



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What has been happening?

Year 2 Visit to the Church

On Tuesday the 18th November, Year 2 were very lucky to be invited to visit St Mark's Hospital church. We walked down safely in groups and put our Road Safety Week learning into practise.

We met Reverend David Short who had organised lots of exciting activities for us. These included a mystery picture hunt of objects around the church and learning about baptism and communion. He challenged us to spot all of the crosses around the church, there were even some in the design of the grates on the floor.

We were treated to an exciting surprise of hearing the church bell ringing as we left the church and headed back to school.



Children In Need

Thank you for all the donations. We raised £192.19 for this fantastic charity. For more information on how your donations can support families, visit the [Children in Need](#) website.

Family Photo Session - Monday 24 November - Courthouse Hall

Our school photographer, Maria Ashby-Giles will be holding a photo session for our Alwyn and Courthouse families on Monday 24th November after school in Courthouse School hall. The session will run from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. So that Maria has an idea of numbers, please register your interest by contacting her on;

Mobile: 07941 188892 or Email: contact@ashbygilesphotography.co.uk

Children are to be supervised by their parent or carer and orders placed will be received in time for Christmas.

A Change in the weather

It has become particularly chillier this week! It was incredibly exciting to see the huge snowflakes on Wednesday morning. We can't remember ever seeing such large feathery flakes before.

With the drop in temperature, please ensure your child comes into school with a coat, and if possible, hat and gloves. We do go out in all weathers so the children do need appropriate outdoor wear for playing. Welly boots are not appropriate for a day in a classroom, so please do not let your child wear them to school unless they bring in school shoes to change into.

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
- Look after our things
- Always do our best



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

Alwyn's Christmas lunch is on
Tuesday 16th December.

Please place your child's order on Parent Pay by
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER.

Please note that there will not be any jacket potatoes or grab bags available on this day.

If you do not place an order or place an order after this date, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch.

This date is also Christmas/own jumper day.



Road Safety Week

The whole school focused on road safety to emphasis on:

- using car seats
- holding hands to cross a road
- crossing a road safely.

See the poster for more details.



Look out for more school news on our Alwyn
facebook page or Instagram.



Alwyn performance time is coming!

Reception Christmas Performances, 9th & 10th December, 9.30am

Our reception classes will perform some fantastic seasonal songs, usually with actions, to their parents and families. The performances are the same on each day.

There is no need to request tickets for these performances.



There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity.



Year 1 Christmas Performances, 16th & 17th December, 9.30am

The Year 1 classes will be working together to perform 'Penguin Pete', one of our favourite school plays. They will repeat the same performance on each of the days however you will need to order tickets in advance.

Tickets can be [ordered here](#).



The numbers for each performance are limited due to Health and Safety reasons so put in your requests promptly. Each performance will be the same and include all of the three classes in Year 1.

We can allocate up to 2 tickets per family (in total, not per performance), however there is an option of requesting further tickets if they become available. The extra tickets are not guaranteed so if you do not receive confirmation then your request has not been successful.

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity.





Festive Songs with Year 2, 17th December, 2.30pm

Our Year 2 parents are invited to come and listen to, or join in, with some festive songs and carols. This should be a jolly occasion and allow the children to demonstrate their singing talents.

There is no need to request a ticket for this. Just turn up ready to sing!

At all of our performances there will be a cash collection



This year we equally divide the donations between our school fund and the charity, 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas'. The charity provides pyjamas for children who have been admitted into hospital and have not had time to pack the essentials needed for a hospital stay. Further details about the charity can be [found here](#).

Responsible Behaviour Curriculum in Alwyn and Courthouse

Our vision is to develop well rounded, confident and responsible children who aspire to achieve their full potential. We want our children to do their best in all aspects of school life - work, play, friendships and behaviour, and to take pride in all they do. We want them to develop respect and a sense of responsibility for themselves, each other, property, the wider community and the environment. To support this aim, we follow a behaviour curriculum that is explicitly taught and also weaves throughout the whole of school life.

Each week, the classes explore a different theme. They have a Monday 'check-in' circle time to introduce it and set a goal to work towards throughout the week. On Tuesday, the Year 1 and 2 assembly is time to think about the whole school approach to the theme. They celebrate their successes with a Friday 'check-out' circle time in their class.


To support this learning, there is a weekly leaflet for parents (below) to introduce the theme and sometimes gives ideas on how to help.


THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS

KNOWING RIGHT FROM WRONG

What is right from wrong?

- Knowing right from wrong isn't just about telling your child what they should and shouldn't do, it is about explaining the reasons behind your thinking so that they can make their own good choices in the future.
- This is an ongoing process based on their maturity.






