



LATITUDE!

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WELCOME TO

LATITUDE:

SUMMER TERM ISSUE

Headteacher's Letter

Dear all

As we start our new school year and welcome our new Year 7s and their parents to the ALNS family, we can look back on last year and be proud of everything we have achieved.

As the photos throughout this edition of Latitude show, there are more and more opportunities for students to get involved in all areas of the school with so many more clubs and trips running than ever before. We are immensely proud of how students are making the most of this and getting involved in all areas of school life.

I would like to congratulate our 2025 Year 11s on their results and to wish them every success in the future!

To parents, staff and students – **Thank you** for all your support, engagement and for supporting us in making this school the very best it can be!

Chris Doherty

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Headteacher



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HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!





UNDERSTANDING AI: BAE SYSTEMS ROADSHOW

The Annual Roadshow returned to ALNS!

On Tuesday 29th of April, we were visited by the BAE Roadshow. Our Year 7 students were treated to an engaging, educational session all about AI.

Every year, BAE join with the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy to deliver the annual BAE Roadshow, with the aim of opening the eyes of young people to the broad and diverse range of careers opportunities that can be achieved from studying STEM.

To date more than 1 million young people have engaged with the Roadshow. Pupils across the UK are treated to an interactive show covering themes that support the national curriculum and the importance STEM plays in our lives. This year's show is about AI and how it affects our every day life. Thank you, BAE, RAF and the RN.

Mrs Riches



ADMIRAL ACHIEVERS

Admiral Achievers is to celebrate your out of school accolades!

Do you have a story to share?
Contact latitude@alns.co.uk
to feature in the next issue!

AMELIE'S DANCE SUCCESS

Amelie in Mary Rose 8 competed in the WDCAL European Championships 2025 at Winter Gardens, Blackpool over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Amelie made 5 finals in total with the biggest achievement reaching the Solo Star, Under 14, 5 Dance, Ballroom European Championship final.

Amelie finished 6th place, dancing against some top dancers around Europe. Amelie was 1 of only 2 British girls that made the final!



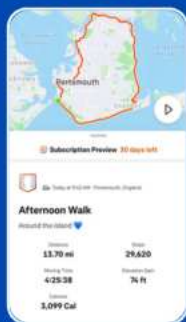
LILY AND HER DAD WALK 100KM FOR 'FOCANCER'

We are immensely proud of Lily M in Year 10, Warrior 6, who, with her Dad, raised money for a charity called FOCancer. FOC are a local charity supporting victims of cancer by sending them to sporting events, making life long memories with their families and friends.

On Saturday 24th May, they walked the entire Portsea Island to complete their 100km in May fundraiser!

They are extremely passionate and dedicated to this cause, and we admire their resilience!

If you would like to donate, please scan this QR code:

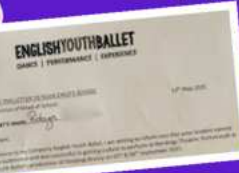


TOBY PASSES HIS BLACK BELT GRADING IN KARATE



ROBYN TO PERFORM AT KINGS THEATRE

Robyn in Spinnaker 11 will be performing at Kings Theatre Portsmouth in English Youth Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty! Good luck Robyn!



CLEO'S SKILFUL SCOTTISH SWIMMING

During the Easter Holidays, Cleo in Mary Rose 9 competed in the Scottish National Age Group Swimming Championships - Her Dad is Scottish. She took part in a number of races and won the Gold medal in the 200m butterfly, making her National Age Group Champion!

What an achievement! Well done Cleo and keep up the great work.



STEPH SHINES IN BRING IT ON THE MUSICAL

'I was in Bring It On the musical at the Kings Theatre in July. I am playing ensemble! We had to go through two rounds of auditions.

The first one was a cheer audition at Jessie Lee Dance and Cheer, and the second was a call back at the Kings Theatre for a dance audition. In the first audition we learnt a cheer phrase and performed it to the panel a couple of times, and then we sang a part of a song one by one. I made it into the second round for the dance audition and we learnt a dance phrase and then performed it to the panel.'



