



Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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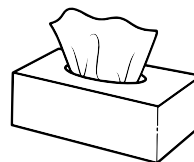
Welcome back to Term 2. We are pleased that the children have all settled back into school well. This term is always busy as we head towards the Festive Season! Please be sure to check our Key Dates on the next page and update your diaries! There is always a lot to remember and organise, in the month of December!

Diabetes Awareness Day is 14th November. As this is a condition that affects a few of our families we feel it is important to use this time to raise awareness of this life affecting condition. Children can wear something blue with their school uniform, or if doing PE, their PE Kits. Grown ups are welcome to join in too!



We will also be focusing on anti-bullying during the week of 13th November by wearing odd socks on the Monday. During the week children will be taking part in lots of activities around the theme of kindness, as well as learning about bullying.

Year 1 and Year 2. As we head into the winter season, we would be grateful if you could donate a box of tissues to your class. Thank you to all the families in reception that have already donated!



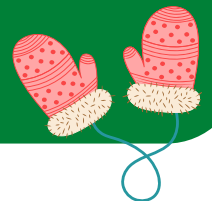
The Alwyn Aims

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



Please can we remind everyone that all children should be coming into school with a coat at this time of the year and of course everything should be named! If your child is bringing in gloves please could we recommend mittens until your child is able to put on their own gloves!



Please park and drive considerately. Remember to drive slowly around our unofficial one way system and always be aware that there will be small children walking, scooting, or running along the pavements and crossing the road. When parking, make sure you are not blocking our neighbours driveways or the roadway as this causes further disruption and upset. Finally, only use the disabled bays if you are eligible to do so and remember that not all disabilities are obvious.



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

Ideas for Learning Chats

What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Evans

This week we had a lovely time doing PE with Mr Baker. We played some great games linked to the theme of under the sea and learnt different ways of moving. In phonics we learnt 'i' and 'n' this week. Reception have been thinking about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 - recognising the numerals and amounts without having to count.

Ask me to tell you a word that starts with 'm'

Ask me to tell you what these words are from the sounds - d-i-p, d-e-n, s-a-d, d-a-d, m-a-d

Ask me to tell you what makes me special

Ask me to tell you why we give presents

Clap 2 times and ask me to clap one more than you

Next week we will be continuing with our phonics - learning the sounds m and d. We are continuing to explore the numbers 1,2,3 and looking at one more and one less.

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Kyle

We have really enjoyed having the children back in school and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead! This week, we enjoyed going on an Autumn walk in the school grounds and looking for signs of Autumn. We have begun practising logging onto a computer and how to shut down properly. We look forward to practising this more next week. We enjoyed discussing the different things we can see on our way to school.

Ask me to tell you three things I see on my way to school.

Ask me to tell you 3 things that happen in autumn.

Ask me to read the words: cork, burn, clown, short, brown, hurt.

Ask me to tell you the answers to: 3+5, 2+7, 1+9, 6+3, 3+2.

Ask me to tell you 3 animals I might see at a zoo.

Ask me to tell you 3 animals a person could have as a pet.

Ask me what a noun is.

Next week we'll be learning about Diwali and Remembrance Day.

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs MacCleod

Year 2 have settled well back into the new term and have remembered their classroom routines, well done. The children have enjoyed starting our new Geography topic of the United Kingdom and have remembered a lot of their previous learning from Year 1. Each class has also been reading the book The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey, it's very funny and we've been enjoying it very much.

Ask me what a verb is

Ask me what endings a verb like jump has.

Ask me these questions-

34+20

34-20

55+30

55-20

Ask me to name the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom

Next week we will be looking at instructional texts and writing our own set of instructions.



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!

13th - 17th November
Anti-bullying week
Wear Odd Socks on Monday

14th November
World Diabetes Day
Wear Something Blue

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

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

Year 1 9.30am
11th / 12th / 13th Dec 9.30am
December
Classes to be confirmed

Year 2
13th Dec 2.30pm

PTA Christmas concert after school
14th December

Last day of term
15th December

Alwyn and Courthouse PTA

Project Green Space - clear up. Saturday 11 November from 10am. Come and help clear the space behind the swimming pool to start the planning and transformation into a space for the children to enjoy. No small children. Come prepared!





Thursday 16 November

Doors opens 7.15pm. AGM starts at 7.30pm

Quiz starts at 8pm

Venue: Courthouse School Hall

Tickets £3 each

Join us for our annual quiz with our quizmaster Mrs Ridley. Bring your knowledge of music, tv, art and everything else in between for a fun quiz to test the braincells.

Form a team (max 6 people) or join a team on the night with the aim of becoming our Alwyn & Courthouse Quiz Champions 23/24 and win a prize too.

We will kick off the evening with our AGM where we share an update on how we did last year in terms of fundraising, spending plans and vote for the committee for the coming school year. (more information about voting to follow separately).