Your role in this.


- The first five years of childhood is where we start to build our moral and ethical thinking so this is the stage where you need to teach your child to be the person you want them to be.
- At this age children soak up their responses to situations by watching your reactions and responses.




What can you do?

- If your child is in EYFS they are sometimes still too young to control their impulses independently and need you to guide them with firm but fair messages.
- In Years 2, 3 and 4, children are developing moral intelligence and are more aware of unacceptable behaviour, have discussions with your child when you see things that are unacceptable on TV for instance.
- In years 5 and 6, peer pressure can become a concern, continue to talk to your child about your families morals and ethics so that their knowledge of right from wrong can hold its own against the thought of others.



The Responsible Behaviour Curriculum



BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
 sad	 happy	 frustrated	 angry
 tired	 calm	 worried	 terrified
 sick	 feeling ok	 silly	 yelling
 bored	 ready to learn	 excited	 hitting
I can try...  stretch	I can try...  drink water	I can try...  deep breaths	I can try...  take a break

These zones of regulation are also a great way to help the children think about and identify their feelings, along with an idea to help manage them.

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week has been another busy week in school. We have been learning about road safety and the importance of wearing bright clothing. The children have been learning the phonic sounds h and b, and revisiting our helpful words go, no, to, the, I and into.

In Maths we have been using positional language to navigate our class bear e.g. on, behind, in front of etc, as well as looking at part and whole objects e.g. my eyes are a part of me and the whole of me is (name). The children have been sequencing and innovating the story 'Owl Babies' with other nocturnal animals, as well as practicing our songs for our Christmas play.

Ask me to tell you a word that begins with the sound h.

Ask me to tell you a word that begins with the sound b.

Ask me to place an object under, next to, on, in, behind and in front.

Ask me how to stay safe when crossing the road e.g. Think, stop, look and listen, wait, look and listen again and cross.

Ask me to sing a Christmas song.

Next week we will be combining shapes in maths and looking at the composition of 3, 4 and 5. In phonics we will be learning sounds f and ff, as well as the helpful words of and off. In English we will be reading the book Night Monkey, Day Monkey, continuing our dark and light topic.

We will continue practicing our Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas performances next month! Enjoy your weekend.

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

Year 1 have had a really busy week! We started to focus on a new book, How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers, and we have enjoyed learning about the different ways that the little boy tried to catch a star. In maths we have been exploring addition practically by adding more to a given amount, using the words First, Then and Now. For example, First I had 6 teddies Then I added 2 more, Now I have 8 teddies.

We have been looking at parts of our body in Science and we have drawn and labelled different body parts. In Geography we have continued to explore human and natural features in our immediate environment. This week we have been looking at features in and around our school. We have had a whole school focus on Road Safety this week, with an emphasis on finding a safe place to cross the road, holding an adult's hands when crossing and wearing seatbelts.

Ask me to tell the story How To Catch a Star using our story map

Ask me to tell you what I would have if I had 6 sweets and then added 3 more

Ask me to point out a human feature and a natural feature in the environment on my way home or in my garden.

Ask me to tell you what to look for when finding a safe place to cross the road

Ask me to sing you Christmas Time for Penguins

KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2

24th November
Family Photo Session
3.30pm-5.30pm
Courthouse School Hall

27th November
Year 1 & 2 PTA Elfridges after school

28th November
Non uniform day for tombola donation and Reception PTA Elfridges after school

29th November
PTA Christmas Fete
12 noon - 3pm

9th & 10th December, 9.30am
Reception Performance

16th December
Christmas/own jumper day
Christmas lunch

16th & 17th December,
9.30am Yr1 Christmas Play

17th December, 2.30pm
Yr2 Festive Sing-a-long

19th December
Last day of term.
Children home at 1.30pm

Enjoy the break

5th January 2026
Children return to school

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week Year 2 have started a new topic in maths of 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed revisiting some learning from Year 1 and using skills required to name the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We've been creative in English, innovating our text map and creating our own version of Vlad and the Great Fire of London.

Ask me how many sides the following shapes have

octagon

rectangle

pentagon

circle

Ask me what vertices are

Ask me what the relationship between vertices and sides are

Ask me to retell you my innovated Great Fire of London story

Ask me to describe a healthy/ unhealthy lunch box

Ask me to show you the actions for our Ho Ho Ho song

Next week we will be starting diary writing in English.

Congratulations!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who have been in the golden book, this week.

We are very proud of you!



KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

Spring Term 3

5th January 2026

Children return to school

12th-16th January

Music Week

9th - 13th February

Book Week

Book Fair after school

16th - 20th February

Half Term Break & Challenge

Enjoy the break

Spring Term 4

23rd February

Children return to School

23rd - 27th February

Art/DT Week

2nd March

Internet Safety Day

Parent/carer talk at 2.30pm

5th March

World Book Day

10th & 12th March

Parent/carer consultations

16th-20th March

Grown ups into school
afternoon



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



Elfridges is back!

Our magical kids-only gift shop returns after school on 27-28 November. Let your little elves surprise loved ones with gifts they choose themselves!

[Book tickets here](#)

[Sign up to volunteer here:](#)

Tombola Treats + Own Clothes Day Friday 28th November! 🎉

We're getting ready for our much-loved tombolas and would be so grateful for your support! On Friday 28th November, children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donating either a bottle (sealed and unopened) or something chocolatey.

All donations will help stock our fantastic tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.

📦🍫 Donations can be dropped off at morning drop-off or sent in with your child.

Let's make it a sweet and fizzy Friday



Christmas Fair, our biggest fundraising event of the year, is nearly here and it's the perfect way to kick off the festive season! Expect twinkly stalls, joyful tunes, and plenty of seasonal cheer for the whole family.

But we can't do it without you! If you can spare just an hour to help out - whether it's setting up, running a stall, or tidying up - we'd be incredibly grateful. Every bit of support makes a huge difference.

[Sign up to volunteer here:](#)

Let's make this year's Christmas Fair the most magical one yet!



HELP!

The PTA need your help!

Please sign up to help at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 29th November**.

If we do not have enough parent helpers by **3pm on Thursday 27th November**, we will have to make the decision to **cancel** the fair.

Please sign up [here](#)



Helping your child to be safe on roads

Why is this important?

Many parents are confused about the law on child seats and how it affects them.

This is why we have teamed up with **Brake, the road safety charity**, to let you know what the law says and why it is so important to use the right child seat and make sure you're all belted up before setting off!

UK law states that children should use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first.

Brake recommends that children should use a correctly sized and fitted child seat until they are 150cm tall.

You can choose a child seat based on your child's height or weight.

You must only use a child seat if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the seat is either:

- specifically designed for use with a lap seat belt; or
- fitted using ISOFIX anchor points.

You must deactivate front airbags before fitting a rear-facing baby seat in a front seat.

You must not fit a child seat in side-facing seats.

Booster cushions or backless booster seats should not be used for children who are under 125cm tall or weigh less than 22kg.

For UK law relating to child seats: www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules



For expert advice on choosing and fitting a child seat:
www.goodeggcarsafety.com

Today we have learned about road safety by taking part in a Beep Beep! Day organised by Brake. Find out more at

www.brake.org.uk/beep

* Department for Transport (2024) Reported road casualties Great Britain, annual report: 2023 and associated data sets.
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In 2023, **401** child passengers aged 12 or under were killed or seriously injured in road crashes.* Using a correctly sized and fitted child seat significantly reduces the risk of a child dying or being seriously hurt if a crash happens.

- ✓ Never hold a child in your arms in a vehicle - use a modern child seat suitable for their size and weight until they are 150cm tall.
- ✓ Always use an EU-approved child seat with a label showing a capital E in a circle.
- ✓ Check manufacturers' labels and instructions carefully when buying a child seat, to make sure it is appropriate for your child's height and weight.
- ✓ Make sure the child seat is fitted at the correct angle and doesn't move. The harness should fit tightly with the chest clip level with your child's armpits.
- ✓ Follow the fitting instructions exactly. If possible, fit the seat in the middle of the back of your car. If you need to use a taxi, use one you can fit your child seat into.
- ✓ Ensure your child and all passengers are belted up before every journey – that includes you too!

Organised by  **Brake**
the road safety charity

Holding Hands to Cross a Road

The key messages are:

- always hold their hand when walking near roads
- always find a safe place to cross the road
- look out for traffic by using the Green Cross Code
- always walk on the pavement or footpath
- walk with the scooter when crossing

Please talk to your child about the messages

On average 9 children aged 7 or under are killed or injured on roads in Britain every day. We are doing our bit to try and make sure this never happens in our community. Please help us by supervising your child closely on roads and helping them learn about road safety.

We are also encouraging children to become champions for road safety and to use 'pester power' to ask grown ups to help keep them safe on roads.



