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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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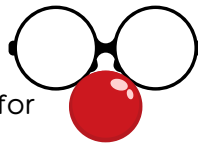
What has been happening?

Thank you to all the families who supported our grown ups into school week. The children loved spending time with the grown ups and sharing their learning experiences. It was so heartwarming to see how proud they are of their school.

We are always looking for regular helpers in school to support with reading and other experiences. All helpers must have a DBS which we can arrange. If you are available to help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Red Nose Day and Jokes

We raised £249.26 for comic relief. Thank you for your support, contributions and laughter.



Gardening Club

Our Friday afternoon gardening club have worked incredibly hard this year. They have prepared the soil and planted in the gardening area. They have also planted flowers and beans around the school and made structures to help support the plants as they grow. The beginnings of a large bug mansion is also beginning to take shape. As well as this, they have sorted out the shed and looked at the tools a gardener will use.

The rest of the school have been reminded to look at our lovely plants, watch them grow but not to pick them.

Thank you to Mrs Harding, Mrs Appleton and our gardeners for all their hard work to improve our environment.



The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Use kind hands, feet and words
- Say how we feel
- Look and listen
- Always do our best



Remember to Order Lunches

The deadline for ordering lunches is 8am on the day.

Please review the menu with your child to check they know what has been chosen for them each day and that they like it. Choose peas or beans, if asked.

Lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. If your child does not have a packed lunch or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.

Just a quick reminder that school finishes early, at 1.30pm, on 28th March for the end of term break.



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).

This week, the children in Years 1 and 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the vicar of St Peter's Church and the church at St Mark's Hospital, Reverend David Short. In RE, we have been learning about Easter symbols, the Easter story and why Easter is an important time for Christians. Reverend David helped to reinforce our understanding using some fun games and pieces of coloured paper! It was lovely to see him again after his visit in December and we wish him a very Happy Easter.
Happy Easter everyone!



We are incredibly lucky to have a brilliant PTA who run some super events for our community and raise money for the schools. In Alwyn, the PTA events fund the rabbits as an ongoing cost and have also provided us with some wonderful playground posters to support the curriculum, as well as our reading shed which is well used at playtimes.



We are currently raising money to improve our playground environment with toys and activities as well as work with design companies to create a brand new library for our children. It is very exciting!

You are automatically part of the PTA as an Alwyn parent/carer. You can support the events by buying tickets, attending events or you could help with the organising and setting up. Further information can be found [on the website](#).



Easter Egg Raffle - Draw Wednesday 27 March.

Tickets are now on sale to our Easter egg raffle where at least one child in every class will win a chocolate egg. There is also a BIG egg/hamper for a child in each school to win. Prizes will be given out on the last day of term. 20p per ticket (£1 minimum spend) <http://www.alwyncourthouse.com/easter>



Match funding

We have some amazing parents who, through their work, have added to the funds we raise via Match funding; where their company match the amount raised on the event/stall they have helped run.

We have had support from Microsoft, Barclays and Heathrow. Does your company match fund? <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/matchfunding>



Ideas for Learning Chats

What have Reception been learning?

It's been another lively week in Reception, learning our new sounds 'dge' as in 'bridge' and 've' as in 'glove'. We loved welcoming our grown ups into school and played lots of fun things with them.

Ask me to sound out the words 'hedge' and 'live'.

Ask me to tell you two numbers that add up to 8.

Ask me to tell you some things we can recycle.

Ask me to tell you about a game I played with a grown up at school

Next week we will be learning 'wh' in phonics and thinking about 3D shapes in Maths.

What have Year 1 been learning this week, Miss Harris?

Year 1 have loved grown-ups into school week! We were very lucky to have lots of parents come in and help during the week. We have enjoyed painting easter eggs and stained-glass windows, drawing our own farm maps and making easter nests to take home and eat! In phonics we have been looking at different ways to spell the /oa/ sound, in particular focusing on the split digraph o-e as in rose. We have consolidated our learning about how to write a 3 part sentence. In maths we finished our learning about capacity and volume and really enjoyed comparing the capacity of different containers.

Ask me to read the words doe, tiptoe, rose, those, close, froze

Ask me to tell you 1 sentence with these three words in: donkey, munching, barn

Ask me to tell you or point out to you 3 signs of spring.

Ask me to tell you what a compass is and the 4 points of a compass.

Ask me to tell you which resource is best for measuring volume or capacity and why: cubes, marbles or water?

Ask me to name three 2D shapes in my environment.

Ask me to name three 3D shapes in my environment.

Next week we are very excited to be going to Odds Farm on our school trip!

