



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

The children and staff have all returned back to school super smiley and refreshed after the Easter break. They have loved sharing their news and telling everyone what they did during the holidays.

Punctuality and Open Door Policy

It is very important to ensure your child comes into school on time. The reception children should be at the classroom door for 8.45am and Years 1 and 2 at 8.50am ready for the day.

Teachers are happy to have a quick exchange of information at the door in the mornings if there is anything urgent to pass on. If it is not urgent, please use the class email address or make an appointment so the adults are available to settle the children quickly and begin the register and lessons. It also means the other parents are not waiting too long in the amazing range of weathers we have.

Magical Maths

The children in Year 1 and 2 had a visit from Professor Poopenshtinken and his apprentice this week. They took part in some fantastic maths games and had a lot of fun.

The Magical Maths Club will be starting as an after school club on Thursdays for Years 1 & 2. It is a great way to consolidate maths knowledge in a fun and engaging way. According to the Professor, 'the sessions will leave them 'wowed' and amazed. We've got a genius professor, world class detectives, mind reading magicians and eccentric athletes, all dedicated to making maths fun for your child.' We look forward to seeing the club in action!

After School Choir Club

We are also excited to have a Year 1 (Tuesdays) and Year 2 (Mondays) choir club starting. The children of Alwyn love singing so this is a brilliant way for them to showcase their talents. There are still some places available! Please apply and pay via MCAS.

Please drive and park sensibly!

Please **drive slowly** along Mulberry Walk and be aware of the pedestrians, especially our very little people running and on scooters along the pavements. It is important not to mount the pavement for parking or negotiating around obstacles.

Park sensibly; not blocking driveways or stopping on the road bends. Any area with block paving is a private parking area and not for parent/carer parking at any time.

We are lucky to have a few **disabled bays**. Please only use these if you have a registered disability and ensure your blue badge is clearly displayed. Remember, not all disabilities are visible.

Thank you

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

There is a new Spring/Summer menu on our website and Parent Pay will be updated by our catering company over the Easter holidays.

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.

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!

A quick update on the library ... we have arranged for a library designer to visit to help us plan the new library and make the most of the space.

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](#).

Clothes Collection- Friday 19 & Saturday 20 April

Having a clear out? We are collecting once again. Bag up your preloved items and drop off at school.

Drop off to Courthouse staff car park gravel area.

Friday:

- 8.30 - 9.15am at school drop off
- 3 - 3.45pm at school pick up

Saturday:

- 9 - 12pm

Preloved uniform; please bag them up separately and hand them to a PTA-er or leave to one side.



Football Tournament- 8th June

Who will take the 2024 trophy? The tournament will take place on the Courthouse school field.

there is lots of time to get your teams together and squeeze in some training.

Registration will open soon so keep an eye out for updates.



Back by popular demand the 2024 leavers t-shirts are now available to order by [clicking this link!](#) Perfect to commemorate your child's time at Alwyn.

Just £10 with 4 colours to choose from (red, pink, grey, blue).

Available sizes: 7-8 years (30" chest), 9-11 years (32" chest), 12-13 years (34" chest)

Ordering closes on Friday 31 May at 9pm and T-shirts will be delivered to Alwyn School.

The children will be able to wear their t-shirts on the last day of school.



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 has been very exciting in reception this week as the classrooms have all been changed. Children are having the opportunity to play in all classrooms which have been set up into zones. There is a maths zone, a literacy zone and a creative and knowledge and understanding of the world zone.

Ask me to sound out the words catch and pink

Ask me to tell you the story of Under The Bed.

Ask me to tell you what is different about our classrooms

Ask me to tell you which number goes with 10 to make 13

Next week we are learning 'air' and 'ee' in phonics and thinking about numbers beyond 10 in Maths and noticing counting patterns.

We will be re-reading the book Under the Bed and writing about the characters.

What has been the learning in Year 1?

It's been a great first week back! We have been busy in our English lessons learning all about question marks and how to use them successfully in our sentences. In maths we made a start on multiplication by counting in twos and tens. We also started our history topic of 'Houses and Homes' ready for our trip to Bekonscot later this term. Look out for some History homework in your child's book bag this week. In Science we revised parts of plants and started our seasons art work.

Well done Year One, for a super first week of summer term.

Ask me to write a question sentence.

Ask me to count in steps of 2, from 0.

Ask me to count in steps of 10, from 0.

