



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Sports Fortnight, Year 1

This week the children have enjoyed taking part in various sporting activities.

During Mr Baker's Sports Festival, the children got to take part in sports that originate from different countries. This included; cycling (France), tennis (England), basketball (USA), athletics (Greece), football (Brazil) and archery (Korea). They had great fun developing their sporting skills and were excited by the range of challenges.

In cricket the children practised their batting and fielding skills (even the teachers had a chance to bat). In tennis, they had a go at serving and really impressed the instructors with their abilities. We definitely have some Andy Murrays and Emma Raducanus in the making!

We are so incredibly proud of their determination, resilience and drive that all sports people need!

Year 2 Sporty Fun and Cooking

We had a fantastic time at our cricket workshop as part of sport's fortnight. Firstly we split into batters and fielders and competed to win the most amount of runs whilst the fielders collected the balls. The children soon realised that the further they hit the ball, the more runs they could score! All of the adults had to get involved too and the children demonstrated amazing team spirit.

Zumba proved to be very energetic on Tuesday morning. Many dance moves were followed enthusiastically by the children and adults, we even got to wear a jingly-jangly skirt to add to the fantastic atmosphere. Nanda asked the children to identify the different types of instruments in the music and the families they belong to.

Mr Baker provided us with a fantastic morning of different sports from around the world. We used lots of skills that we have learnt in our PE lessons and demonstrated brilliant team spirit!

What an exciting time we had on Thursday making shortbread! Two chefs from Caterlink came in and helped us to make our own shortbread biscuits. We learnt that there were three ingredients in shortbread before we rolled out the dough and cut out the biscuits using different shaped cutters. The chefs then cooked our biscuits and bagged them up for us to take home. Did you know, the best biscuit to dip in a cup of tea is a Hob Nob because they don't go soggy and fall apart like other biscuits!

YELLOW Heat Health Alert

The Met Office has issued a YELLOW Heat Health Alert for the South East, which is due to last until 6pm this Sunday (22 June).



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Remember to send your child into school with a sunhat, water bottle and apply long lasting sun cream before school.

It is so hot and we do not want any children to become unwell or have to miss out in a sporty activity.



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

All school dinners must be pre-ordered by 8am on the day, however, we are finding that if you leave the ordering close to the deadline, the system can throw out an error message. Please try to order the night or weekend before.

Please note that for the Summer term, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the alternative options will be sandwiches with various fillings or a jacket potato with baked beans.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or you have not ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

School lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. They are yummy!



Look out for more school news on our Alwyn [facebook page](#) or new [Instagram account](#) @alwyninfantschool. If you haven't already, give us a like and a follow.



Our Fabulous Parent Teacher Association

Remember as a member of the school community, you are automatically part of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

They run brilliant events throughout the year but need your help. Please get in touch with them if you wish to take part or have some great ideas to share.

Family BBQ and Colour Run

Get ready for a burst of colour and excitement at the PTA Summer Event!

Join us on Saturday, 5th July, for a Colour Run filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of vibrant energy. Whether you're sprinting, strolling, or simply cheering on the runners, it's a fantastic way to bring the community together.

And that's not all—enjoy a BBQ and bar, making it the perfect day out for the whole family. Delicious food, refreshing drinks, and great company—what more could you ask for?



Don't miss out on this incredible event! Visit <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/run> to get your tickets

As always, we can't run this amazing event without you! If you can spare some time to help, please sign up—we'd be so grateful -<https://signup.com/group/731073458073>

🎉 Year 2 Leavers Disco - 17th July 🎉

Get ready to dance and celebrate our wonderful Year 2 pupils at their Leavers Disco on Wednesday, 17th July!

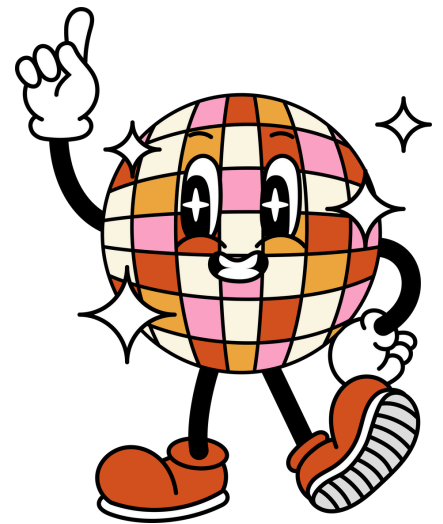
This special event is a chance for our Year 2 children to enjoy an afternoon of fun, music, and memories with their friends before they move on to their next adventure.