Ask me to tell you what animals I think I might see there and tell you if they are:

A herbivore (plant eater), carnivore (meat eater) or omnivore (plant and meat eater)

And if they are a:

Mammal (hair or fur), reptile (dry scaly skin), bird (feathers), amphibian (smooth wet skin, lives on land or water) or fish (lives underwater with gills).

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Ask me what plants need to grow.

Ask me to predict which plant will be healthier; the one in the dark or the one in the light.

Ask me why a chick is a symbol of Easter.

Ask me what the bottom number of a fraction represents (e.g. the 2 in 1/2)

Ask me to tell you my version of 'The Highway Rat'.

Ask me the spelling rule to change an adjective to an adverb (e.g. merry to merrily).

This week has been a busy week. We have been scientists and with the help of our 'adults into school', we have planted seeds ready for our investigation. We have placed one plant pot in a dark place and one pot in a light place. Our investigation is to find out which plant will grow healthier; the one in the dark or the light. Our observations will be recorded in our plant diaries and next week we will be taking our plants home so we can continue with our investigation. In maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions and we have been recognising and finding a third.

Finally, we have been inspired by Julia Donaldson and the story of the Highway Rat. As an author, we have planned and written our own version of the Highway Rat. We have changed the characters the filthy beast met along the highway and we also changed the ending.

KEY DATES!

26th March
Yr 1 trip to Odds Farm

28th March
Last day of Term - 1.30pm pick up

29th March-12th April
School closed for Easter holidays

29th March Good Friday- Bank Holiday

31st March Easter Sunday

1st April Easter Monday -Bank Holiday

15th April - INSET day

16th April - Children return to school

23rd April
St George's Day

29th April
KS1 IT Workshops with 3

1st May
PTA Quiz and Chips

6th May
Bank Holiday- school closed

9th May
Year 1 trip to Bekonscot

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2. In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special sticker.

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their achievements this week. **We are very proud of you!**

Community Pages

Maidenhead Library Community Garden

Enjoy community gardening at Maidenhead Library! We are transforming an external area into a garden space for all to enjoy and learn in. The aim is for it to be a grassroots effort. It will upcycle collected materials donated by the community. Please help us grow this garden. If you or friends have extra seeds or plants, clean compost, plant pots/trays you no longer use, or want to volunteer in the garden, please email us at maidenhead.library@rbwm.gov.uk

Financial Inclusions sessions at the library

Do you need help or advice around Benefits, Council Tax Support or Housing Benefit? You can speak to a Financial Inclusions officer at Maidenhead Library
Tuesday 19 March, 11am - 1pm

Rhymetime at Maidenhead Library

Every Thursday 11.30am - midday.

Storytimes

No need to book just turn up and join in the fun.

- Cox Green Library - Saturday 23 March, 11:30am. Join local author Rhian Lynette for a special story time with her new book 'Goose & Bear.'

Weekly:

- Maidenhead Library: Tuesdays 10.30am - 11am.
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Weekly (term time only):

- Boyn Grove Library: Fridays 4pm - 4.30pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Cox Green Library: Every Thursday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Dedworth Library: Every Tuesday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.



FREE SEND INFORMATION SESSIONS

with the Information, Advice & Support (IAS) Service

Preparing for adulthood with the PFA team

22nd February 9.30-11.30am

If your child or young person has an EHCP, what is the process for preparing for adulthood, what can you expect, what is the timeline, what is parental responsibility? what is LA responsibility, when do plans cease?

Reflections on Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA) with Educational Psychology service

29th february 9.30-11.30am

A session with the ERSA Educational Psychologists as an informal session to talk about ERSA and an opportunity to ask questions.

Drop in Coffee morning - Farewell to Christine Doyle, IAS Adviser who is retiring

14th March 9.30-11.30am

IAS Adviser Christine Doyle is retiring. Please come along to celebrate Christines' extensive career within the SEND sector and have a cup of tea with us and other parents. No need to book - just turn up.

CAMHS Learning Disability Team

18th April 9.30-11.30am

Come and learn about the CAMHS Learning Disability team, what do they do? How can they help? What services can they offer?

Book your free place via : www.ias-rbwm.info/events

All sessions take place at Friends House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL

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Offer can only be used on a transaction of over £50.00.
One voucher per customer.

GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Centre
East Berkshire

Bear cubs

Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

April 5th - Animal Fun Facts Quiz - Online
April 19th - Yoga and Mindfulness - Slough
May 3rd - Arts and Craft - Bracknell
May 17th - Mini Golf - Maidenhead
June 7th - Nature Hunt - Bracknell
June 21st - Story time - Create your own - Online

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration: Gems4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria: Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire

For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



ALEXANDER DEVINE'S
POP-UP TOY SHOP

Find us in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Opens Thursday 28th March and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for six weeks, 9.30am to 4.30pm

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- Hot and cold snacks included.
- All staff DBS checked and first aid trained.
- Fully equipped and secure venue.
- Collection from most local schools.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK CALL US ON: 07549 881563.

The Baby Bank Children's Charity

The demand for our support by families has hugely increased and we are particularly struggling with donations of larger items such as buggies and cots. Families are welcome to contact us directly if they think they have items we can use and for further details of where we are located (Holyport, SL6 2YE) and our opening times. We support from newborn age up to 16 years and can help with school uniform items too.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS LIST

- 9x Double buggies (clean & under 10yrs old)
- 1x Triple buggy
- 5x Travel systems (clean & under 10yrs old. We can't take used car seats)
- 2x Toddler beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- 7x Cots & cots beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- Bed guards
- Baby safety monitors & safety equipment
- Clean slings/baby carriers (with instructions)
- Clean baby bouncer chairs/swing/rocker chairs
- Clean baby play mat gyms
- Pressure fit stairgates
- Baby baths & baby towels
- Baby Bottle sterilisers
- Clean, stain free cot and cot bed sheets
- Size 6 and 6+ nappies
- Aptamil formula & Cow & Gate stage 2 formula



Please kindly wash, check & only donate items in very good, clean condition. Clothing must be freshly washed and be size sorted by age & gender in clearly labelled bags

@the_baby_bank

CLOTHING NEEDS LIST

- Boys & Girls Newborn/first size/up to 1 month winter clothing
- Boys 0-3m winter clothing
- Boys 9-12m winter clothing
- Boys 12-18m winter clothing
- Boys & Girls 18-24m winter clothing
- Boys & girls 2-3yrs winter clothing
- Boys & girls 4-5yrs winter clothing
- Boys 7-8yrs winter clothing
- Girls 8-9yrs winter clothing
- Boys 14 years + small mens winter clothing

School Shoes + Trainers

- Boys junior size 9 shoes
- Girls junior size 12, 1, 2, 3 shoes
- Boys size 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 adult shoes



Please kindly wash, check & only donate items in very good, clean condition. Clothing must be freshly washed and be size sorted by age & gender in clearly labelled bags

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Easter Holiday Events

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Easter

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

For children with access to free school meals

The programme is known as FUEL in RBWM



The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
 E: HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk
 Funded by the Department for Education



Just a reminder that the FUEL Easter programme is ready and families living in RBWM who access benefit related free school meals are able to book onto FREE activities across the borough from 2pm today.

WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL MEGACAMP

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CAMPS AVAILABLE

- FOOTBALL CAMP
- ADVANCED CAMP
- GOALKEEPER CAMP
- GIRLS ONLY CAMP

EASTER WEEK 1: TUES 2ND - THUR 4TH APRIL
 3 DAY CAMPS 9:30-3:00PM DAILY
 LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER WEEK 2: MON 8TH - WEDS 10TH APRIL

EARLYBIRD SALE: FULL 3 DAY CAMP JUST £60. DAILY RATE £22
 FULL RRP: FULL 3 DAY CAMP £70. DAILY RATE £25
 SALE ENDS FRI 15 MARCH FULL RRP SAT 16 MARCH

FOR BOOKINGS VISIT
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EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 8:30AM £5 DAILY

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2024

25TH MARCH -12TH APRIL

- Coding & Robots
- Circuitry & Inventions
- Creative Technology
- STEM Engineering
- Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 8TH - 12TH APRIL 2024 - 5 DAYS LIMITED SPACES

"Wonderful Time"

"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."

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How to book

STEP 1 VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

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Easter Swim Intensives

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th April
 4 day course for £54 (30min sessions)
 at Newlands Girls School Pool

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
9.15AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 3 Can swim 5-10 metres of each stroke	STAGE 4 ADVANCED FINS Can swim a length of each stroke
9.45AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 2 Can swim 3 metres + on front and back	STAGE 3/4 Can swim 10 metres in each stroke incl. dolphin	STAGE 3 ADVANCED FINS Can swim ½ lengths in each stroke with fin
10.15AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 3 Can swim 5-10 metres on each stroke	
10.45AM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5 metres of each stroke		<i>Let's dive in!</i>

Alison@letsdivein.co.uk to book

www.letsdivein.co.uk



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9am - 3pm

Price

£32 per day

What's in Store

Easter egg hunts

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To book [click here](#)

For more info [click here](#)

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