



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?



St George's Day

The children enjoyed an assembly with Mr Hyatt on Tuesday where they listened to the story of St George and the Dragon. They were able to think about concepts such as bravery, making good choices and standing up for what they believe to be right.

Before and After School Clubs

Some of our school clubs started this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed them and made a positive start. It is a good way to enrich their learning and develop their talents and interests.

Please try to be on time when dropping the children off in the morning so the club can start promptly and the teacher can focus on the children.

For after school clubs, as they finish at different times, please make sure you know the end time of the club and collect your child promptly.

This term's school theme in PSHE

For the next few weeks of this term the theme all years will be thinking about is **'Being My Best'**. This includes ideas such as having an 'I can' attitude, especially when we are faced with something that challenges us; the ability to bounce back when things go wrong. It also looks at healthy eating, hygiene, exercise and sleep. The idea is how we can keep our bodies, minds and actions positive to achieve the best we possibly can.

As part of this Caterlink, the school catering company, are going to send one of their chef's into school to work with our Year 2 children on designing and making fruit pizzas, which is very exciting.

The whole school will also take part in 'Walk to School Week' which is not only great for the environment but also our bodies and minds.



At lunchtimes, the children have been using a range of playground equipment to encourage positive play and exercise. They have catching nets, skipping ropes, balance boards and catchers that they are all learning to use well and many are inventing their own games. Some of our children are also making use of the quiet area and reading shed to work on mindfulness.



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.

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.

The full menu is on our website.

Please drive and park sensibly!

Drive slowly along Mulberry Walk.

Be aware of the pedestrians, especially our very little people.

Do not to mount the pavement for parking or negotiating around obstacles.

Park sensibly; not blocking driveways or stopping on the road bends. Any area with block paving is a private parking area and not for parent/carer parking at any time.

Only use the disabled bays if you have a registered disability and can display your badge



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



Alwyn & Courthouse PTA

We are incredibly lucky to have a brilliant PTA who run some super events for our community and raise money for the schools.



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](#).

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!

A quick update on the library ... we have arranged for a library designer to visit to help us plan the new library and make the most of the space.

Alwyn Pirate Challenge

Silver Coin Quest: Each classroom will have a collection box for 'loose silver coins' (5p/10p/20p/50p) from Monday 29th April until Wednesday 22nd May. This is a great way to get rid of the coins in your pockets/purses, encourage the children to recognise the coins as they pop them in the box and raise money for our new library. The class that raises the most money will also get a prize.



Colouring Competition: the children can take part in a colouring competition with a choice of pirate themed pictures. Completed entries can be posted into the red PTA box in the entrance hall **by Tuesday 21st May**.

Bake Sale: On Friday 24th may there will be biscuits and doughnuts for sale in the school playground to celebrate the end of the pirate challenge and the end of term. It is also a chance to see the colouring completion entries.



Football Tournament- 23rd June TBC

Who will take the 2024 trophy? The tournament will take place on the Courthouse school field.

There is lots of time to get your teams together and squeeze in some training. Registration will open soon so keep an eye out for updates.



Back by popular demand the 2024 leavers t-shirts are now available to order by [clicking this link](#)! Perfect to commemorate your child's time at Alwyn.

Just £10 with 4 colours to choose from (red, pink, grey, blue).

Available sizes: 7-8 years (30" chest), 9-11 years (32" chest), 12-13 years (34" chest)

Ordering closes on Friday 31 May at 9pm and T-shirts will be delivered to Alwyn School.

The children will be able to wear their t-shirts on the last day of school.

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?

We've been very busy exploring and discovering the activities in different rooms and learning to put things back where they belong. We've enjoyed learning how to make our own story maps for the story Under The Bed. We've been learning what the 1 represents in teen numbers, e.g. 14 is 1 whole ten and 4 more.

Ask me to sound out the words 'need' and 'rain'.

Tell me a number between 0 and 20 and ask me to count on from that number.

Ask me to tell you what I've enjoyed doing in another room this week.

Ask me to tell you about my favourite part of the story Under The Bed.

Next week we will be learning 'igh' and 'oa' in phonics, reading Jasper's Beanstalk during story time and thinking about how plants grow. In maths we'll be looking at adding and taking away.

What has been the learning in Year 1?

Year one really enjoyed history this week. We looked at old household objects and tried to work out what they were by comparing them to objects today. In particular, we found the old telephone very interesting! In science we learnt about wild and garden plants. We went on a plant hunt to see if we could identify any plants we had learned about. We started a new story in English, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have focused on writing 3 part sentences correctly and spelling the days of the week with a capital letter. The children are doing really well with their counting in 5s to 50 and tried really hard with their reasoning as to why a number was odd or even.

Ask me to tell you the names of 2 wild plants and 2 garden plants that I could find outside.

Ask me to tell you what a Jewish child does on Shabbat.

Ask me to name 3 things you would find at a Shabbat family meal.

Ask me to tell you what I would put in a healthy lunch box and why.

Ask me to count in 5s to 50.

Ask me to tell you if these numbers are odd or even and how I know: 27, 34, 41, 50

Ask me to retell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Ask me to name the 7 days in the week.

CHALLENGE: Ask me to spell the days of the week.

Next week we are looking forward to making our own bug stories based on the very hungry caterpillar. Can you find any bugs in your garden or at the park? What is that bug called? Where do you think it lives?

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week, Year 2 have been learning all about time in maths. We've been looking at analogue clocks to tell the time on the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We've been thinking about why it is so important to be able to tell the time and have even made our own clocks!

We have started learning a new song about friendship in music and are enjoying using the glockenspiels playing the notes G and E.

Ask me to tell you where the minute hand points to when it's- o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Ask me to tell you why polar bears are suited to living in a polar habitat

Ask me to tell you why camels are suited to living in a desert habitat

Ask me to tell you when Florence Nightingale was born

Ask me to tell you when Florence Nightingale became a nurse

Next week we will be writing our own stories based on the original Mr Benn stories.

KEY DATES!

29th April
Year 1 and 2 IT Workshops with 3

6th May
Bank Holiday- school closed

9th May
Year 1 trip to Bekonscot and Year 2 Fruit Pizza Workshops

13th May
Drama workshops on fairy tales with Perform

15th May
Year 2 trip to Wellington Country Park

17th May
Pyjamarama day

20th-24th May
Walk to School Week

21st May
Basil's Farm visiting Little Alwyn

22nd May TBC
PTA Quiz and Chips

24th May
PTA Bake sale
Last day of term

27th-31st May
Half Term Break/School closed

3rd June
INSET day

4th June
Children return to school

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

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.

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.



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Services
East Berkshire

Bearcubs

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: GEMS.4Health@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

Saturday Rainbows with Girlguiding Maidenhead has space for your daughter

Rainbows - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged four to seven, it is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

We run on a Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00, every three weeks in term time and look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows/>

Register now: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Snowy, Sky, Minnie Mouse, Eagle & Sunshine

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GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Services
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Sensory needs (AUDHD)

Friday 10th May 10 - 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family?
- What are the sensory difficulties that are being experienced?
- How do you identify and support your child's sensory needs?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD [suspected/pathway/diagnosed]

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Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342



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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



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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

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



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