



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Eid Mubarak!

On Monday, many of our families celebrated Eid, a time of celebration, reflection, and gratitude, and it brings an opportunity for families and the community to come together.

To all those who celebrated, we hope you had a joyous and blessed Eid.

Coffee and Chat Event

On Wednesday morning we hosted our first in-house coffee morning for families with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). During the meeting families were able to talk about their experience with the SEND system and support each other with ideas and strategies that have worked in their homes.

Next term we look forward to hosting a Federation coffee morning on 20th May for our families with SEND where we will be discussing the transition from one-year group to the next. Don't forget to put the date in your diary!

Year 3 Treasure Island

On Tuesday all of Year 2 were treated to a musical delight at Courthouse. We were invited to watch Year 3 perform Treasure Island, a musical story about the Hispaniolo ship and her adventures. The Year 3 children sang their hearts out and entertained us thoroughly. We were impressed by their enthusiasm and confidence and the amount of songs and lines they had learnt. The Alwyn Year 2 children were a brilliant audience and listened intently throughout. Thank you to all of the children and staff involved.

An Easter Assembly

David, the vicar from St Peter's church, came to visit the Year 1s and 2s this week to talk about the Easter story. He gave an interactive and fun assembly all about big surprises - just like his favourite chocolate Kinder Surprise! The children were intrigued watching the Easter story Lego bible version; you can Google it at home!

David helped them to pick out lots of surprises in the story and discover how a hollow chocolate Easter egg reminds Christians that Jesus' tomb was empty.

We appreciated his visit and the children really enjoyed sharing their knowledge and joining in with the Easter games!

Happy Holidays!

We hope you all have a super break from school during the Easter holidays, with lots of family time and fun.

The children should return back to school on Wednesday 23rd April.

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

All school dinners must be pre-ordered in advance. The deadline for ordering lunches is 8am on the day, however, we are finding that if you leave the ordering close to the deadline, the system can throw out an error message. Please try to order the night or weekend before.

Please note that for the Summer term, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the alternative options will be sandwiches with various fillings or a jacket potato with baked beans. The menu will be uploaded onto Parent Pay by Caterlink during the Easter holidays.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or you have not ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

School lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. They are yummy!

Reception & Cycling Helmets

The children in reception will begin balance bike lessons on Wednesdays, starting on 23rd April. Please send your child in with a helmet if they have one every Wednesday for the rest of the school year. We do have a few in school but not enough for every child.



Look out for more school news on our Alwyn [facebook page](#) or new [Instagram account @alwyninfantschool](#). If you haven't already, give us a like and a follow.



Our Fabulous Parent Teacher Association

Remember as a member of the school community, you are automatically part of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

They run brilliant events throughout the year but need your help.

Please get in touch with them if you wish to take part or have some great ideas to share.



Easter Egg Raffle Congratulations to all our raffle winners.

They loved having their eggs delivered to them and were very excited to show their grown ups at hometime.

Future Events in the Summer Term Keep an eye out for the amazing events that are being planned for the summer term.

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>

We would like to know what you think! Please fill in this form to share ideas for future events.

If you would like to make a donation to the PTA click here. Thank you

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week in Reception we have been having an Easter Fest! We have made cards and Easter nests and had an egg hunt. Egg pictures were hidden in the Sensory Garden and when we found one, we got a little egg to take home! We have also been reading the Easter Story and finding out how Christians celebrate Easter. We have started trying to encourage birds into our garden by making bird feeders so we are looking forward to much bird observation next term!

Ask me to sound out the words 'book' and 'moon'.

Ask me to sound out and write "Look at the moon."

Ask me to tell you what we call the Numberblocks who can balance a ball on their head. (Even tops)

Ask me to tell you the Easter story

Next term Reception will be learning digraph ar in phonics and investigating 3D shape in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

This week we have revised our 2d and 3d shapes and revised all the different ways of making 10, 8, 7, 5 etc. In English we have looked at describing a setting and a character from a story and we came up with some great descriptions! We have enjoyed making our pop-up Spring cards to take home this week. In Science we have looked at the season of spring and the kind of weather we have this time of year. We went on a spring walk around the school to see how many trees with leaves there are and whether we could spot any other plants and minibeasts. Over the holidays there will be some homework where you can record the weather for each day and draw some things that you spot on a walk near your home!

Ask me to show you something in the home which has a square or rectangle shape .

Ask me to show you something which is a cuboid or sphere.

