

## Alwyn Infant School



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## **OUR SCHOOL NEWS**

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## What has been happening?

#### Sports Events with our Grown Ups

What an amazing Sports Day we had this week! The children all took part in a range of events, from an obstacle course to the hurdles. They all took turns and cheered one another on. Our children showed off their sporty skills in the sack race and their super speed in the ladder race. Well done to all of the adults who took part in the grown ups races and an especially big thank you to our wonderful Courthouse children for setting up each station and supporting our Alwyn children the whole way round. It was a wonderful event and we're already looking forward to next year.

Well done children. You are all sporting superstars and should be very proud of yourselves!

Our sports fortnight has been a huge success as the children had the opportunity to try many different skills and sports. A favourite was a visit from Steve Gray, a freestyle footballer who taught us skills we can continue to learn and perfect.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kyle who organised the 2-week long event while on maternity. It was brilliant.

#### Staff Update for Next Year

Mrs Lewis will be leaving Alwyn at the end of this academic year to start an exciting new chapter as she launches her own small gardening husiness

Mrs Lewis has been a valued member of our school community since 2003. Over the years, she has touched the lives of many children, sharing her passion for learning with a nurturing and caring approach. Her influence has been felt across the school, particularly through her leadership of the PSHE curriculum and her work with the school council, helping to give our pupils a voice and a sense of responsibility.

Mrs Lewis has also shared her love of the outdoors with the children, running a popular after-school gardening club and inspiring many to discover the joy of nature.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye, but we are incredibly grateful for all that Mrs Lewis has contributed to Alwyn over the years. Please join us in wishing her every success and happiness in her new venture. Thank you, Mrs Lewis, for everything you have done for our school!

## COLOUR PLUS BAR & BBO and book your spot.

#### **Colour Run Tickets**

Remember to get your tickets for the colour run and BBQ taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> July. More details on the PTA page or just go right ahead

There will be the colour run (fun not competitive, over an obstacle course with safe paint throwing), a bar, BBQ, and games equipment available for free play. It's suitable for all the family. Runners and spectators welcome.

## 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!

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.







# 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! <u>Visit here</u> to get your tickets

As always, we can't run this amazing event without you! If you can spare some time to help, please <u>sign up here</u>—we'd be so grateful



## 🎉 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. <u>Click here</u> for a tickets. Time: straight from school until 430pm

### **Auction**

Ready to grab some summer steals? \*\* Our exciting auction is now live and runs until Sunday 6th July at 9pm! From unforgettable days out and wine tasting to fitness fun '\* and summer holiday camp sessions—there's a perfect pick for everyone.

AUCTION

Check out what's on offer and place your bids here 🗲



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 extremely sporty! We had a practise for Sports day on Monday. Then on Tuesday we all tried our best and really enjoyed all the different stations with our grown ups cheering us on. Egg and Spoon and the Sack Race were firm favourites!

On Wednesday we were treated to a demonstration of freestyle football which we were able to have a go at later ourselves.

Thursday we had a tennis workshop and learnt how to do a volley shot and how to hold our racket like a high five.

Lastly on Friday we had a brilliant kickboxing session. We have taken part in so many new sporty activities, along with Mr Baker helping us with our balance bikes. Next week is our last session so please remember to bring your helmet! We will continue with these lessons for first term in Year 1.

Ask me to sound out and read the words 'fork' and 'arm'.

Ask me how many bounces of the ball there are in a volley shot in tennis.

Ask me to visualise and describe doubles patterns up to '5 and 5'.

Ask me to tell you my favourite sport from this week.

Ask me to tell you somewhere that is special to me.

Next week Reception will be revising ear and air in phonics and continue to use the rekenrek to consolidate our learning in Maths. We are also having a farm visit to help us with learning in understanding of the world.