Summer Term

HISTORY HUB

2025

STUDENTS REPRESENT SCHOOL AT PORTSMOUTH VE DAY CEREMONY



On Sunday 4th May, Miss Barnes had the honour of accompanying three of our students – Beth, Theodora, and Isabelle – to the official Victory in Europe (VE) Day Service held at Governors Green in Portsmouth.

This annual event commemorates the end of the Second World War in Europe and pays tribute to the sacrifices made by so many. We felt truly privileged to be invited to attend and support such a significant city-wide occasion.

As part of the ceremony, Beth, Theodora, and Isabelle read extracts from memoirs written by children who experienced VE Day first-hand in 1945. They read with clarity and sensitivity, bringing the words to life and helping to create a moving and respectful atmosphere.

The students represented the school with real maturity and confidence, and their contributions were warmly received by all in attendance. We are incredibly proud of them for helping to mark such an important moment in our shared history.



YEAR 6 STEP INTO HISTORY ON TRANSITION DAY!

It was fantastic to welcome our new Year 6 students for their Transition Day visit – and the History Department had a brilliant time getting to know them!

Our special lesson was called **"Who's the GOAT?"** (Greatest of All Time), where pupils were introduced to ten famous historical figures. From Florence Nightingale to Mark Luther King, the Y6s had to make tough decisions about who they thought was the most important, most influential, or just plain legendary!

Debates were lively, opinions were strong – and their historical reasoning was impressive.

To finish, students got creative by making their own **'Head in the Hole'** portraits of their chosen GOAT. The results? Hilarious and historical in equal measure!

We can't wait to see what these future historians will bring to ALNS in September!



HISTORY AMBASSADORS EXPLORE WWI REMEMBRANCE CENTRE

On Tuesday 8th July, our History Ambassadors had the privilege of visiting the World War I Remembrance Centre in Hilsea, on a trip organised and led by Miss Wellham.

The students were warmly welcomed by Charles Haskell, who heads up the centre and gave a fascinating talk full of personal stories, artefacts, and historical insights. Charles shared his incredible knowledge and passion, bringing the realities of life during the First World War vividly to life.

The ambassadors were given a guided tour of the site, exploring the collection of artefacts, uniforms, weapons, and recreated trench scenes. Helping with the visit was Freddie F in Year 10, who volunteers there regularly and was completing his work experience at the centre. Freddie supported the tour.

The visit was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering the past, and the ambassadors left inspired and full of ideas to share with the wider school community.

A huge thank you to Charles and the team at the WWI Remembrance Centre – and to Freddie – for making it such a memorable and meaningful experience.

HISTORY QUICK HITS 100 EPISODES!



Did you know our History Department has its very own podcast on Spotify?

History Quick, created by our History team, has now reached over **100 episodes** – and it's still growing! Originally launched to support our **GCSE students**, the podcast covers key topics from Germany in Transition, the USA 1929–2000, Elizabethan England, and Health & Medicine. But we've recently branched out...

Our latest episodes feature contributions from **KS3 students**, discussing everything from the Wives of Henry VIII to the Whitechapel Five – with plenty of enthusiasm, storytelling, and historical insight!

Perfect for a quick revision boost, a recap on the go, or just to hear familiar voices talk history, History Quick is available to stream free on Spotify.



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT



'In July, I took part in a workshop at the Holocaust Exhibition, and it was an eye-opening experience. The workshop focused on personal stories and the real lives affected by the Holocaust, which made the history feel much more real. We saw photos, letters, and objects from survivors, and heard about their experiences, which was really emotional.

One part that stuck with me was learning about the resilience of people during such a dark time. We also discussed how important it is to remember what happened so that we can prevent it from happening again. We also had a look around the WW1 and WW2 galleries and the life size planes hanging from the ceiling.

- Y9 student.



