



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

KS1 children have started their PE lessons this week. Year 2 have had a session with Mr Baker, using skills learnt in Year 1 and Year 1 had their first gymnastics lesson and they are continuing their learning from Reception using the balance bikes on a Wednesday. If your child in Year 1 has a cycle helmet, could you please send it in on a Wednesday for them to use.



Little Alwyn - Reception Children

The children have all settled into Little Alwyn and they have enjoyed using our amazing outdoor space. They are becoming confident using all the areas in Little Alwyn as they make new friends and also spend time with the ones made in Nursery.



LOST JUMPERS - Name everything

Some jumpers have already been mislaid. Everything your child wears or brings to school MUST be clearly named. Please do not put initials as one child can often have the same as another child. This includes lunch boxes, water bottles, coats and shoes.

Punctuality

A reminder of our starting times. Reception children start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. KS1 children start at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm. 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](#).

Information and Reminders

Clubs

Our clubs got off to a good start this week. The children have all been joining in enthusiastically and learning new skills. The club leaders will only send children home with an authorised adult. If your child usually goes home with Wise Owls, they tend to be collected first from a different door. If your usual arrangements change, could you please make sure the club leaders are told beforehand. If they are usually collected by Wise Owls and this changes, please remember to inform Wise Owls.

Bikes and scooters in the playground

Please do not let your child ride a bike or scooter in the playground at the start and the end of the day.



My First Class Photo

In a couple of weeks the Maidenhead Advertiser will come into school to take class photos of our new reception children. They will be published in their 'My First Class' feature online and in the paper. If you did not consent to this or the school photographer on our green registration form, you will be asked to complete a google form next week.

Medicines in School

If your child suffers from Asthma, no matter how mild or severe, we must have a blue inhaler, in school, in case they need it. Please make sure you keep a note of the expiry date. If your child has an allergy, please make sure you tell us about it and if he/she has antihistamine and/or has been prescribed an auto-injector, make sure you bring it to school and complete the form we will give you. It is also extremely important that

you inform us if your child has any food allergies, intolerances, or special dietary requirements.

Any medicines/creams must be handed into the school office. They should not be left in the children's book bags.



School Absence

If your child is too unwell to come to school please let us know on the first morning of absence by phoning and leaving a message on the absence line or emailing the school office.

If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Please try to make any medical or dental appointments out of school time so that your child does not miss any lesson time. If it is unavoidable to have an appointment during the day, please bring in the letter so that we can copy it for our records.

If you are planning a family holiday, please make sure that it is during the school holiday time. It is the the RBWM policy that leave taken during term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances that must be agreed with Miss Grierson (Acting Executive Head Teacher), or Mrs Harris (Acting Head of School).

We must now notify the RBWM of families taking holiday during term time.

Road safety and Courtesy

Parking at drop off and collection times has always been problematic. Please do not park across driveways, or on the pavement. Also the disabled parking bays, are for parents/or children who have a disability, and even if empty, should not be used. Finally cars should not park in, or block the staff carpark next to the playground. as this is a fire escape route.

Ideas for Learning Chats

What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Lewis?

We are really pleased with how the children are settling into reception. They are beginning to learn the new routines and become familiar with their classroom and their adults. Lunches are going well and it is good to see the children beginning to socialise with their new friends.

Ask me about my favourite activity at school this week.

Ask me who I've made friends with.

Ask me to sing a song I've sung.

Ask me what I've liked to eat for lunch.

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Kyle

This week in Year One the children have continued to explore their new classrooms and routines. They have enjoyed learning about toys from the past in history and the materials that they are made from. In art the children had a wonderful time painting their own faces to stick on their class bus. What a great week we've had!



Ask me to find something in my home made from- glass, plastic, wood, metal.

Ask me to count forward in 2s.

Ask me to tell you how the bus felt when it fell in the pond.

