



Alwyn Infant School



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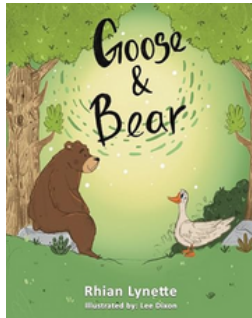
Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What's happening?



On Monday, Rhian Lynette a local author came to visit us. She read her story, *Goose and Bear*, which was about a shy bear and a kind goose. Rhian also talked about what being an author is and how we can all be authors. After hearing the story, the children showed how they could think of a character, a problem that could occur for that character and how it could be resolved.

There were some wonderful ideas which really showed how everyone really can be an author! At the end of the day the children all had the opportunity to buy the book which was super!

Ofsted Inspection

We would like to thank you all for your support in completing the parent/carer/pupil questionnaires and the comments and smiles you offered to the staff during the visit. As usual, our children were amazing and enjoyed sharing their school experiences with him. Unfortunately we are unable to share the details of the inspection until we receive the official documentation from HMI.

Caterlink our catering company would value the opportunity to survey pupils at Alwyn. To assist your child in completing the survey, please access via the link below;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9VWNSR>

Uniform Orders

Alwyn book bags and PE T-shirts are now available to order via My Child At School (MCAS). We are no longer using the Teachers2Parents/School Money payment service. Any items ordered via MCAS will be put in your child's book bag for them to bring home. We still have a few Alwyn sweatshirts and cardigans in smaller sizes but we are running this stock down. If you can't see the size you need on MCAS, please visit Goyals in Maidenhead or School Days Direct in Slough to purchase.



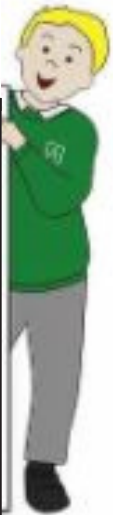
Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).



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



Year 1

Trip to park on Wednesday 29th November. Remember we will be going on our trip to the park. Please wear your school uniform. You should wear wellies/boots or trainers and bring a raincoat and hat to school. Please also bring a change of shoes.



School Applications for Year 3

If your child is currently in Year 2, you will need to make an application for their Junior school place. The application portal is now open, until 15 January 2024. You need to log onto RBWM.gov.uk and in the Schools and Education section, you will find all the information you need. If you need any help with the application process, contact the admissions department at RBWM. You will then be informed of the junior school offer on 16 April 2024.

Ideas for Learning Chats

What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Palmer

This week we have been looking at the /k/ sound and the two different letter shapes that make the sound. We have begun to look at the Christmas story and at our own families and how similar and different they are. As well as looking at what 4 and 5 are made up of and how they look, we are beginning to understand what 1 more and 1 less means.

Ask me to find 4 and 5 of something (Lego bricks, peas, grapes etc)

Ask me to tell you something about the Christmas story

Ask me to tell you what sounds are in the word cat and what is the within sound.

Ask me to tell you about my family and my friends' family. Are they the same?

Next week, we will be continuing to look at the /k/ sound at different places in a word and to look at different characters in the Christmas story and the part they played. We will think about the differences and similarities in the types of homes we live in and continue examining numbers up to 5 and how they are made of different numbers.

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Novelle

What a busy week we've had! We went on an exciting walk around the school to explore the sounds that we could hear for our science lesson and started working with maps ready for our geography trip to the park on Wednesday next week. Remember- Children should wear school uniform, wellies/boots or trainers and bring a raincoat and hat to school. Please also bring a change of shoes. On Tuesday we had a drama workshop where we had great fun pretending to be in the 'Wonderful Wild West'.

Ask me to write the subtraction number sentence for these problems-

There were 5 people on the bus. 3 people got off. How many people are left on the bus? There were 7 children in the classroom? 6 leave for lunch. How many children are left in the classroom?

Ask me to tell you what sounds I heard on my sound walk.

Ask me to tell you about our author visit.

Ask me to tell you about our drama workshop.

Next week, Year one will be Visiting Oaken Grove park to enrich our geography curriculum. We will also be subtracting using number lines. and answering reading questions including addition and subtraction. In science, we will be exploring taste and smell.

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs Booth

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the author visit we had on Monday. It was really interesting to hear how she plans her stories and uses story maps just like we do! Some children were so inspired by her they wrote their own book about a bear and even illustrated it, well done!

We've also started a new shape topic in maths, we're really enjoying it and have learnt lots of new vocabulary.

Ask me to name a shape with,3,4,5,6 sides.

Ask me what words we use to describe shapes.

Ask me what a physical feature is in Geography.

Ask me what a healthy diet is.

Next week we will be retelling the Nick Butterworth story 'After the Storm'.

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

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!

1st December
Non uniform day
(bring in a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)
Also No Pens Day (more details to follow)

7th December
Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day
Elfridges (PTA)

8th December
Elfridges (PTA)

Christmas Performances

Reception 9.30am
Ash 5th / Oak 6th / Elm 7th
December

Year 1 9.30am
11th / 12th / 13th Dec 9.30am
All classes are in all performances. Get your tickets via [Year 1 Christmas Performance 2023](#) ([google.com](#))

Year 2
13th Dec 2.30pm

PTA Christmas concert after school
14th December

Last day of term
15th December
Finish time - 1.30pm

First day of term
4th January 2024



Friday 1 Dec : TOMBOLA OWN CLOTHES DAY

In return for a tombola donation children can wear their own clothes to school. Donations requested are bottles, chocolate and cakes for the cafe. Please check best before dates beforehand.

Saturday 2 Dec 12-3pm

The Christmas Fair is held in Courthouse School. There'll be lots of festive food, entertainment, the ever popular Santa's grotto, stalls and games to play. Tokens are preferable and can be bought at the fair or [online](#).



