



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What's happening?

Reception

Christmas performances

Christmas finally arrived in Reception this week when we performed our Christmas songs to the parents. We enjoyed singing about the Christmas story and about the special visitor who brings presents on Christmas Eve. The children looked very festive in their special clothes and they sang with real enthusiasm. Thank you for coming to share the performances with us and we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.



Christmas jumper day

On Thursday staff and children wore Christmas jumpers and lunch was served for year 1 and 2 in the school hall. Our excellent catering team cooked a delicious Christmas lunch. One child told me that it was 'fabulous!'



Norden Farm Gallery Exhibition

You may recall that in November, Year 2 had an artist from Norden Farm working with the children to make jellyfish. Their work is on display at Norden Farm until 30th December. Please see poster below.



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



Goodbye

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Snapes, who is retiring. She has worked at Alwyn for many years and we will miss her. We wish her well in her new adventures.

Welcome to Mrs Kendall, who has joined us this week. She is presently in Year 2 and her class are helping her to settle.

On Thursday this week the Year One and Year Two children enjoyed a visit from David, a Vicar from St Peter's Church. The children listened to David tell the story of Christmas and then they helped him to retell the story by dressing up.



Caterlink our catering company would value the opportunity to survey pupils at Alwyn. To assist your child in completing the survey, please access via the link below;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9VWNSR>

School Applications for Year 3

If your child is currently in Year 2, you will need to make an application for their Junior school place. The application portal is now open, until 15 January 2024. You need to log onto RBWM.gov.uk and in the Schools and Education section, you will find all the information you need. If you need any help with the application process, contact the admissions department at RBWM. You will then be informed of the junior school offer on 16 April 2024.

Ideas for Learning Chats

What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Evans

This week we have enjoyed our Christmas performances for our grown-ups. Between performances we have been learning 'u' and 'r' and more about the Nativity story. Our maths focus has been shapes with four straight sides and four corners. We have been looking at ways to be kind, using our words and actions as well as giving gifts and the gifts that were given to baby Jesus.

Ask me to tell you how I felt doing the Christmas performance.

Ask me to tell you the difference between a square and a rectangle.

Ask me to tell you the sounds in 'run'.

Ask me to tell you about the Nativity story.

Ask me to tell you how many days until Christmas.

Next week, we will be reviewing and learning how to use our phonics. We will be doing Christmas crafts and reading Christmas stories. I wonder what other Christmas things we will be doing.?

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Miss Harris

This week, Year 1 has been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. They revisited the 2D shapes they learned in Reception and learned some new ones. Year 1 enjoyed making 3D shape trains and describing what shapes they had used. In English, they all had a go at writing a story independently to show off everything they have learned this term about writing a sentence. This week, Year 1 also had their dress rehearsal for their Christmas play which they performed to Reception and Year 2. The children did very well and are excited to perform to their families next week.

Ask me to name some 2D and 3D shapes.

Ask me to describe some shapes using mathematical language eg: edges, vertices, faces.

Ask me to tell you about the story I wrote this week.

Ask me to sing you some songs from our Christmas performance.

Ask me what the 5 senses are.

Ask me to tell you what one more and one less of 4 is.

Ask me to tell you what one more and one less of 7 is.

Ask me to tell you what one more and one less of 3 is.

Next week: we will be continuing to learn all about new 3D shapes.

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs Adamcsik

We have been very busy this week but we have made time to sing our hearts out in preparation for our Festive Songs on Wednesday 13th December at 2:30. In class, we have been authors and wrote our own story based on Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth. We used our imagination to change the setting, the characters and the problem in the story. In geography we have looked at maps and the key and we designed our own map with a key to explain the symbols. We have had fun exploring materials in science. As scientists, we looked at whether the materials were natural or man-made.

Ask me to tell you my story based on Percy the Park Keeper.

Ask me to name some materials objects are made from.

Ask me whether the materials are man-made or natural.

Ask me to name some 3D shapes.

Ask me to describe the properties of a pyramid using the words faces, edges and vertices.

Next week, will be practising for our Christmas performance

Congratulations!

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

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!

Christmas Performances

Year 1 9.30am

11th / 12th / 13th Dec 9.30am

All classes are in all performances. Monday's performance is full. Please speak to the school office if you would like tickets for the Tuesday or Wednesday.

Year 2

13th Dec 2.30pm

PTA Christmas concert after school

14th December

Last day of term

15th December

Finish time - 1.30pm

First day of term

4th January 2024

Book Week

5th - 9th February 2024

Half Term

12th - 16th February





Thank
you



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. There was a really great atmosphere and the children were in high spirits, especially at seeing Father Christmas in his super grotto. A special thank you goes out to the Year 6 elves who were amazing, as always. It was so much fun and a great success thanks to the contribution from our parents, staff and of course, our wonderful PTA.

Year 1 Christmas Performances, 11th-13th December, 9.30am

The Year 1 classes will be working together to perform 'Penguin Pete'. They will repeat the same performance on each of the three days however you will need to order tickets in advance using [this order form](#).



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, 13th 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 are supporting the charity, 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas'. They provide 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](#).



Christmas at Norden Farm

Norden Farm and Slot Machine present

Miki

Based on the book by Stephen Mackey

Tuesday 28 November - Saturday 30 December



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Centre for the Arts Maidenhead

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NHS

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"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

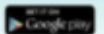


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Community Health Initiative

Miki

Chill Out Space

Saturday 2 - Saturday 30 December

Lead artist Amelia Pimlott
with music from Miki by Slot Machine Theatre

Come on in and explore or
simply sit back and relax!

Featuring work created by

The Autism Group

Thames Valley Adventure Playground

Cookham Rise School

Boyne Hill School

Alwyn Infant School

Plus entries to the Miki Art Competition

Norden Farm



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Katie's parents' evening
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Fridays at 4pm
4 Marlow Road Youth And Community Centre, 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7YR

Perform Marlow

Mondays at 4pm
All Saints Church Hall, The Causeway, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2AA

Perform Windsor

Fridays at 4pm
All Saints Dedworth Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 4JW

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