THE HISTORIANS OF THE WEEK THIS TERM WERE:

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Alfie B	Amber B	Anya P	Autumn B	Ahmed I
Ava V	Bella H	Ava C	Chloe B x2	Eleanor R
Bella P	Elias W	Bella W	Chloe S	Maggie A
Blake C	Isobel B	Casey K	Crystal B	
Bradley N	Jaheim T	Chase T	Ellie-Mai R	
Carmen E		Elliott M x2	Elsie H	
Charlie W		Emily C	George G	
Dylan B		Emma B	Grace P	
Edward D		Ethan P	Jayden B	
Eliza D		Evie N	Lily M	
Emma H		Grace G	Lily V	
Jacob J		Isabelle T	Molly B	
Jack B		Jack W	Neia L	
Jameson N		Kaycie L	Tayler A	
Jaxx J		Lewis G		
Jayden S		Lexie M		
Jenson N		Millie D		
Lennon C		Rocco O		
Maisie-Leigh B		Rosie B		
Michaela R		Sophie H-S		
Morgan K		Ted W		
Olly T		Theodora P		
Pinky M		Toby D		
Ruby W				
Sebby F				
Stanley R				
Summer M				
Tahlia N				

WELL DONE!



Year 7 & 8 Service Students Breakfast Meeting



In honour of VE Day celebrations, we wanted to take a moment to recognise and thank our service families for their ongoing commitment to us. 🍞

This poignant anniversary reminds us of the importance of honouring those who serve – Past and present. 🕒

Our service students were invited to have a pastry and a chat in the canteen this morning. This allowed them to not only mark the occasion but to network with fellow students. 😊



SPORTS CORNER



YEAR 8 PORTSMOUTH CUP WINNERS!



Back-to-back Portsmouth Cup Winners!

The Year 8 boys football team successfully won the Portsmouth Cup Final on Tuesday 3rd June against Priory. They started the game very strong, pressing high up the pitch and winning the ball back quickly. This resulted in a couple of early goals for ALNS.

Following this, the boys were able to control the game very well, keeping good possession of the ball and creating some great chances. The boys should be very proud of themselves for an excellent performance!

Goal scorers were - Jan x5, Jude x2, Reegan, Hugo, Hameed.

Mr Probert

YEAR 10 ROUNDERS VS TRAFALGAR SCHOOL



We had our first rounders fixture of the summer season against Trafalgar on Tuesday 13th May. The year 10's absolutely smashed it taking a win. Miss Conaghan was very impressed with the GCSE students and their knowledge and application of the game!

YEAR 10 JON JENIKS CUP

Some of the girls who represented the school previously for the school football team had the opportunity to play in the Portsmouth Cup led by Pompey in the Community.

This was a great event, and the girls worked really well in the heat, securing second place. A big shout out to the top goal scores Evie and Eva! I couldn't have asked for a nicer group of girls to attend the event and work their socks off 😊 We also had Ex Student Layla Lock helping to run the event for her college course, so it was nice to see a friendly face!

Miss Conaghan

SPORTS LEADERS HELP OUT AT THE MARY ROSE ACADEMY SUMMER SPORTS DAY!



ADMIRAL LORD NELSON SCHOOL WINS SCHOOL GAMES GOLD... AGAIN!

Excellent news from Miss Cooper, our Head of PE:

I am delighted to announce that ALNS have achieved the School Games GOLD mark award for the 2024/25 academic year.

It is our 6th consecutive year of gaining **GOLD** standard, which really demonstrates the ongoing commitment we are making to school sport. This year we have had many great sporting successes from our teams and individual athletes in every year group; our PD days have been a huge success with high levels of engagement and enjoyment and energy in lessons, through our broad and balance curriculum offer, has been a real strength.

I feel so proud that our hard work has been recognised and am thankful to everyone at school for their support and positive visions in continuing to maintain standards and drive sport forwards.

Obviously, a special thanks goes to my fantastic PE team who go above and beyond every day to ensure our students get the best possible sporting experience...THANK YOU!