#### What have Year 1 been learning this week?

Sports Day was very exciting day, and we tried our best at all the activities. Everyone came home with a medal! We have learned about some famous athletes and sporting heroes, many of whom have taken part in the olympics or paralympics. In our new English unit we have been learning a story map about a girl called Katie who goes to visit London. This links with our Geography in which we are thinking about London landmarks and how people travel around the city. We have continued our topic of time in maths, and have learned how to show o'clock and half past on the clock.

Ask me to explain the difference between the long and short hands on the clock.

Ask me to tell you some of the London landmarks that Katie visited. Ask me what I enjoyed most about sports day.

Ask me to tell you about a famous athlete who has taken part in the olympics or paralympics.

Next week we will be visiting our new Year Two teachers and seeing our new classrooms.



School Year 2024-2025

Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

30<sup>th</sup> June

Class Photographs (full school

uniform)

New reception parents/carers meeting: 6pm

1<sup>st</sup> July

Children visit their new classes in Alwyn and Courthouse

 $2^{nd}$  July

Farm Visit

7<sup>th</sup> July

PTA Clothes collection

10<sup>th</sup> July, 4-5pm

Grown ups invited to visit classes, new and current in Alwyn only

11<sup>th</sup> July

School reports sent home

15<sup>th</sup> July, 9am

Coffee morning for parents/carers of children with

additional needs

17<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30

PTA Disco for Year 2. You will

need to buy a ticket.

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.30am

Year 2 Leavers' Concert to their

parents/carers

23<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of school, early finish at

1.30pm

#### What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week, Year 2 have enjoyed finishing their leaflets about Wellington Country Park. They have used expanded noun phrases, adverbs and exclamation sentences to persuade people to visit the park.

The children have also been very active in the last week of Sports Fortnight. They enjoyed watching Steve Gray, the freestyle footballer demonstrate his unbelievable skills. They were inspired and raring to have a go in their session with him. They learnt a few freestyle skills which maybe they have already shown you!

In science, the children have been learning about the life cycle of an amphibian and a butterfly. They were fascinated to learn about the different eggs laid by amphibians and they compared their appearance to snake and chicken eggs.

Ask me to tell you the difference between a chicken egg and frog spawn

Ask me to tell you the stages of a butterfly's life cycle

Ask me to tell you an exclamation sentence about Wellington Country

Ask me to tell you why it's important to know the number bonds up to 10

Ask me to tell you how this helps me to solve number bonds up to 100 Ask me to name two physical features found in Kenya Ask me to name two human features you might find in Kenya

Next week we will be learning about the big five found in Kenya

## 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!

## KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025 Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> July Farm Visit

7<sup>th</sup> July PTA Clothes collection

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# ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



## Whenever you are around water:





#### In an emergency:





Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rlss.org.uk



## School Day

| Year Group    | Reception         | Year 1     | Year 2           |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|
| Start         | 8.45am            | 8.50am     | 8.50am           |
| Lunch         | 11.45pm - 12.45pm | 12pm - 1pm | 12.20pm - 1.20pm |
| Finish        | 3.15pm            | 3.20pm     | 3.20pm           |
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#### 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 t he 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 issues 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-forparents-for-taking-children-outof-school-what-you-need-toknow/

#### 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

## Attendance Ladder ow close is your child to reaching the top?

# <u>Link</u> to the attendance page on the Alwyn website.



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





#### 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.

There is a local campaign to raise money for a new skatepark in Kidwells Park. The council have allocated some money but there is a crowdfunder campaign to bridge the funding gap.

<u>Click here</u> for more details.







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 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 12noon

Navigating School Avoidance - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - 10am to 12noon

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









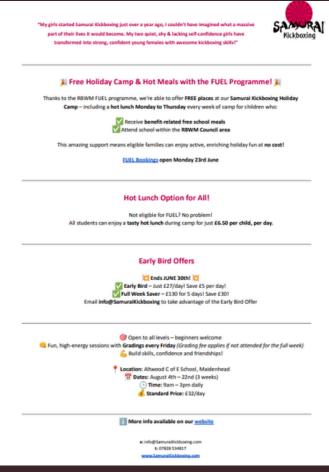
#### Summer Holiday Activities

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