Please remember to put name these and take them home daily for washing and return the next day.

## Clubs

Clubs start next week. Most of clubs are very popular and oversubscribed. If you have not been allocated a club of your choice, you will be placed on a waiting list and will be given priority for next term.

## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**. This includes products containing nuts e.g. Nutella, cereal bars, pesto.

## Breakfast Club

7.45am start costs £1.50 per day. Book and pay in advance at the office.

8.15am start is free. Book at the office by Thursday for the following week.

Even if your child has attended during the week, you **MUST RE-BOOK** for the following week. **Children who are not booked in or arrive late may not be able to attend.**

## Q1E Trust

The Alton is part of the Quality First Education Trust, a group of five London primary schools. We are delighted that Thomas's Academy in Fulham has just joined our Trust, alongside our other schools of Belleville, Belleville Wix Academy and Churchfields.

Our aim is to provide an excellent 'quality first' education for all children and to ensure that all children and adults are safe, excellent learners, have excellent social and emotional skills and fulfil their potential. To find out more, please [visit our website](#).

## Lunchtime

The Q1E Trust's new partnership with [Lunchtime Co](#) and [ProVeg UK](#) brings The Alton pupils a healthier, more sustainable lunchtime menu - recognised with a [School Plates Silver Award](#).

The menu includes:

- More appealing plant-based dishes
- Tasty and nutritious vegetarian options
- Ways to reduce environmental impact while maintaining variety, flavour and meat options

All meals meet the School Food Standards for pupil health and enjoyment. Find out more [on our website](#).

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](#).

## Term Dates – Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Inset Day: Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

Full term dates for the 2025-26 year are [on our website](#).

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