

Lion Pack Cubs is run by Baloo (Beth), Rama (Lexi), Bagheera (Mark), and Akela (Paul). We currently have 26 cubs in four “sixes”. We were also well-supported by a regular gang of parents who we are very grateful to.

Summer 2025 (half-term onwards)

The highlights of summer term were the joint Cubs Summer Camp with Tiger Pack, and our annual trip to the Isle of Wight. On the two-night camp in Bentley Copse, Cubs tried their hand at crate stacking, a blindfolded assault course, cooking folded pizzas from scratch, along with scouting skills, shelter building, wide games, a group campfire, and hike.



For the Isle of Wight trip, we took the hovercraft from Portsmouth, then toured the Ryde Bus Museum, visited Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, hiked and played along the beach, and took the open-topped historic buses around the island. The day ended with fish and chips back in Ryde and the return hovercraft back across the Solent.



The term's programme included a unique VE day visit to the Watercress Line, a fun session at the Chawton carpet bowls club (both reported last year), helping to clear out the river at Flood Meadows, a tour of the Lasham Glider Heritage Centre, and working towards the gardener and cyclist badges – a very packed and varied term indeed!



Autumn 2025

Autumn started with campfires, cooking, and our own version of Taskmaster! Our first big highlight was the skiing taster session at the dry ski slope in Aldershot, at which everyone had a good attempt.

Later in the term we celebrated Diwali, made our own wooden book holders for the DIY badge, held a mystery tour around Alton, and marked Remembrance Sunday. The end of term was packed with Christmas crafts and a play.



Our big highlight however was the Autumn Camp in September, where Cubs had a go at archery and pioneering, although crate stacking was sadly rained off. We cooked jacket potatoes on the fire whilst sheltering from the rain, held a campfire singalong, and had our usual off-site hike. 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.





In November we also had a fun sleepover at the Novium Museum (Chichester) where the Cubs learnt about the Romans, and slept amongst the exhibits.





Spring term 2026

In Spring we worked towards the Healthcare Badge (as designed by Tawny), which included learning about being healthy, looking after our teeth, and hospitals. We made healthy smoothies and celebrated Chinese New Year by making gyoza (which went down very quickly!). One of the highlights of term was our visit from Hampshire Hawks. We also took on the epic *Island* teamwork game and towards the end of term held our own Alton version of the Scouts London Monopoly Run. Term ended with an epic Nerf gun battle!



In February Cubs took on the memorable point-to-point night hike, in March Baloo ran a fantastic Circus Skills workshop, and over Easter, Tiger Bagheera ran a taster air rifle session in the Den to test our new equipment and setup.

Summer term 2026 (up to half term)

Highlights of summer term so far include a fun night roller skating at Alton College, an amazing rocket science evening to tie in with the Artemis launch, and starting our Navigator badge.



The obvious highlight this term has been the trip by train to the Mary Rose, where we learnt about the shipwreck, had a go at being a gun crew, watched a 4D film, and had a go at planning our own ship battle.



In the rest of term we are looking forward to group camp, more fun at Flood Meadows, knot boards, and our upcoming annual trip to the Isle Of Wight.

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

Beth, Lexi, Mark, Paul