

Lion Pack Cubs AGM Report Highlights July 2024 – May 2025

Lion Pack Cubs is run by Baloo (Beth), Dragonfly (Dave), Rama (Lexi), and Akela (Paul), and we have just been joined by Bagheera (Mark). We currently have 24 cubs in four “sixes”. We were also well-supported by a regular gang of parents who we are very grateful to.

Summer 2024 (half-term onwards)

The highlights of summer term were the Olympic Group Camp and our annual trip to the Isle of Wight. On the two-night camp, Cubs tried their hand at air rifle shooting and archery, kayaking, and axe-throwing, along with wide games, a group campfire, and hike.



For the Isle of Wight trip, we took the hovercraft, visited Monkey Haven and the National Poo Museum(!) hiked along the beach, and took the open-topped buses around the island. The day ended with fish and chips in Ryde and the return hovercraft back across the Solent.



The term's programme focussed on environmental challenges, with the pack helping to understand how small changes can make big changes at both the local and global level.



Cubs took part in Junior Parkrun and the end of term concluded with a visit to crazy golf at Worldham.



Autumn 2024

Autumn started with 5th anniversary birthday party, and lots of outdoor adventure. We cooked Thai food to mark Loi Krathong, did some campfire cooking, experiments for the **Scientist** badge, and more environmental community activities to wrap up the **Community Impact** badge.



The term's highlight was the autumn camp at Lyons Copse. Cubs cooked their own meals, took part in orienteering, the obstacle course, camp crafts, bat hunts, and wide games... however the stand-out memory for all was the rafting, where Cubs put their pioneering skills to the test – some with more luck than others!





Towards the end of term we marked remembrance Sunday and had a night-hike and sleepover in Grayshott with Tiger Pack



Sleepovers and camps are essential for completing the **Outdoors** and **Adventure** challenge awards and of course count towards **Night Away** and (usually) **Hikes Away** badges. At the end of term Cubs had to achieve rescue from the Moon in an epic adventure and use skills from badges such as **Teamwork**, **Skills**, **Communicator**, **Scientist**, and **Navigator**.



Spring term 2025

In January we worked on the **Local Knowledge** badge, with a guest speaker (Rowan/Malcolm), a hike around Alton looking for coats of arms, and a visit to Jane Austen's house.

We also earned our **Astronomer/Space** badge by making solar system models and taking part in a visit to the Winchester Science Centre. We also threw in our usual mix of scouting skills, games, science, campfires, and teamwork throughout the term.



We also had a muddy hike and a sleepover in Selsea scout hut with Tiger pack, rounding off an awesome term. The sleepover included shooting and a visit to the local RNLI lifeboat station.





Summer term 2025 (up to half term)

Highlights of summer term so far include an epic 10k hike on the Six Hills of Alton for the Trialjam 2025 Group event, starting our **Gardener** badge, and a visit to the Watercress Line to mark VE day. Our last meeting of half term was at Chawton bowls club where Cubs tried their hand at carpet bowls. We visited the Isle of Wight again this term but we will report on that next year!



In the rest of term we are looking forward to summer camp, cycling, orienteering, and more fun, games, and teamwork.

Many thanks for all the parents for their support, and to all in the 3rd Alton team.

Paul, Beth, Dave, Lexi, Mark, and our young leader Ben