



# Alwyn Infant School



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## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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### Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely two week break, full of family fun. The children are all looking very happy to be back in their classrooms and they have enjoyed sharing their holiday news.

Much of the talk has been based around the idea of starting a new calendar year as an opportunity for new starts and setting an achievable goal- a New Year's Resolution.

I am not sure my goal of eating fewer biscuits is very achievable but I will try with a little bit of help!

### Staffing

We have some new members of staff who have joined the Alwyn Team this term.

We are so pleased to have our Executive Heateacher, Lawrence Hyatt, start with Alwyn and Courthouse.

Anka Ignatova has moved from Courthouse to join the Alwyn team as a higher level teaching assistant and will be mainly based in Little Alwyn.

Laura Sousa has also joined as a teaching assistant and will be supporting the children in Little Alwyn.

I am very pleased to welcome them to our school as they have already made such a positive impact on the children and their learning.

### Message from Mr Hyatt

I am delighted to wish you all a Happy New Year and to welcome the children and yourselves back to Alwyn Infant School for the spring term.

This is my first term as Executive Headteacher across both Alwyn and Courthouse and I am very much looking forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers and staff at both schools over the next few weeks and terms.

I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff at Alwyn and Courthouse that I have already met, who have helped to make me feel so welcome. I look forward to working with everyone connected with the Federations community to continue developing our schools in the coming months and years.

### 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

If you would like your child to have a school dinner, remember to order it online. 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. Choose peas or beans, if asked.

Lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them.

If your child does not have a packed lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with beans.

### School Applications for Year 3

A reminder to all Year 2 parents to complete their junior school application.

The closing date is 15th January. For further details visit the [rbwm website](#)



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

# Ideas for Learning Chats

## What has been happening in Reception?

We were all very happy to be back at school this week and share news about what we've been doing in the holidays. We hit the ground running learning the new phonics sound /b/ and setting goals for the new year.

**Ask me what is a New Year's Resolution and what goal have I set.**

**Ask me to tell you a word that begins with 'b'.**

**Ask me to show you zero - on a phone or a door etc.**

**Next week**, we will be learning the difference between /f/ and /ff/.

We will continue to think about zero - subitising, representing and finding one more.

## What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Kyle?

It has been lovely having Year One back in school after a wonderful Christmas break. We have been very busy practising counting on from 10 in maths lessons this week. We talked about what we got up to in our two week break and wrote a recount. We looked carefully at the parts of a plant by dissecting and labelling them. We also talked about the importance of sleep.

**Ask me to count on from 10.**

**Ask me to read these words: girls, skirt, shirt.**

**Ask me to tell you the parts of a plant.**

**Ask me to tell you why it is important to have a good night's sleep.**



Next week, we will be planting broad beans.

## What have Year 2 done this week?

Year 2 have settled into the new term and have remembered their classroom routines brilliantly!

We've been thinking about what starting a new year means and what resolutions are.

We've also been writing Thank You letters to think about how important it is to be grateful for things that we receive.

In maths we've started our new topic of money.

**Ask me what my New Year's resolution is.**

**Ask me what I am grateful for.**

**Ask me to name all coins we use in the UK.**

**Ask me to name all of the notes we use in the UK.**

Next week we will be starting our new history topic learning about the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

## 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!**

## KEY DATES!

8th January  
School clubs start

15th January  
Deadline for junior school places

15th-19th January  
Music Week:  
-Teddies workshop (reception)  
-Drumming workshop (Yr2)  
-Boomwhacker workshop (Yr1)  
-Newlands band visit  
-Courthouse musicians visit  
-Musical parents visit

5th-10th February  
Book Week  
-Book Fair after school  
-Author workshops (Yr1 & 2)

8th February  
Dance Festival

9th February  
End of Term

12th - 16th February  
School closed for half term  
Half term book Challenge

19th - 23rd February  
Art/DT Week  
Art workshops

26th February  
Internet Safety Day

7th March  
World Book Day

12th & 14th March  
Parents'/Carers' consultations

28th March  
Last day of Term

29th March-14th April  
School closed

15th April  
INSET day