Ask me what type of home I live in.

Ask me to name some parts of a plant or tree.

Ask me what the function of the roots, stem and trunk are.

Next week we will be continuing counting in steps and looking at odd and even numbers in maths. We will be starting our English topic of The Hungry Caterpillar. We will continue to look at houses and homes from the past.

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

We have had a great week after the holidays. In English, we enjoyed recounting our Easter holidays and writing about our various activities, ensuring we remembered to use punctuation. We admitted to eating chocolate, although we were a little vague about the amount we actually consumed! In history, we studied a photograph of Florence Nightingale and used our skills as historians to detect clues about this significant lady. As scientists, we learnt how habitats provide everything plants and animals need to survive. Making the most of the glorious weather, we went on a hunt for habitats around the school grounds. We observed many different plants and lots of minibeasts living in their habitats.

Ask me which animals you would find in a woodland habitat.

Ask me to describe the habitats found in the school grounds.

Ask me why Florence Nightingale is dressed differently than people today.

Ask me what a significant person is.

Ask me to describe a fraction using the words whole and parts.

Ask me what the denominator tells us in a fraction.

Next week we will be looking at the life and work of Piet Mondrian.

KEY DATES!

29th April
Year 1 and 2 IT Workshops with 3

1st May
PTA Quiz and Chips

6th May
Bank Holiday- school closed

9th May
Year 1 trip to Bekonscot and Year 2 Fruit Pizza Workshops

13th May
Drama workshops on fairy tales with Perform

15th May
Year 2 trip to Wellington Country Park

17th May
Pyjamarama day

20th-24th May
Walk to School Week

21st May
Basil's Farm visiting Little Alwyn

24th May
PTA Cake sale
Last day of term

27th-31st May
Half Term Break/School closed

3rd June
INSET day

4th June
Children return to school

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

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.



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Services
East Berkshire

Bearcubs

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 AD/HD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire

For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk

Saturday Rainbows with Girlguiding Maidenhead has space for your daughter

Rainbows - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged four to seven, it is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

We run on a Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00, every three weeks in term time and look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows/>
Register now: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Regards, Angela

Snowy, Sky, Minnie Mouse, Eagle & Sunshine

1st Furze Platt Rainbows Leadership Team
07484 701507



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Services
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Sensory needs (AUDHD)

Friday 10th May 10 - 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family?
- What are the sensory difficulties that are being experienced?
- How do you identify and support your child's sensory needs?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD [suspected/pathway/diagnosed]

To book your place contact GEMS:
Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK CALL US ON: 07549 881563.

The Baby Bank Children's Charity

The demand for our support by families has hugely increased and we are particularly struggling with donations of larger items such as buggies and cots. Families are welcome to contact us directly if they think they have items we can use and for further details of where we are located (Holyport, SL6 2YE) and our opening times. We support from newborn age up to 16 years and can help with school uniform items too.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS LIST

- 9x Double buggies (clean & under 10yrs old)
- 1x Triple buggy
- 5x Travel systems (clean & under 10yrs old. We can't take used car seats)
- 2x Toddler beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- 7x Cots & cots beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- Bed guards
- Baby safety monitors & safety equipment
- Clean slings/baby carriers (with instructions)
- Clean baby bouncer chairs/swing/rocker chairs
- Clean baby play mat gyms
- Pressure fit stairgates
- Baby baths & baby towels
- Baby Bottle sterilisers
- Clean, stain free cot and cot bed sheets
- Size 6 and 6+ nappies
- Aptamil formula & Cow & Gate stage 2 formula



Please kindly wash, check & only donate items in very good, clean condition. Clothing must be freshly washed and be size sorted by age & gender in clearly labelled bags

@the_baby_bank

CLOTHING NEEDS LIST

- Boys & Girls Newborn/first size/up to 1 month winter clothing
- Boys 0-3m winter clothing
- Boys 9-12m winter clothing
- Boys 12-18m winter clothing
- Boys & Girls 18-24m winter clothing
- Boys & girls 2-3yrs winter clothing
- Boys & girls 4-5yrs winter clothing
- Boys 7-8yrs winter clothing
- Girls 8-9yrs winter clothing
- Boys 14 years + small mens winter clothing

School Shoes + Trainers

- Boys junior size 9 shoes
- Girls junior size 12, 1, 2, 3 shoes
- Boys size 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 adult shoes



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