

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term! The children have crammed in so much learning over the last seven weeks with exciting topics, trips and visitors.

I hope you all have a restful half term – there is lots going on in the local community for you to get involved with. I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.

Linsay Thomson
Headteacher

Adult Conduct

We expect our school community to respect our school ethos and set a good example of their own behaviour both in and outside the school premises.

In cases where adult behaviour is considered to be unacceptable, the school will take appropriate measures to safeguard the school community. This may include withdrawing permission to be on the school site and in serious cases, we may contact the police, and the QIE Trust's Legal Team for further action.


Please help us to ensure our school is a safe and nurturing environment for everyone.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins around Wednesday 18th February, and we are aware that some children may be fasting from food or water during this time.

We can support children in Year 5 and Year 6 who wish to fast at school. If you wish your child to fast, or keep a partial fast during the school day, please complete the slip we sent home, and return it to the school office. If your child is fasting, their school meals will be cancelled.

Children may NOT fast at school without parents/carers' permission.

Follow us on Instagram: 

[@the_alton_primary_school](https://www.instagram.com/the_alton_primary_school)

Important Dates

Half Term holiday – Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February.

First day of Spring Term 2 – Monday 23 February – School open for children.

World Book Day – Thursday 5 March.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20 March.

Last day of Spring Term 2 – Friday 27 March.

School Holidays – Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April.

Inset Day – Monday 13 April - School closed for children.

First day of Summer Term 1 – Tuesday 14 April - School open for children.

Year 2 visit Chiswick Pier – Wednesday 22 April.

Year 1 visit Holly Lodge – Thursday 30 April.

May Day Bank holiday – Monday 4 May - School closed for children.

Full Term dates are [on our website](#).

House Success

We are pleased to announce that Chestnut House received the most house points this half-term and were the house for our non-uniform day on Friday 13th February! Well done Chestnut House.



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

Rackets Cubed

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in Rackets Cubed. [Rackets Cubed](#) is a charity who provide an enrichment programme for children with a focus on sport, mathematics and nutrition. Rackets Cubed takes place at the London Tennis Centre on Priory Lane and at Ibstock Place School. Children receive 45 minutes of tennis coaching and 45 minutes of targeted mathematics teaching. The children are provided with food as well. They thoroughly enjoy the sessions and benefit greatly from the programme.



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Discoverers Make a Nature Diary and Explore Scientific Classification

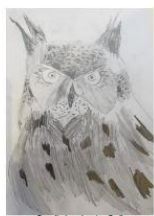
Wednesday 18th February 2026
10am-12noon

The Belvedere (where weddings take place)
Richmond Park - Pembroke Lodge

FREE EVENT - FREE PARKING



Watercolour by Valentina



Pencil drawing by Rafi

We will make a Nature Diary for you to take home and show you examples to inspire you. Nature Diaries are not only fun and rewarding, they are your story of your experience with nature at any time, anywhere.

We will also have some activities related to the classification of living things; what are all these names, why use Latin?...

Let's discover together!

LIBRARY LEGENDS

Your face. Your character. Your masterpiece
Become your favourite book character
in a new community art project



Help us to create a new art work for
the Danebury Avenue Hoarding.

Draw your favourite book character
and we'll add your face to it !

Open to all ages



Katie at work



In the Library



Fancy Dress encouraged



Support from Local artist
Katie



Refreshments provided

WEDNESDAY
18 FEBRUARY
2PM - 4PM



ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP AND BOOK LAUNCH

Come and meet the AMAZING
Comicbook Illustrator and Author
RAMZEE

Learn how to do comic illustrations and
hear RAMZEE's latest story
THE CHEAT BOOK VOL 3

Where: Roehampton Family
Hub, 166 Roehampton Lane,
SW15 4HR

Day: Thursday 19th February

Time: 10.00 - 11.30

Age Group: 6-16 year olds
Under 13s must be accompanied by an adult

BUY A
SIGNED
BOOK

This is a free event but do book your
place through this QR Code



WANDSWORTH
LIBRARIES



This is part of the wider project 'Bringing Sanctuary Home'
between Better Libraries and Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees
Charity, with support from the Wandsworth Borough Of
Sanctuary Fund.

HALF
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ACTIVITY



THE HOLLY LODGE CENTRE ALTON FAMILY FUN DAY

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

PICK UP: 10AM & 10.30AM

DROP OFF: 12.30PM & 1PM

Join us for a magical celebration as we honour the ancient tradition of
Wassailing the Trees – waking the orchard spirits and wishing for a
bountiful harvest!

Expect music, dancing, storytelling, and creative crafts for all ages. Warm
up with delicious hot drinks and apple cake, and join in the fun as we sing,
make noise, and spread cheer through the Nature Trail and Orchard.

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS ON THE ALTON ESTATE!

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

JO.BAXTER@RICHMONDANDWANDSWORTH.GOV.UK



16th - 20th Feb 2026



CRASH COURSE

DIVE INTO FUN AND SKILLS THIS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

BOOST YOUR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE WITH
OUR 5-DAY EXPERT SWIMMING CRASH
COURSE – WATCH THEM SHINE!

REGISTER NOW!

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Enable Community Swim



Affordable swimming lessons in a BRAND NEW POOL for
children and young people aged 5-15 at St Pauls School

- Days: Saturdays from 5:30pm
- Cost: £95 per term (10 sessions per term)
- Discounted sessions through Wandsworth Access for All Scheme Available

Dive into movement with Enable!

Our Community Swim sessions are affordable, accessible, and designed to help
everyone feel confident in the water.

Sessions are open to residents from Richmond, Barnes, Putney, Roehampton and
surrounding areas, and take place at:

St Paul's School
Lonsdale Road
London SW13 9JT

Join us and make swimming part of your weekly routine.

To find out more or register,
Email: activecommunities@enablelc.org



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