Each ticket comes with a goodie bag -

<https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/year2>

 Date: Wednesday, 17th July

 Time: straight from school until 430pm



Clothes Collection - Join our Clothes Collection event on 7th July and give your old outfits a new lease on life. Drop off to the wooden gazebo in the Alwyn / Courthouse playground at drop off / pick up time. There's also a drop off point in the Courthouse Staff Car Park under the gazebo on Monday 8.30 - 9.15am at school drop off or 3 - 6.30pm.

Follow [the link](#) for more information about what we can collect.

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>

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week in Reception we have been Reading Maps from Anna to Zane and exploring maps. We are finding out about different maps and have started to make and label our own maps - and they are not just treasure maps! We have been really imaginative and have made enchanted forest maps etc. and are looking forward to following a map to the school pond!

We are now one week into our sports fortnight and what a sporty week we have had! We have all had a bhangra zumba workshop which got us moving! We started the week with a brilliant cricket session led by Berkshire cricket where we all had a go at batting and fielding.

Wednesday saw our amazing Sports Festival with Mr Baker, where we got to try out a variety of sports - some familiar and some not so familiar. We had football, tennis, basketball, relay racing, balance bikes and archery so there was something for everyone.

Please ask which was my favourite sport and maybe I could do some more out of school!

Ask me to sound out and read the words 'night' and 'coat'.

Ask me to sound out and write "The boots are tight."

Ask me to show you doubles patterns with my fingers

Ask me to tell you what was my favourite sport this week.

Ask me to draw you a map.

Next week Reception will be revising /oo/ as in cook and /oo/ as in spoon in phonics and continue to use the rekenrek in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

It has been the first week of our Sports Fortnight and we have had great fun trying lots of different sports and activities. We have enjoyed trying cricket, tennis and zumba as well as lots of different activities in Mr Baker's sports festival for the whole of Year One.

In English we have spent the week planning and then writing a story. Time has been our topic in Maths this week and we have been using time words, thinking about how long things take to do and going over the days of the week and months of the year.

In Science we have been noticing and recording the weather each day and continuing to learn the recorder during Music.

Ask me which notes I can play on the recorder.

Ask me what my favourite sporting activity has been.

Ask me about the alternative spellings for the /j/ sound.

Ask me to say the months of the year, in order.

Next week we are looking forward to Sports Day!

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

24th June, 9.15-11am
Whole school sports morning with our grown ups

30th June
Class Photographs
New reception parents/carers meeting: 6pm

1st July
Children visit their new classes in Alwyn and Courthouse

7th July
PTA Clothes collection

10th July, 4-5pm
Grown ups invited to visit classes, new and current in Alwyn only

11th July
School reports sent home

15th July, 9am
Coffee morning for parents/carers of children with additional needs

17th July, 3.30
PTA Disco for Year 2. You will need to buy a ticket.

22nd July, 9.30am
Year 2 Leavers' Concert to their parents/carers

23rd July
Last day of school, early finish at 1.30pm

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week was the first week of our sports fortnight and we have enjoyed Zumba, cricket and tennis. We had great fun at our Year 2 sports festival with Mr Baker where we sampled sports from around the world including archery, cycling and basketball.

We have continued our maths topic of measure and have loved the practical element of measuring with different equipment. We put this into practice with our visiting chef who showed us how to make cookies. Hopefully you managed to get a little nibble of their creations.

Our dance practices are well underway and starting to take shape. We've also begun learning our songs for the end of year performance and you are all in for a treat!

Ask me to tell you the difference between volume and capacity

Ask me to tell you what kg and g stand for

Ask me to tell you which continent Kenya is in

Ask me to name some animals you will find in Kenya

Ask me to tell you one of the expanded noun phrases I have used in my leaflet

Ask me to tell you which activities I have chosen to write about in my leaflet

Next week we will look at the life cycle of a butterfly in science

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Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2.

In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special stickers and certificate.

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!**

School Day

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Start Lunch Finish →	8.45am 11.45pm - 12.45pm 3.15pm →	8.50am 12pm - 1pm 3.20pm →	8.50am 12.20pm - 1.20pm 3.20pm →

The School Gates

The Alwyn and Courthouse gates open at 8.40am until 8.55am and 3.10pm until 3.35pm

The opening times allow movement between our two schools and provide different points of access which should help with traffic and parking in our area.