YEAR 10 PORTSMOUTH CUP WINNERS!

It was a very tough game against strong opposition. ALNS did very well at the start of the game to defend after they were put under some early pressure. However, they came out of this well and started to keep some nice possession of the ball. This resulted in ALNS taking the lead going into half time. After half time, Mayfield started well and equalised soon after making it 1-1. Mayfield then took the lead with 15mins to go before ALNS played a lovely through ball for our striker to score the equaliser. This resulted in the game finishing 2-2 in normal time, we were heading straight to penalties...

Mayfield up first, scored. Jaxen then stepped up for ALNS and confidently put it away, Mayfield then missed after a great save from Zac, Ollie H scores for ALNS, Mayfield score, Beau for ALNS, scores. Mayfield, goal. Riley V for ALNS, scored. Mayfield scored, this meant ALNS needed to score one more to win, Hadley stepped up and very calmly places in the bottle left corner.

Very proud of all of you!

Mr Probert



ALNS Staff take on the... ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE



On Friday 23rd May, staff at Admiral Lord Nelson School braved the chill as they took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money for the mental health charity M.I.N.D.

In a lively and laughter-filled afternoon, students had the honour of dousing their teachers with icy water, cheering as each brave volunteer was soaked in support of a worthy cause. The event, which took place in the HUMS playground, drew a large crowd of pupils and staff, all eager to witness their teachers' reactions as buckets of freezing water were poured over their heads.

The chilly challenge was part of a wider fundraising effort that also included a school bake sale, where students and staff sold homemade cakes, cookies, and other sweet treats. Altogether, the school community raised an impressive £433.75 for M.I.N.D., a charity that supports people experiencing mental health struggles across England and Wales, and campaigns to improve mental health services.





DofE Practice Expedition



THE GAMBIA PROJECT



At Year 7 Parents Evening, Year 7 were able to proudly present their hard work over the past few weeks for our annual The Gambia Project.

Year 10 prefects also got involved and ran a Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Stall.

They successfully raised **£70** for the Daral Akram School in The Gambia.

Well done everybody!



Teach PORTSMOUTH AWARDS 2025



We are thrilled to once again celebrate colleagues at the annual Teach Portsmouth Awards with Andrew Beecher picking up the absolutely well-deserved win of the 'Volunteer' award.

For over a decade, Andrew has tirelessly led our gardening club, inspiring students to collaborate, appreciate nature, and respect the environment. His unwavering dedication has empowered children, nurturing new skills, confidence, and a lasting sense of self-belief. This award is a huge highlight of the week for our school community, reflecting the significant impact of Andrew's work. The students he mentors often say it best: Andrew Beecher isn't just a volunteer—he's a true legend!

Also a huge congratulations to; Mr Gray, Mr Waldren, Mrs De Caen, Mrs Emmerson, Miss Driscoll, Mr Green, Mrs Briscoe who were the winners of the Long Service Award and to Helen Blakeledge who was shortlisted for the Teaching & Learning Support Award.

PD DAY 7





trips

PAULTONS
PARK!



COPC COLLEGE
TASTER DAY!



PLAYING: CREEP BY RADIOHEAD



IT SUBJECT
CHAMPION TRIP TO
A VIDEO GAME
CAFE!



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V7 TAKE ON...

THE BUTSER HILL CHALLENGE!



As a tutor group, V7 decided to take on the Butser Hill Challenge! As a team we set ourselves a challenge to make it to the very top point of Butser Hill, walk across the top of the hill before making our decent back to the starting point at the bottom.

We decided we would do this challenge to raise money for the Elizabeth Foundation which is a brilliant local charity that provide services to offer young people with all degrees of deafness the best possible start to life. Their education programmes significantly narrow the gap with their hearing peers and help deaf children to communicate clearly and effectively. This particular charity is very important to us in V7, as they helped one of our own wonderful tutees, who used to attend the Elizabeth Foundation herself, and we wanted to show our support and felt this was our chance, as a tutor group, to give something back.