Ask me to tell you something I saw on my spring walk at school.

Ask me to read these words with a u-e split digraph - cube, flute, flume, tube.

Next week is the holidays and we hope you all have a lovely, restful break.

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

Spring Term 4 2024-2025

7th April - 21st April
EASTER HOLIDAYS
SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term 5, 2024-2025

22nd April
INSET Day (no children in school)

23rd April
Children back to school

28th April
IT workshops with 3

5th May
Bank Holiday- school closed

8th May, 2.15pm
Parent workshop on emotional development

14th May
Yr1 Trip to Bekonscot

15th May, 2.30pm
Parent follow up on emotions

16th May
Rabbi visiting Year 1 (RE)

19th May
Parent session on phonics screening check, 2.30pm

20th May, 9am
Parent coffee morning on transition

23rd May
End of term- normal finishing time

26th-30th May
Half term- school closed

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have had a fun filled end of term. We were very lucky to go to Courthouse on Tuesday afternoon to watch Year 3 perform Treasure Island. The children were amazing and sang beautifully. Thank you for inviting us!

We also finished off our Geography topic by creating a poster to compare the continents of Europe and Antarctica. We noticed that Antarctica was a lot colder and Europe had lots more people living in it! In Science we looked at woodland habitats investigating the animals and plants that live there.

Ask me 2 facts about Europe.

Ask me 2 facts about Antarctica

Ask me what plants grow in a woodland habitat.

Ask me 3 animals that live in a woodland habitat.

Ask me the rhyme we learned to remember how to spell-

Would

Could

Should

Ask me to tell you the story of Treasure Island

After Easter we will be starting a new history topic- Florence Nightingale.

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

2nd June

INSET Day- school closed

6th June

Class photos

9th-13th June

Phonics Screening Check

11th June

Year 2 Trip to Wellington Country Park

16th-27th June

Sports Fortnight

18th June

National Thank a Teacher Day

24th June, 9.15-11am

Whole school sports morning with our grown ups

30th June, 6pm

New parents/carers meeting

1st July

Children visit their new classes in Alwyn and Courthouse

10th July, 4-5pm

Grown ups invited to visit classes, new and current

11th July

School reports sent home

22nd July, 9.30am

Year 2 Leavers' Concert to their parents/carers

23rd July

Last day of school, early finish at 1.30pm

Congratulations!

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

In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special stickers and certificate.

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!**

School Day

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Start Lunch Finish →	8.45am 11.45pm - 12.45pm 3.15pm →	8.50am 12pm - 1pm 3.20pm →	8.50am 12.20pm - 1.20pm 3.20pm →

The School Gates

The Alwyn and Courthouse gates open at 8.40am until 8.55am and 3.10pm until 3.35pm

The opening times allow movement between our two schools and provide different points of access which should help with traffic and parking in our area.

The gate opening times are different from the time your child is required to be in school.

The Importance of Being on Time

Reception children need to be in school at 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school at 8.50am.

The classroom doors will open at these times and close as soon as the last child in the line enters the classroom; this usually takes less than 3 minutes. Any child arriving after the classroom door is shut, will be marked as late. Knocking on the classroom door once it is closed is disruptive to the children as their teacher is having to keep opening the door instead of settling their class for the morning.

Please be on time every morning. It can be worrying for a child to enter a classroom late especially when their classmates are sat on the carpet ready to learn. All children should have come into school, put their belongings in the cloakroom, their book bag in their drawer and their water bottle in the tray and have been registered before 9am each morning.

Attendance Matters

Being in school every day is extremely important for all children in order to receive the best possible start to their learning. Your child's attendance is vital to a successful education, as this is the foundation for lifelong learning. Lessons are planned in sequences and if a child misses a part of this sequence, they are at a disadvantage when it comes to committing that learning to long term memory.

If your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come into school, send them in and mention it to the class teacher. They will keep an eye on your child and phone you if there are any concerns.

Reason for absence

Please let the office know the specific reason for your child's absence rather than feeling unwell or ill. This helps us monitor any small outbreaks of similar virus' and supports the recording of absence.

Medical Appointments

If you have a medical appointment during the school day, inform the school before the appointment and provide a GP/Hospital appointment card or letter.

Leave Requests

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any other exceptional circumstances will require supporting evidence that shows the child has to attend something that results in missed school days.

Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) may be triggered if your child misses 5 consecutive days of school or 10 sessions in 10 weeks. A session means a morning or afternoon, not a day.

Please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school.

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence.

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent, Per Child.

For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

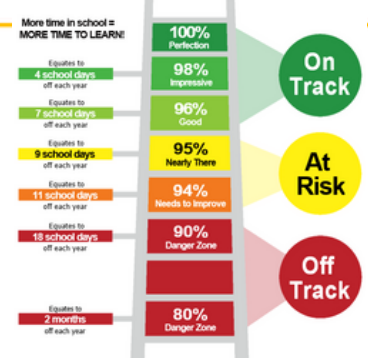
[Link](#) to the attendance page on the Alwyn website.



Providing Children's Services for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



For every day your child is absent from school, over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

ARKING RESOLUTION

Driving, Parking and Vehicles in Mulberry Walk

Please think about our neighbours and school community, especially as one of our school values is kindness. Drive and park carefully and considerately on the roads surrounding the school at all times.

The road gets very busy at drop off and collection times. To help with this, we have an unofficial one way system that keep cars moving safely. Please reduce your speed and drive slowly around the one-way system. This is crucial as there are very young children walking along the pavements who may not be seen easily while driving, especially in these grey days.

We have good relationships with our neighbours but that can only be maintained with your help. Please do not block their driveways when parking and remain polite if they ask you to move. Any area with block paving is for the residents of the road and not for school parking or access.

Please do not park on the bends of the road or directly opposite another car as this can stop the flow of traffic and make it difficult for other drivers to pass.

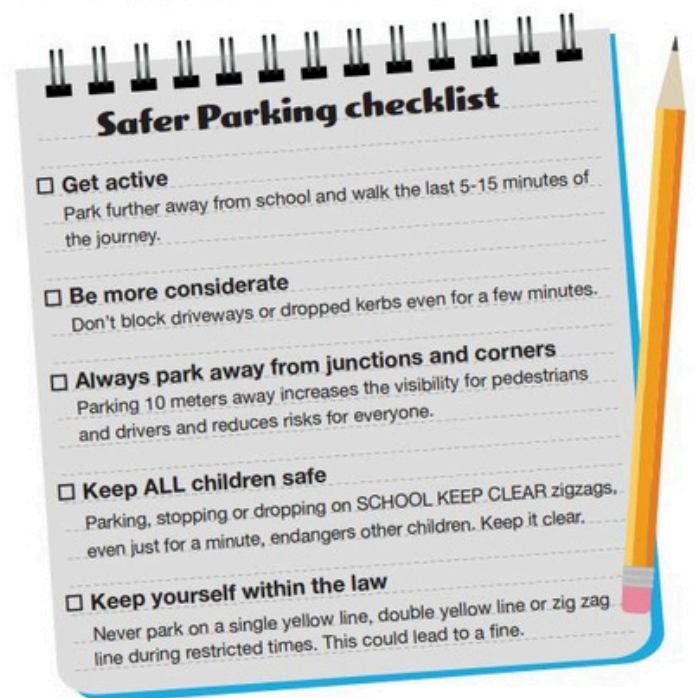
Do not mount the curb as our children and their siblings are very little and not always easy to see.

To ease congestion, please explore other options:

- If you are able to walk or cycle to school this would help.
- Consider parking further away, such as by Courthouse Junior School, where there are more roads to park along safely and they tend to be less congested.
- A short walk can make a significant difference in reducing traffic and ensuring safety and you can access Alwyn by walking through Courthouse as the gate opening times are the same.

Recently we've had a few reports of members of our school community driving along the pavement, on the bend, at speed resulting in near misses as well as some aggressive behaviours when they have been reminded of our parking etiquette.

Aggressive driving and behaviours put us all at risk and should be reported by calling 101.



Share the roads, Share the responsibility



Community Pages: What is happening in our local area?

Community Events Disclaimer: Please note that the events listed are organised by external parties and are not endorsed or recommended by Alwyn Infant School. We provide this information as a courtesy to our community. We advise families to exercise their own discretion and judgement when participating in any events or activities.