The gate opening times are different from the time your child is required to be in school.

The Importance of Being on Time

Reception children need to be in school at 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school at 8.50am.

The classroom doors will open at these times and close as soon as the last child in the line enters the classroom; this usually takes less than 3 minutes. Any child arriving after the classroom door is shut, will be marked as late. Knocking on the classroom door once it is closed is disruptive to the children as their teacher is having to keep opening the door instead of settling their class for the morning.

Please be on time every morning. It can be worrying for a child to enter a classroom late especially when their classmates are sat on the carpet ready to learn. All children should have come into school, put their belongings in the cloakroom, their book bag in their drawer and their water bottle in the tray and have been registered before 9am each morning.

Attendance Matters

Being in school every day is extremely important for all children in order to receive the best possible start to their learning. Your child's attendance is vital to a successful education, as this is the foundation for lifelong learning. Lessons are planned in sequences and if a child misses a part of this sequence, they are at a disadvantage when it comes to committing that learning to long term memory.

If your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come into school, send them in and mention it to the class teacher. They will keep an eye on your child and phone you if there are any concerns.

Reason for absence

Please let the office know the specific reason for your child's absence rather than feeling unwell or ill. This helps us monitor any small outbreaks of similar virus' and supports the recording of absence.

Medical Appointments

If you have a medical appointment during the school day, inform the school before the appointment and provide a GP/Hospital appointment card or letter.

Leave Requests

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any other exceptional circumstances will require supporting evidence that shows the child has to attend something that results in missed school days.

Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) may be triggered if your child misses 5 consecutive days of school or 10 sessions in 10 weeks. A session means a morning or afternoon, not a day.

Please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school.

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence.

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent, Per Child.

For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

[Link](#) to the attendance page on the Alwyn website.



Providing Children's Services for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



For every day your child is absent from school, over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

ARKING RESOLUTION

Driving, Parking and Vehicles in Mulberry Walk

Please think about our neighbours and school community, especially as one of our school values is kindness. Drive and park carefully and considerately on the roads surrounding the school at all times.

The road gets very busy at drop off and collection times. To help with this, we have an unofficial one way system that keep cars moving safely. Please reduce your speed and drive slowly around the one-way system. This is crucial as there are very young children walking along the pavements who may not be seen easily while driving, especially in these grey days.

We have good relationships with our neighbours but that can only be maintained with your help. Please do not block their driveways when parking and remain polite if they ask you to move. Any area with block paving is for the residents of the road and not for school parking or access.

Please do not park on the bends of the road or directly opposite another car as this can stop the flow of traffic and make it difficult for other drivers to pass.

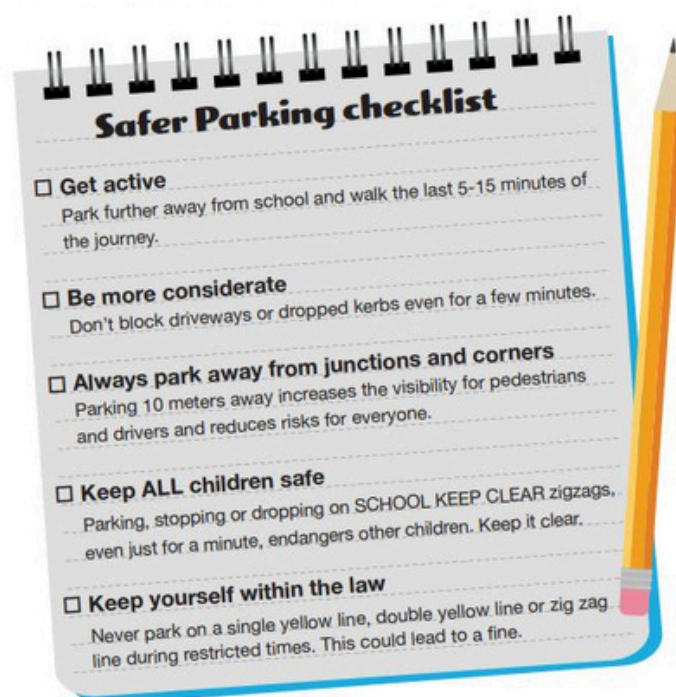
Do not mount the curb as our children and their siblings are very little and not always easy to see.