The quiz will start at 8pm so if you don't fancy the AGM you can join us just for the quiz.

CAN YOU HELP?

The PTA need your support. 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 on all our events, visit www.alwyncourthousepta.com

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

All the Christmas favourites are back this year. Along with our Christmas Fair we will be hitting the streets once more with Doorstep Santa, we will be running Elfridges our secret santa shop for children only (lunchtimes for Courthouse and after school for alwyn).

We massively appreciate your support so please sign up; an hour on the cafe really does make a difference.

SIGN UP TO HELP
<https://signup.com/go/UanYoQu>

A row of four small icons: a Santa Claus, a Christmas baffle, a Christmas tree with an auction sign, and a person in a red hat (Elfridges).

THE GARDEN PROJECT



Do you like a bit of landscaping? Do you have green fingers?

There is a large space next to the playground that has the potential to be much more. The plan is to return this area to the children of both Alwyn and Courthouse, creating an area children can learn in, a sensory garden perhaps, an area for children to get away from the bustle of the playground. First step is to clear it and draft a plan. If you would like to get involved in the project, be it planning or getting your hands dirty

Please read the Autumn 23 PTA newsletter .

http://bit.ly/ptanewsletter_autumn23



Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

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

Community Information

Free informal information sessions

SEN Support & Inclusion Quality Mark

Thursday 16th November 0930-1130

@ Friend's House Maidenhead

If you would like to find out more about SEN support, what support you can expect school to provide, how it works, or what the Inclusion Quality Marks is and how it is awarded to schools - come along and find out. This is an informal session with Kelly Nash, Area SENCo and the IAS Team.

IAS Surgery

6th December 2023 0930-1130

@ Community Hall, Ascot Durning Library, High Street, Ascot SL5 7JF

An opportunity to book a 15minute 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

ALEXANDER DEVINE'S POP-UP SHOP
Maidenhead's only toy shop!

Find us in the old CEX shop, opposite One Below in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Thursday 9th November and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for six weeks, finishing on Saturday 16th December.

Opening hours: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Come in and browse our range of new and 'pre-loved' toys, puzzles, games and books at unbeatable prices!

Alexander Devine
Children's Hospice Service

100% of proceeds will go towards supporting local children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families.

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WWW.ALEXANDERDEVINE.ORG/CHRISTMAS

PBS Cooperative
Positive Behaviour Support for Families

Each family will be offered a 1:1 session after the 6 weeks

- Week 1 - Introduction**
Introducing the PBS model & the opportunity to meet the trainer and group
- Week 2 - Carer well-being**
Managing your mind-set & well-being. This has a lot to do with progress moving forward
- Week 3 - Low arousal approaches**
Creating less stressful environments for yourself and your family
- Week 4 - Increasing positive interactions**
This session looks at strategies for protecting and building relationships
- Week 5 - Structure and Predictability**
How to promote structure and support predictability to reduce anxiety and stress
- Week 6 - Reactive Strategies**
Change doesn't happen overnight. This session makes sure you have a clear plan if something goes wrong

For further details of how to book onto this course email: tim@pbscooperative.org.uk

PBS Cooperative

SEND parent and carer engagement workshop

Tuesday 14 November 2023
12pm to 1.30pm

Windsor Youth and Community Centre,
65 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD

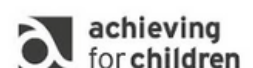


SEND Voices RBWM and Achieving for Children Education Team invite you to their next termly engagement workshop.

This is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A chance for us all to meet and discuss education services and support for our children in RBWM.

Register for the workshop on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Free Workshop on behaviour





The times for the group above is
4:30pm - 5:25pm:
Year 1 / 2 / 3 Is only £3.00 Per session.



Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)
Information, Advice and Support Service
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Hello!

We hope you are well and keeping warm now the weather has turned.

We are excited to be launching our **IAS Surgery** next month. An opportunity for you to book a 15minute slot with an adviser face to face to discuss anything you need to regarding SEND. You can find details below. Please note we do not need to be working with you for you to book an appointment so please do share this with friends and family who may find it helpful.

If we have worked with you this academic year, or in the summer term this year we really need your feedback - it takes no more than a few minutes but really helps us improve our service. The survey is anonymous but helps us get a better understanding of how our service is impacting families. You can find the form here: <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/ias-evaluation>

With best wishes,
Jean, Chris Donna & Millie



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



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

We offer:

- Individual & Group Lessons in schools and in our music centres in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Windsor and Wokingham
- Ensembles and Choirs for all ages - a chance to play or sing with others. (You do not need to be having lessons with us to join!)
- Early Years Music Classes for ages 0-7 years old in community venues and our music centres
- Singing Cafes for the community and people with Parkinson's or Dementia and so much more!

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TASTER
SESSIONS
AVAILABLE**

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