Caterlink Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 16th December 2025

(also Christmas Jumper Day)

Roast Turkey and Pork Chipolata Sausage (beef casing)

or

Roast Halal Turkey and Vegan Christmas Chipolata

or

Vegan Wellington and Vegan Christmas Chipolata

WITH

Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Garden Peas and Carrots

DESSERT

Gingerbread Cookie or Fresh Fruit Salad

**Please order on Parent Pay by
Friday 5th December 2025**

Please note that there will not be any Jacket Potatoes or Grab Bags on this day



Information for
parents and carers

NHS

Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics
for your child's flu vaccination
on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

**If you haven't completed a
consent form yet, you can
complete one using the
information sent by your child's
school or complete one at the
clinic with one of the team**



Goto the address below to share your
views and ideas



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

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.

Saturday 13 - Wednesday 24 December 2025
Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead



Snow White

£5 OFF YOUR PANTO TICKET!
Valid for adult and under 16s tickets on Sun 14 Dec (5pm) and Tue 23 Dec (2:30pm). Offer ends Fri 21 Nov 2025.
CODE: AMSSP-2025
Book online at www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk

dk productions



A New Skatepark for Maidenhead!

Support the Kidwells Park Skatepark Project
We're building a modern, inclusive and inspiring skatepark in Kidwells Park, Maidenhead.

- Community-led project backed by local residents, skaters, BMXers & councillors
- Designed by skaters / BMXers, for skaters / BMXers - in collaboration with experts
- Safe, exciting & accessible - a space to stay active, social & creative
- Let's bring new energy to the park and give young people a place to thrive!

HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN!
We're raising funds now. Located in Kidwells Park, Maidenhead

Please visit the project website or scan the QR code for more information
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kidwells-park-skatepark-project-maidenhead>

It's supporting Kidwells Park Skatepark Project, Maidenhead



Scan the QR code to find out more
Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder.co.uk | Search "Kidwells Park Skatepark Project"


🌟 A Magical Family Adventure at Windsor Great Park Illuminated! 🌟

From **14 November 2025** – **3 January 2026**, Windsor Great Park will sparkle with a brand-new illuminated trail, filled with dazzling new displays and returning favourites like the iconic Field of Light and Fairies.

It's the perfect festive outing for families and friends – wander through glowing woodland, watch colourful fountains dance, and stop to toast marshmallows or enjoy hot chocolate under the stars. Best of all, the trail is **dog-friendly every evening**, so even four-legged family members can join in the fun.

New for this year: **Low Sensory Sessions** on **Tuesday 25 November**, offering a calmer way to enjoy the magic.

Tickets sell quickly, so book early to make magical memories your family will treasure.
www.windsorilluminated.com



WINDSOR GREAT PARK ILLUMINATED
14 November '25 – 3 January '26



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Raring2go!

WINTER 2025/26

MAGAZINE & WEBSITE THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD
raring2go.co.uk

PLACES TO GO Pg 5
Book your festive deals www.raring2go.co.uk

THINGS TO DO Pg 14-15

COMPETITIONS Pg 30
WIN WIN! WINTER

WINTER 2025/26

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/maidenheadandwindsor/winter2025/>

Community Pages: Christmas Holiday Activity Clubs

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**MAIDENHEAD UNITED
FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT
CHRISTMAS CAMPS**



**Dedworth Middle School
Cox Green Leisure Centre
Holy Trinity, Sunningdale
The Cage @ MUFC**

**For Boys and Girls
aged 4-13**

**Dec 22-24th
Dec 29-31st
Jan 2nd**

**£25 per day, 10am to 3pm
£5 per day 24th & 31st Dec
£3 early drop off at 9am**

For details contact :
mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org
Or book now via the QR code



**SIGN UP TODAY
EARLY BIRD OFFER** ENDS MIDNIGHT
27TH DECEMBER 2025

**IPRO FOOTBALL
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS**



**2 DAY CAMP
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER**

**1 DAY CAMP
2ND JANUARY**

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 3G

GREAT NEWS! **CAMP DAYS ARE NOW
RUNNING FROM
8:30AM - 5:00PM**

**SCAN ME
TO BOOK**



CALL 07908 172175, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL
US AT OFFICE@IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

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Penalty Notice Changes

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and must be agreed, in advance, by the Head of School. An Exceptional Leave form must be completed and the school may ask for further evidence to support the application.

First Offence

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, if a second 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

[Click this link to visit the school website for further information.](#)



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions (not days) of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Punctuality

Children in Reception should be at the classroom door by 8.45am.

Children in Years 1 and 2 should be at their classroom door by 8.50am.

The school gates are locked at 8.55am. If your child arrives to school after this time, your child will receive an unauthorised late mark- this affects your child's attendance.

If arriving late, you must bring your child into the school office and sign them into school with a reason for the lateness.

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 by 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school by 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.