To ease congestion, please explore other options:

- If you are able to walk or cycle to school this would help.
- Consider parking further away, such as by Courthouse Junior School, where there are more roads to park along safely and they tend to be less congested.
- A short walk can make a significant difference in reducing traffic and ensuring safety and you can access Alwyn by walking through Courthouse as the gate opening times are the same.

Recently we've had a few reports of members of our school community driving along the pavement, on the bend, at speed resulting in near misses as well as some aggressive behaviours when they have been reminded of our parking etiquette.

Aggressive driving and behaviours put us all at risk and should be reported by calling 101.



Share the roads, Share the responsibility



Community Pages: What is happening in our local area?

Community Events Disclaimer: Please note that the events listed are organised by external parties and are not endorsed or recommended by Alwyn Infant School. We provide this information as a courtesy to our community. We advise families to exercise their own discretion and judgement when participating in any events or activities.



SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 22nd June 2025
12noon onwards

On Pinkneys Green, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN opposite Clarefield Drive

Don't miss the fun!

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, Plant Stall,
BBQ, Teas & Cake tent, Bouncy Castle, Book Stall


Fun Dog Show

at 3.00pm

Registration from 2.30pm

Plus many more attractions





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm

<https://www.gems4health.com>

gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July
10 to 12noon

Sensory Processing - Wednesday 9th July
7 - 8.30pm

Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15th July
10am to 12noon

Navigating School Avoidance - Tuesday 16th September
10am to 12noon

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com





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One-time use per customer.
Cannot be redeemed for cash.
Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer/discount.



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11AM TO 5PM



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6TH JULY 2025

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• YOGA & WELLBEING

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28TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST 2025
BRAYWICK NATURE CENTRE, SL6 1UU



SPEAKERS - PANEL DISCUSSIONS - FAMILY ACTIVITIES - NATURE CRAFTS - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - BAR

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MORE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

3 DAYS OF DANCE, FITNESS & CREATIVITY
SUMMER MOVES
AGE 5-11 YRS | NEWFIELD PLACE MARLOW




No matter their experience, every child will feel confident, inspired & supported by our caring & enthusiastic instructors.

What will we do?
Dance (Street, contemporary) Musical Theatre & Drama, Fitness & Yoga, Art & Costume Making

When?
Monday 28th July to Wednesday 30th July 2025
9.30 - 3.30 (single days available)

info@janedouglass.co.uk | www.janedouglass.com

SUMMER CAMPS with MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC IN THE COMMUNITY




Our popular Summer Camps are now available to book, use the discount code shown for 20% off - but must be booked BEFORE FRIDAY 13th JUNE...

The Cage at Maidenhead United FC - MUFC25
Cox Green Leisure Centre - COXGREEN25
Dedworth Middle School - DEDWORTH25
Holy Trinity Sunningdale - HOLYTRINITY25

BOOK ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG OR THE QR CODES AND TYPE THE CAMP LOCATION FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:
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"My girls started Samurai Kickboxing just over a year ago, I couldn't have imagined what a massive part of their lives it would become. My two quiet, shy & lacking self-confidence girls have transformed into strong, confident young females with awesome kickboxing skills!"



Free Holiday Camp & Hot Meals with the FUEL Programme!

Thanks to the RBWM FUEL programme, we're able to offer FREE places at our Samurai Kickboxing Holiday Camp - including a hot lunch Monday to Thursday every week of camp for children who:

- ✓ Receive benefit-related free school meals
- ✓ Attend school within the RBWM Council area

This amazing support means eligible families can enjoy active, enriching holiday fun at no cost!

FUEL Bookings open Monday 23rd June

Hot Lunch Option for All!

Not eligible for FUEL? No problem!
All students can enjoy a **tasty hot lunch** during camp for just **£6.50 per child, per day**.

Early Bird Offers

- ✨ Ends JUNE 30th! ✨
- ✓ Early Bird - Just £27/day! Save £5 per day!
- ✓ Full Week Saver - £130 for 5 days! Save £30!

Email info@SamuraiKickboxing to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer

Open to all levels - beginners welcome
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Build skills, confidence and friendships!

Location: Altwood C of E School, Maidenhead
Dates: August 4th - 22nd (3 weeks)
Time: 9am - 3pm daily
Standard Price: £32/day

More info available on our [website](https://www.samuraikickboxing.com)

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