



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

We had a very successful parents'/carers' evening this week. It was lovely to hear our children giving their grown ups a tour of the school and talking about it with such pride and confidence.

Much of the talk was about the chicks who have recently left us and our gorgeous rabbits, Cookie and Oreo.



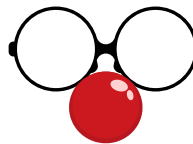
Fire Evacuation Practice

We had a very successful fire evacuation practice. The children were very sensible when leaving the building in a calm and quiet manner. They lined up at the assembly point on the Courthouse playground and followed their grown ups instructions at all times. Well done!



Red Nose Day and Jokes

Thank you to all our families for supporting this brilliant charity by donating their pound and taking part in non-uniform day. As a new thing, we also introduced the joke competition as part of 'Do something funny for money' theme. We loved listening to the children's jokes and delivery. There was a lot of laughter!



Donation from the Lions Club

We were incredibly lucky to have a member of the Lions Club of Maidenhead visit our school assembly on Wednesday to donate some eco-themed books to the school. The books cover themes such as plastic in our oceans, deforestation, habitat loss, climate change and pollution. They are true stories about animals at risk such as orangutans, turtles, bumble bees and koalas. We are very thankful for these resources and using them to support our science, geography and PSHE curriculums.



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. 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 or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.



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



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

In Alwyn, the PTA events fund the rabbits as an ongoing cost and have also provided us with some wonderful playground posters to support the curriculum, as well as our reading shed which is well used at playtimes.



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!

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](#).



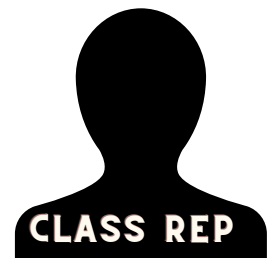
Easter Egg Raffle - Draw Wednesday 27 March.

Tickets are now on sale for our Easter egg raffle where at least one child in every class will win a chocolate egg. There is also a BIG egg/hamper for a child in each school to win. Prizes will be given out on the last day of term. 20p per ticket (£1 minimum spend) <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/easter>

PTA Class Reps.

We are still looking for a rep for Hazel, Maple and Spruce classes to be the PTA connection and support us getting messages to class groups and getting volunteers.

Don't worry you wouldn't be expected to be officially on the PTA and come to all our meetings (unless you want to of course) but you would be a hugely appreciated member of the team. It won't take up much of your time; we need one person per class; [sign up here](#)



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?

It's been another busy week in Reception, learning our new sounds 'th' as in 'this' and 'th' as in 'thumb' and 'ng' as in 'ring'. We've talked about symbols relating to Easter and begun to share the Easter story. We had great fun telling and listening to jokes!

Ask me to sound out the words 'thick' and 'ring'.

Ask me to draw you a picture of a spring flower and tell you what it's called.

Ask me to tell you my ideas for helping at home.

Ask me to tell you two numbers that together make 9

Next week we will be learning 'dge' and 've' in phonics and thinking further about doubling numbers and exploring odd and even in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week, Miss Harris?

Year 1 had a very busy week learning about mass and volume. We enjoyed using scales to compare the different mass of objects and we compared the volume and capacity of different containers in our water trays. In phonics we have been looking at different ways to spell the /igh/ sound. We have been particularly focusing on recognising and reading the split digraph i-e as in ice. In English we have been learning how to write a 3 part sentence with a naming part, doing/being part and a when/where part. We have looked at how description of a setting is important to stories and we have been very impressed by the children's creativity! In geography we have continued to look at symbols on local maps and relate it to places we know in Maidenhead.

Ask me to read the words nice, hike, like, chime.

Ask me to fill up a glass of water so it is full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty.

Ask me to choose two toys and tell you which is heavier and which is lighter.

Ask me to tell you the Easter story.

Ask me to tell you what these words mean: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Ask me what money is and what it is used for?

Ask me to tell you a sentence with these three words in: dog, barking, park.

Next week we will continue to learn about volume and capacity. We are going to learn what a proper noun is and that they need capital letters. We are very excited to welcome our grown ups into school next week and look forward to doing some fun activities with them!

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 has started a new topic in maths about fractions. We have learnt how to find half of a shape and an amount and can also find a quarter of a shape. We've also enjoyed reading The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson and have written 4 different types of sentences from the book. These are commands, statements, exclamations and questions. In Geography we identified the hot and cold areas of the world and located the Equator on a globe.

**Ask me to find a half of these amounts-
10, 20, 12, 14, 24**

Ask me to tell you a command sentence

Ask me to tell you a question sentence

Ask me to tell you what the Equator is

Ask me to tell you where the hot and cold areas are

Next week we will be setting up a plant experiment in Science

KEY DATES!