V7 managed to raise an amazing £400 for the Elizabeth Foundation when completing our Butser Hill Challenge. Perry, Logan and Lola went and represented the tutor group and visited them, so we could see the amazing work they do with their children and how they specialise their facilities for deaf children to enable them to experience the best possible education.

I couldn't be prouder of this group of students, it was a hot day, it was tough, but they worked amazingly together and all completed it. V7 YOU ARE AMAZING!

Miss Cooper



SPINNAKER 11 RAISE £134.76 FOR BAFFINS PANTRY!



ALNS Spinnaker 11 donation

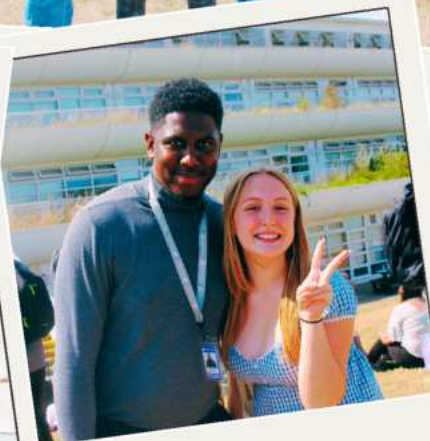
The Trustees of Baffins Community Pantry wish to thank all Teachers, Parents and Pupils for your kind donation of £134.76 and the box of food donated on 16th July 2025.
I do not believe you will ever know how much your kindness has helped the community and the products bought from the cash donation and food will be distributed during the coming months.
It shows you have an excellent community school, and we wish for this to continue. If the Baffins Community Pantry can help in anyway with any school projects, please let us know and can you pass this letter on to your Head Teacher and Chair of Governors.
We hope you have a peaceful summer and an outstanding 2025/26 school year.



Spinnaker 11 have raised some money recently by completing a sponsored walk to support families in the local community through Baffins Pantry.
Miss Conaghan went along with Cameron and Oscar to drop off the cheque and some donations on behalf of the tutor group. What a fantastic tutor group they are - Well done Spinnaker 11! 🌟🌟

YEAR 11 BBQ





Prom 2025









Year 7 & 9 students take on the...

JAMIE OLIVER WORLD RECORD!



On 1st July, Mrs Martin and 17 students from Year 7 and 9, took part in a World Record attempt with Jamie Oliver! Schools across the country took part in a live practical lesson, making homemade pasta with a tomato, garlic and basil sauce in an attempt to be part of the world's largest lesson! 🍕

Students were amazing and worked incredibly hard, each producing a delicious meal! Excellent practical skills were demonstrated along with fantastic team work. 🍕🍕

A huge thank you to our Lead Design technician, Sarah Merckel who not only did a fantastic job organising the ingredients and equipment for today but who was also our official 'Witness' to validate our part in the World Record. Thank you also to Joanne Stone, who took the role of 'Steward' and who also did a fantastic job of ensuring we had all the required photographic evidence to submit! 📷

We can report that the attempt was... SUCCESSFUL! ALNS were a part of the 'Largest Cooking Lesson' Guinness World Record!!!



PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS SPELLING BEE 2025!

On 2nd July, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Holmes took two Year 7 students and one Year 9 student to the Portsmouth Schools Spelling Bee at St. Edmund's School, where 5 schools were competing (St Ed's, us, Miltoncross, Castle View and Trafalgar.)

Despite winning in 2 of the categories last year, we didn't win anything this time. All the kids were absolutely brilliant. Our Year 9 student even got down to a tie break with the Year 9 boy from St. Ed's, but was knocked out on the word 'obsequious'. That said, they all got to choose a brand new book from the Hayling Island book shop to take home with them, and a certificate to remember the event by.

They all did absolutely amazingly, and it's a totally different 'kettle of fish' trying to spell a word out loud to a big audience and opposed to writing it down, so we admire them for their bravery.

Well done to all!