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

It's been a busy second week of term in Year 2. We've been using lots of adjectives in English to describe nouns and we've been using time words to make our sentences sequence well. We're very excited about starting our history topic of The Great Fire of London and thought of what we'd like to find out about it. We've also started our class reading book - George's Marvellous Medicines, it's been brilliant so far, and we can't wait to find out what happens to Grandma when she finally takes some of the medicine!!!

Ask me what an adjective is.

Ask me to tell you some time words.

Ask me how many tens are in 23.

Ask me to show you the greater than and less than symbols.

Ask me who the characters are in George's Marvellous Medicines.

Ask me some ingredients George puts in his marvellous medicine.

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 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!

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

26th September
My First Class Photograph
(Maidenhead Advertiser
Reception)

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
School Photographer

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

20th October
End of Term

Half term break
23rd to 27th October

INSET DAY 30th October

Alwyn and Courthouse PTA

Clothes Collection Tuesday 26 September

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

Drop off to wooden gazebo (Courthouse playground nearest to Alwyn)

Preloved uniform, fancy dress or Christmas jumpers; please bag them up separately and hand them to a PTA-er.

What we CAN collect.

Please bag up uniform separately as we keep this for our preloved store. We will also be collecting Christmas jumpers.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for re-use*:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing / Paired shoes (tied together or elastic banded / Handbags / Hats / Bags / Scarves and ties / Jewellery / Lingerie / Socks / Belts / Soft toys / Household linen / Household curtains / Household towels / Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

What we CANNOT collect

Duvets and blankets / Pillows and cushions / Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) / Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing / Corporate clothing and workwear / Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

What happens to the clothes?

The clothing will make journeys all over the world starting their new life! This can be a purpose built second hand store in Eastern Europe or South America, or a market stall in East or West Africa, providing valuable employment for importers, warehouse staff, transport companies and stall holders as well as affordable clothes for local people.

PTA New Parents Coffee Morning

A **big thank you** to our wonderful PTA for organising the coffee morning today for our new families in reception. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and chatting to each other.



The PTA need help!

If you would like to get involved with helping to organise social events and you can spare a few hours a term. Please contact the PTA www.alwyncourthousepta.com

Information



Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

Information, Advice and Support Service
for children, young people and parents

Parent's Share Programme of Events 2023-2024

Date & Time	Event	Venue & Booking Details
Thursday 14 th September 0930-1130	Drop in coffee morning w/ guest Shameem Hejazi – Benefits adviser	Friend's House, Maidenhead Drop in session
Thursday 12 th October 0930-1130	EHC NA Explained with IAS	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 16 th November 0930-1130	SEN Support & Inclusion Quality Mark with Kelly Nash and IAS team	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 14 th December 0930-1130	Christmas coffee morning – drop in with IAS team	Friend's House Maidenhead Drop in session
Thursday 18 th January 0930-1130	Wellbeing Session with Lana from Kooth and MHT team	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 22 nd February	Preparing for Adulthood team with IAS	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 14 th March 0930-1130	Drop in Coffee morning with IAS team	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 18 th April 0930-1130	TBC	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 16 th May 093-1130	TBC	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday June 13 th 0930-1130	TBC	Friend's House, Maidenhead
Thursday 18 th July 0930-1130	Summer Drop in Coffee morning	Friend's House Maidenhead



Flyerz Hockey

• Marlow Hockey Club is continuing our successful Flyerz Hockey sessions for players with cognitive or physical disability. Sessions will be on **Sundays** at our Marlow Hockey Club pitch, Pound Lane, SL7 2AE
The first session will be on Sunday 10th Sept. We can provide sticks.

- All sessions are 4-5pm
- Sign up via the club website (no fee required) and request to be a member of Flyerz Hockey
- <https://www.marlowhc.co.uk> any further enquiries please contact Kate – kateporter1@gmail.com

- We are being supported by Falcon Flyerz please check out their website
- <https://www.falconflyerz.com>

- Information also available via England Hockey website
- <https://www.englishockey.co.uk/play/flyerz>

Please contact Kate if you would like to chat through your players needs before starting.