**GEMS**
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs

Ages 5 to 10

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

7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor
21st April - Easter Monday - No session
5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session
19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)
2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library
16th June - Picnic in the Park - Bracknell

*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



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

**GEMS**
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

**01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342**
weekdays 9am to 5pm

<https://www.gems4health.com>

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GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

ADHD Course - Monday 28th April, 12th & 19th May - 7 to 9pm
Sensory Processing - Wednesday 23rd April - 7 to 8:30pm
Managing Anxiety - Wednesday 23rd April - 10am to 12noon
Empowering Calm - Wednesday 7th May - 10am to 12noon
Autism Course - Thursday 8th, 15th & 22nd May - 7 to 9pm
Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon
Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm
Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com





www.rbwm.gov.uk
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead


Boyn Grove Library



Drop in children's chess club sessions

Saturdays

1.30pm to 3pm





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Boyne Hill Cricket Club

Session dates:
Saturday 10th May - Saturday 28th June

Session timings:
9:30am-10:30am

Contact:
Jack Spencer-Jones- 07595463584,
jackspencerjones@yahoo.co.uk



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Easter Holiday Activities

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MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Click here to book

Age
Year 1- Year 7

Prices
Start from £20
HAF spaces available at Newbury & Calcot

Discounts
Use code: **EGG- 10% off!**
Expires Monday 10th March
Sibling discount: **10% off**
Not applicable with other discounts

Dates
Week 1: 7th - 11th April
Week 2: 14th - 17th April

Times
Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm
Available at Newbury & Calcot

Venues
Reading: Calcot Junior School
Newbury: Winchcombe School
Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School

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FOOTBALL CAMP

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Age
Year 1- Year 7

Prices
Start from £18
HAF spaces available at Calcot

Discounts
Use code: **EGG- 10% off!**
Expires Monday 10th March
Sibling discount: **10% off**
Not applicable with other discounts

Dates
Week 1: 7th - 11th April
Week 2: 14th - 17th April

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New Easter Holiday Programme

Monday 7th -Thursday 10th April
Now at Claire's Court Juniors

Let's dive in!

www.letsdivein.co.uk

4pm Stage 3+, Stage 2+, Stage 1
4.30pm Stage 2, Stage 1+, Swimfin
5pm Stage 3, Stage 1+, Swimfin
5.30pm Synchro swim, private lesson

contact
bernice@letsdivein.co.uk to book

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EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL
1PM - 4.30PM

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Inclusion comes first . Have your voice heard .
The difference starts with you

Inclusion Activity Day

Thursday 10 April

12pm to 3pm

Windsor Family Centre Hub

Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HD

11 to 19 year olds

Come along to listen to *guest speakers*,
workshops to have your voice heard,

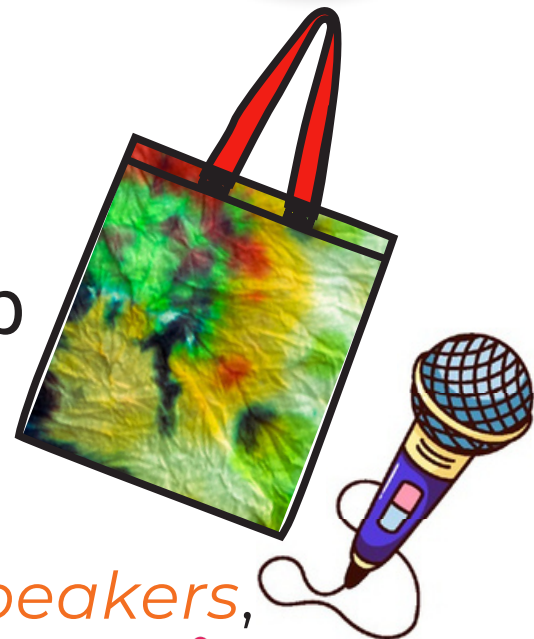
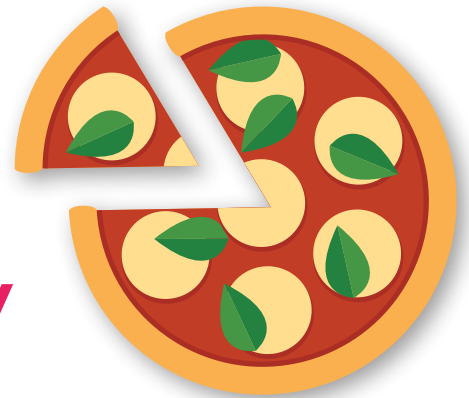
DO FUN ACTIVITIES AND HAVE FREE
pizzas.

Free to attend the event, but you

must book on via this form [RBWM/AfC](https://rbwm.afc.org.uk/Inclusion-Activity-Day-2025)
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for more information.



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