CAKES for the cafe... please bring along to the fair at the start of the day or hand in for tombola donation. Please state if nuts are present



Sunday 3 Dec 5-8pm

After a busy day in the grotto Santa and his elves will be doing his rounds out and about on the local streets. Please come along and give him a wave, have your photo taken and cheer him and his lovely sleigh along. We will have a [live tracker](#) so you can keep an eye on him.

Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 Dec

alwyncourthousepta.com/elfridges

Our children's shop 'Elfridges' will be open once more so the children can buy a surprise gift for someone special. You can pre pay online or they can bring their tokens along. Every gift is £2.



Courthouse during lunchtime

- Years 3+5 : Tues 5 Dec
- Years 4+6 : Wed 6 Dec

Alwyn after school in outside classroom

- Reception : Thurs 7 Dec
- Years 1+2 : Fri 8 Dec

RAFFLE

1st Prize £250
 2nd Prize £100 Restaurant Voucher
 3rd Prize Hamper
 Plus more
 Tickets on sale now
alwyncourthousepta.com/raffle

AUCTIONS

Our toy and main auction go live on Sunday 19 Nov. Bidding ends 8 Dec at 9pm. We have some great items lined.
alwyncourthousepta.com/xmas

We can't do it without you.

Sign up to help at our upcoming events for as little or as long as you can give. We PROMISE it doesn't mean you signing up to join the PTA forever.

- CHRISTMAS FAIR
 - Tombola sorting (Fri am)
 - Cafe
 - Kitchen
 - Games Room
 - Stalls (PTA stalls)
 - Grotto
 - Face painting
 - Craft room
 - Set up (Fri pm)
 - Set up (Sat am)
 - Clear down
- DOORSTEP SANTA
 - Elf runners
- ELFRIDGES
 - Elf helpers



<https://signup.com/go/UanYoQu>

TOY AUCTION

AUCTION ENDS FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER AT 9PM

WWW.ALWYNCOURTHOUSEPTA.COM/XMAS

CHRISTMAS AUCTION

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WWW.ALWYNCOURTHOUSEPTA.COM/XMAS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1ST £250 CASH

2ND £100 SEASONALITY RESTAURANT VOUCHER

3RD HAMPER

WWW.ALWYNCOURTHOUSEPTA.COM/RAFFLE



Courthouse Junior School
Every child flourishing

2 x Teaching Assistant

Vacancies: 1 x General TA and 1 x TA to work with EHCP pupils

Start date: January 2024

Contract type: Permanent, term time only. Hours: 27.5 hours per week Monday to Friday 8.50am-3.20pm

Salary: Scale 2c, Point 3-4 (FTE £24,442-£24,848) Actual £15,434 to £15,690

At Courthouse, our aim is for every child to flourish. We work hard but only on things that make a difference. We're looking for a Teaching Assistant:

- To work under the specific supervision, instruction and guidance of the class teacher to support the teaching and learning activities in the classroom.
- To provide general support to the class teacher in the organisation and management of pupils and the classroom.
- To work with a named child with an EHCP and offer appropriate support.
- To assist the teacher in creating and maintaining a calm and purposeful environment.
- To promote the inclusion of all pupils, ensuring they have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children within the school.

We offer the successful candidates:

- A dedicated and supportive team
- CPD
- Children who love their school
- Career pathways

If you would like to arrange a school visit or require further information, please contact our School Business Manager, Todorka Rolfe, by emailing trolf@courthousejunior.co.uk or call 01628 626958.

Completed applications should be sent to trolf@courthousejunior.co.uk

Closing date: Friday 1st December 2023

Interview date: w/c 4th December 2023

Our school is committed to safeguarding. The successful applicant will be required to provide suitable references and undergo an enhanced DBS.

Residents are being invited to give their feedback on proposed routes for subsidised bus services in the Royal Borough from 2024 to ensure buses will call at the key destinations people travel to.

In the borough, around half of the bus routes are currently subsidised and the council invests £1.1 million a year to support these. Every few years, bus companies are asked to compete for the contracts to run these services, to ensure the council gets best value for the funding it provides.

The current contracts come to an end next summer, and the council is now seeking feedback on the proposed locations and streets where buses will call within the new package of routes that it will ask bus companies to compete for. Please circulate the below as you see fit, to maximise engagement from all bus users in borough.

The consultation runs until Wednesday 20th December and residents can give their views by taking part in the surveys at <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/bus>.



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www.berksmusictrust.org.uk ☎ 0118 901 2370 ✉ contact@berksmusictrust.org.uk

IAS Surgery

6th December 2023 0930-1130
 @ Community Hall, Ascot Durning Library, High Street,
 Ascot SL5 7JF

An opportunity to book a 15 minute face to face appointment with one of the IAS advisers to discuss anything SEND related. We will do our best to answer any questions, give advice and support. You do not need to be registered with our service to access this. To book a slot please email ias@rbwm.gov.uk



Bearcubs



Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

- 6th October - Big on Bouncing - Slough *cost involved
- 20th October - Halloween Quiz - Online
- 3rd November - Rugby Fun - RBWM - Windsor
- 17th November - Create your own Mr Men or Little Miss Character/Story - Online
- 1st December - Make your own Christmas Decorations - Bracknell
- 15th December - Christmas Film Quiz - Online

*Please note activities may be subject to change

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

Criteria:
 Children with or likely to have ADHD
 and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



The Children's Commissioner has launched The Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Please ensure you have shared this survey with the children and parents within your school community.

**Children or parents can complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our website.**

It is really important that the pupils at Alwyn Infant School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Maidenhead area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.