17th March St. Patrick's Day

18th-22nd March

Grown ups in School, 2pm-3.15pm, sign up at classroom doors

26th March

Yr 1 trip to Odds Farm

28th March

Last day of Term - 1.30pm pick up

29th March-12th April

School closed for Easter holidays

29th March Good Friday- Bank Holiday

31st March Easter Sunday

1st April Easter Monday -Bank Holiday

15th April - INSET day

16th April - Children return to school

23rd April

St George's Day

29th April

KS1 IT Workshops with 3

1st May

PTA Quiz and Chips

6th May

Bank Holiday- school closed

9th May

Year 1 trip to Bekonscot

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

Financial Inclusions sessions at the library

Do you need help or advice around Benefits, Council Tax Support or Housing Benefit? You can speak to a Financial Inclusions officer at Maidenhead Library Tuesday 19 March, 11am - 1pm

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.



FREE SEND INFORMATION SESSIONS

with the Information, Advice & Support (IAS) Service

Preparing for adulthood with the PFA team

22nd February 9.30-11.30am

If your child or young person has an EHCP, what is the process for preparing for adulthood, what can you expect, what is the timeline, what is parental responsibility? what is LA responsibility, when do plans cease?

Reflections on Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA) with Educational Psychology service

29th February 9.30-11.30am

A session with the ERSA Educational Psychologists as an informal session to talk about ERSA and an opportunity to ask questions.

Drop in Coffee morning - Farewell to Christine Doyle, IAS Adviser who is retiring

14th March 9.30-11.30am

IAS Adviser Christine Doyle is retiring. Please come along to celebrate Christines' extensive career within the SEND sector and have a cup of tea with us and other parents. No need to book - just turn up.

CAMHS Learning Disability Team

18th April 9.30-11.30am

Come and learn about the CAMHS Learning Disability team, what do they do? How can they help? What services can they offer?

Book your free place via : www.ias-rbwm.info/events

All sessions take place at Friends House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL

Bear cubs

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:	Criteria:
Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342	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

Easter Holiday Events

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Easter

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

For children with access to free school meals

The programme is known as FUEL in RBWM



The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
 E: HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk
 Funded by the Department for Education



Just a reminder that the FUEL Easter programme is ready and families living in RBWM who access benefit related free school meals are able to book onto FREE activities across the borough from 2pm today.

WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL MEGACAMP

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 4G
 FURZE PLATT ROAD
 MAIDENHEAD
 SL6 7NQ

FROM ONLY £20 A DAY

PRIZES AWARDED

CAMPS AVAILABLE

- FOOTBALL CAMP
- ADVANCED CAMP
- GOALKEEPER CAMP
- GIRLS ONLY CAMP

EASTER WEEK 1: TUES 2ND - THUR 4TH APRIL
 3 DAY CAMPS 9:30-3:00PM DAILY
 LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER WEEK 2: MON 8TH - WEDS 10TH APRIL

EARLYBIRD SALE: FULL 3 DAY CAMP JUST £60. DAILY RATE £22
 FULL RRP: FULL 3 DAY CAMP £70. DAILY RATE £25
 SALE ENDS FRI 15 MARCH FULL RRP SAT 16 MARCH

FOR BOOKINGS VISIT
WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 8:30AM £5 DAILY

PLAYERS THAT IMPRESS ARE INVITED TO IPRO ACADEMY

IPRO BDAY PARTIES AVAILABLE

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2024

Coding

Learning

Inventing

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

Ofsted Registered

EASTER CAMPS 2024
 FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 -11
 25TH MARCH -12TH APRIL 2024
 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE



NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2024

25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

- Coding & Robots
- Circuitry & Inventions
- Creative Technology
- STEM Engineering
- Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 8TH - 12TH APRIL 2024 - 5 DAYS LIMITED SPACES

"Wonderful Time"

"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."

★★★★★

How to book

STEP 1 VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 ES OFF IF YOU BOOK BY 15 MARCH WITH CODE BELOW

BOOK NOW AT
www.nextthing.education
 T: 01442 873150 E: info@nextthing.education

"MY SON LOVED CAMP! HIS WORDS WERE 'I WANT TO GO EVERYDAY, CAN I?' I THINK THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. GREAT COMMUNICATIONS & STAFF WERE GREAT & VERY WELCOMING - MY SON WAS NERVOUS INITIALLY. HE MADE NEW FRIENDS & SHOWED ME SOME MOVES HE LEARNT. VERY HAPPY! MY SON LOVED IT & WILL DEFINITELY RETURN."



Join Us for an Egg-citing Easter Holiday Camp for ages 4 - 11

Looking for an egg-cellent way to keep your kids entertained this Easter break? Look no further!

We welcome children new to Samurai - no experience necessary!

Two Locations

Courthouse Junior School, Maidenhead SL6 5HE
Abbey View Primary Academy, High Wycombe HP11 1BX

Dates

April 2nd - 5th & 8th - 12th
9am - 3pm

Price

£32 per day

What's in Store

Easter egg hunts

Competitions against our fellow Samurai students & Instructors in Dorset & Jersey

Loads of fun games and activities including learning how to run up the wall & flip just like Kung Fu Panda & Ninjago!

We promise a day filled with laughter, excitement & plenty of happy memories & we also guarantee tired children at the end of the day!

Don't miss out on the fun - secure your child's spot today!

To book [click here](#)

For more info [click here](#)

Hop on over to the best Easter Holiday Camp in town - we can't wait to see you there!