



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What a fantastic start!

We hope you had a good summer break. It was lovely to welcome everybody back to Alwyn this week. The nerves of the first day of term, as children lined up outside their new classroom were quickly replaced by excitement as they met up with friends and met their class adults. The children are settling well and learning their new class routines.

I am sure you have noticed that our class names have changed from teachers initials to British trees. In reception we have used trees with three letters, Ash, Elm and Oak, in Year 1 deciduous trees Beech, Hazel and Maple and in Year 2, evergreen trees, Holly, Pine and Spruce. Should you need to email your class teacher please use the class name followed by '@alwyn.org.uk'. For example holly@alwyn.org.uk.

School Uniform

The children are looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms. If you are unsure of our uniform policy, please look at the school website for help.

Just a polite reminder, that for safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches. If earrings cannot be taken out, they must be small stud earrings that should be covered with tape on PE days.

Help with Uniform

If you need any help with buying school uniform, PE kits, trainers or school shoes, we can help. School Drive is a local organisation set up to help families to make sure children have everything they need for school. You can tell us confidentially what you need.

Punctuality

Please remember our morning start times. It is very important that children come into school on time and are ready for the start of the school day. It can be disruptive to children emotionally and educationally if they come into a classroom when the lesson has already started and there is not enough time in the day to catch up on missed learning; a lot of learning can take place in 10 minutes! If there is a special circumstance where you know you will be late, please let the office know. All persistent lateness will be followed up

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. We will no longer phone home for lunch orders

Open Door Policy

Here at Alwyn, we have an 'open door' policy. If you have any questions or concerns about anything at all to do with your child's education or well being, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher, phone for a chat or make an appointment if you would like a face to face meeting.



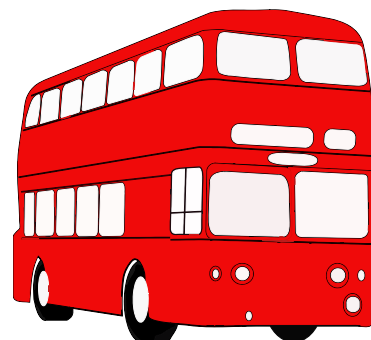
Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).

Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day, unless they are unwell. Please try to make any medical or dental appointments outside of school hours. Parents and carers that take children out of school for unauthorised holiday may be subject to penalty fines. The school will only authorise absence for holiday in exceptional circumstances.

Year 1 NEED BUSES!

Y1 are currently reading the story 'The Naughty Bus,' and we want to set up some fun learning activities for the children over the next few weeks. If you have any spare bus toys (of any size or colour) that you are happy to donate, please can you send them into school?



What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Palmer?

Reception staff have been busy meeting all the new families. The children seem excited by the toys in the classroom and our wonderful outside area. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone on Monday!

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Alston

What's been happening in Y1?
The children have settled in well and we are enjoying getting to know them. They have looked at toys from the past and had an opportunity to play with them too. The children have played lots of games to get to know their new classmates and teachers.
We have had lots of fun enjoying the sunshine on the playground this week and we are looking forward to having an amazing first term.

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs Adamcsik?

It was lovely to welcome all the children back and it is always amazing to see how much they've grown over the holidays. In year 2, we have been busy settling in and learning the routines and expectations. We have learnt about the trees that our classes are named after and we have been recapping on previous learning. The children have done really well as the heat has made learning more challenging and unfortunately we don't have a paddling pool to cool off in!

PLEASE THINK ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS AND PARK CONSIDERATELY



Please do not park on the pavements, or over residents driveways.

Ideas for Learning Chats

Reception Children

Ask me who my new teacher is and what I am looking forward to doing when I start next week?

The main learning in KS1 this week has been based on routines and behaviours..

You could ask your child these...

Ask me what I do when I go into the classroom every morning?

Ask me where I put my water bottle and book bag?

Ask me how we take the class register?

Ask me the name of my class and the adults who help in the class?

Celebrate Achievement and Golden Book

Look out for stickers on clothing and certificates in book bags. Don't forget to ask them why they have earned one!

On Friday afternoons we have a special 'Golden Book' assembly where we celebrate each others' achievements and highlight children who have been exceptionally polite or kind.

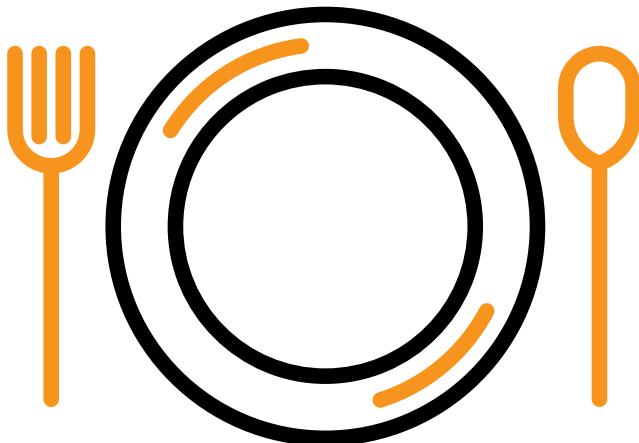
If your son or daughter has done or achieved something special outside of school, let us know so we can recognise and celebrate their achievements during this special assembly.

School Clubs

For Years 1 and 2 we have a fantastic choice of before and after school clubs which start next week. All bookings need to be done with the club organisations. For details of the clubs and how to sign up, go to our school website. The club section can be found under the parent tab. <https://www.alwyn.org.uk/clubs>

School Hot Dinners

We have a fabulous new lunch menu that is displayed on the website under the parent tab. There is also a daily reminder on the Alwyn home page. Please do not forget to order in advance, or to bring in a healthy packed lunch.



KEY DATES!

RECEPTION CHILDREN

STARTING SCHOOL

Monday 11th September
8.45am - 1.20pm/1.30pm
Reception children half days

Thursday 14th September
8.45am - 3.15pm
Reception children all day.

Friday 15th September
9am - 10.00am
New parents coffee morning

11th September 2.30pm
Introduction to Year 2 for
Parents/Carers

14th September, 2.30pm
Introduction to Year 1 for
Parents/Carers

21st September, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Phonics in
Year 1 & 2

28th September, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Phonics in
Reception

2nd October, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Maths in
Reception

9th October, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Maths in
Year 1 & 2

10 & 12th October
Parents Consultations (Face
to face)

16th October
Flu Vaccinations

18th October
Photographer

20th October, 2.15pm
Year 2 Harvest Assembly
End of term, usual finish time