



## OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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### Whole School Messages

#### Little Alwyn

The children have had a lot of fun with the fallen leaves. They have enjoyed raking them into different sized piles and even compared the size of individual leaves. They investigated the many different colours and shapes as well as used them in their art work. The learning opportunities this has provided has been amazing as well as the chance to develop their communication skills and vocabulary. The children have been fully engaged and it is a great way to show how we can use every day things around us for learning and fun.



**Year 1** have started their history topic on 'toys past and present'. Using toys, is a fantastic way of introducing the idea of things in the past (old toys) and present (new toys). The children investigated how toy designs have changed over time, particularly teddy bears, dolls and moving toys. They have made some of these toys. My favourite is a paper doll with tabs to attach different clothes on, as I remember playing with these as a child. The children are encouraged to ask and answer questions on how toys have changed in order to develop their understanding of time and chronological order.



**Year 2** went on their first school trip this week. They practised their road safety skills by walking to St Mark's Church as part of their RE topic on Christianity. They had to spot the different features of a church and think about the different reasons people visit churches.



The church helpers all commented on how beautifully behaved our children were and how engaged they were with their questions and answers. Well done Yr2!

### The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look and listen
- Be careful and kind
- Always do your best



#### Staffing Update

Those of you with children in 1AP will know that Miss Parsons is expecting a baby. She is hoping to start her maternity leave during the Christmas holidays. I'm sure you all join me in congratulating her on this happy news. I am pleased to tell you that Miss Smith will remain as the class teacher to cover the maternity leave. Mrs Snapes is also back on Monday- hurrah!

#### Gardening Club

The children in gardening club have been very productive this term. They have planted bulbs in Little Alwyn and drawn their own garden designs. Using natural materials from around the school, they also created their own art and rubbings. Excitingly, they made and painted pottery bumble bees. We can't wait to see what they look like when they come out of the school kiln! Plus what a brilliant way to end the club!

We are very sad that we cannot continue with gardening club after Christmas due to staff commitments but we will look into starting it up again in the summer term. The weather will be better and they can be outside more.



# Alwyn Infant School PTA NEWS



[WWW.ALWYNHOUSEPTA.COM](http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com)

## Amazing Christmas Auction

The toys auction may be over but now it's time to find that special gift, family outing or even a treat for yourself at our Christmas Auction. We have tickets to Pub in the Park, a terms scholarship to Stagecoach Performing Arts School, Norden Farm tickets, a hamper from Seasonality and Maidenhead United family match tickets... plus lots more. All bidding closes at 9pm on Saturday 4 December. If you win an item, you will receive an email to confirm and the PTA will be in touch to arrange collection. Further details can be found on the webpage: <http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/auction>.



**Good luck and happy bidding!**

## Tea with Santa



Come and join us for afternoon tea with Santa. While you feast on some festival delights, Santa will be around to meet and greet the little ones and we are certain he will have a gift or two in his sack for them.

We have 3 sessions that can be booked and all children must be accompanied by at least one adult so please remember to book the adult tickets too.

<http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/santa>

## Christmas Raffle

For your chance to win an Xbox Series S, a £100 towards a night out at the Pinkneys Arms or an Echo 5 make sure to buy your raffle tickets.

The draw will be taking place at 4pm Saturday 11 December.

<http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/raffle>



# Messages from the Year Groups

## RECEPTION LEARNING THIS WEEK

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'u' in it.

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'r' in it.

Ask me if I can write the word rug.

Ask me if I can write the word run.

If I have 3 fingers up, ask me how many more fingers I need to make 5.

Ask me how some houses can be different.



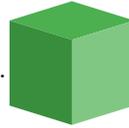
## YEAR 1 LEARNING THIS WEEK

This week in maths, we have been thinking about shape.

Ask me what a 2D shape is.

Ask me what 2D shapes can be found on the face of a cube.

What 2D shape can be found on the face of a cylinder?



In English we have been thinking about the history of toys!

Ask me to tell you about a toy from the past that moves.

Ask me to tell you about the difference between teddy bears now and in the past.

In phonics this week we have been focusing on the following sounds: 'ue' (rescue), 'ue' (glue), ure, ture.

See if I can spell a word with each of these sounds in.



This week in science we have been thinking about autumn.

Ask me to tell you what happens to trees in the autumn time.

In computing this week we continued to look at algorithms. Do they remember what these are?

## YEAR 2 LEARNING THIS WEEK

This week we have continued to learn about money.

Ask me how much I have spent in total if I bought a puzzle costing 50p and a cuddly teddy costing 38p.

Ask me how much I have got in my piggy bank if I had £3 and then my auntie gave me £8 more.



This week in English we have been talking about how time words can help to sequence our writing. Ask me if I can tell you 5 different time words or phrases.

RE: Ask me to tell you what I enjoyed most about our trip to the church. Ask me to name 3 features that can be found in a church

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their brilliant school work and to those children who had a kindness certificate or a polite parrot certificate this week.



**We are very proud of you!**

## KEY DATES!

30th November  
Rev. Dale visit to talk  
about Christmas

8th December  
Reindeer visit

8th December  
Christmas lunch

10th December  
Christmas or own  
Jumper Day

Planned December  
performances if our  
COVID restrictions allow:  
7th RL at 9.30am  
8th RHE at 9.30am  
9th RS at 9.30am  
13th 1TH at 2.30pm  
14th 1KM at 2.30pm  
15th 1AP at 2.30pm  
(Year 2 do not do a christmas  
performance as they do a  
summer leavers' concert)

16th December  
KS1 Class Parties

17th December  
Last day of term with a  
1.30pm finish

4th January  
INSET DAY

5th January  
Children return to school