2025

YEAR 8 CAMP WEEK!





ALNS STUDENTS ACHIEVE GOLD!

We did it – Green Tree Award GOLD! ❤️

A massive congratulations to our incredible students and dedicated staff for achieving the Green Tree Award – Gold! 🌟

From starting this journey in November with the Bronze Award, advancing to Silver and now finishing the academic year on a high with Gold – your hard work, passion, and resilience made it possible.

Thank you all for your commitment to sustainability and making our school greener, prouder, and stronger together! 🌍🌱 #GreenTreeAward @woodlandtrust



Summer Sports Day





POSTCARDS FROM

France!



CELEBRATION WEEK!

MERIT & CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES





HOUSE STARS!

HOUSE CUP
WINNERS!



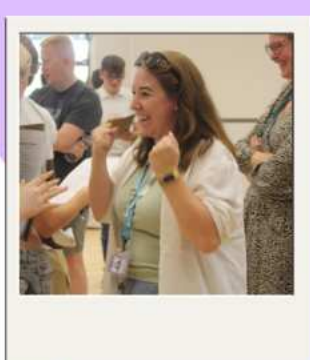
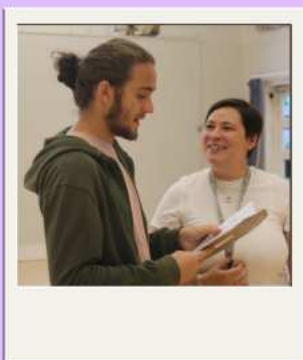
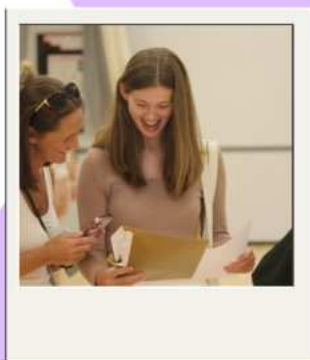
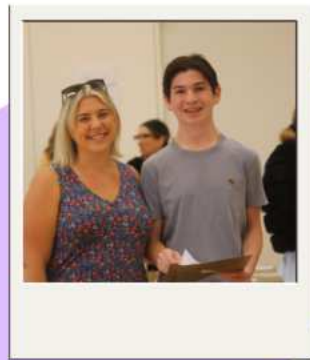
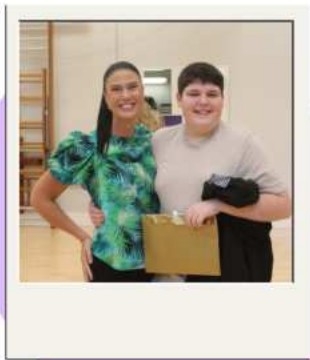
SPORTS DAY
WINNERS!





Results Day 2025!





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Community Corner

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

As part of our Climate Change and Sustainability plan, we want to develop part of the school site as a nature area. We have students and staff volunteers working together to plan this and to help make it a reality.

VISION

- Our vision is to develop a space which will have:
 - Hedgerows and trees to encourage natural wildlife
 - A meadow area with natural wildflowers
 - Outside classroom areas for Geography and Science to use when students are learning about the environment and climate change
 - Intervention spaces to support small groups of students such as a fire-pit area and woodworking area
 - Raised vegetable beds so students can experience growing food to use in food technology lessons and the school canteen



HOW?

To bring this vision to life, we want to use as much recycled and reclaimed materials as possible, and we are seeking donations of garden materials (in any state) such as:

- Wood and logs - any wood/any condition
- Soil and compost
- Seeds and seedlings
- Gardening tools
- Mulch, gravel or wood chips - any substrate/any condition
- Fencing or trellises - again any condition



Prom Donations

Do you have a suit or dress you no longer need?

Admiral Lord Nelson School is seeking prom donations! We're looking for dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories to help every student shine on their big night.

You can email jspencer.alns@salterns.org or drop your donation to our Visitor Reception!

