



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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ACTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC

Get your smiles ready

We are on our way to photograph your schools photos on

Wednesday
18th October 2023

To help us take the best photos possible, please make sure everyone has the correct uniform, and hair is how you want it.



Your child will come home with an order form which has a choice of 3 different images linked on their gallery.

All orders are delivered directly to your door.

www.activephotographic.co.uk

On Wednesday 18th October the school photographer will come to Alwyn. They will be taking individual photographs of the children, whose parents have consented and will also take a photograph of any siblings at Alwyn.

Parking

We continue to get complaints from both residents and parents. Please respect our neighbours and park considerately

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 Toy Museum

Parents/carers are invited to a toy museum where children can show you what they have been learning about in history this term. You will be also be able to see the children's robots that they have designed and junk modelled! On your class day please come at 3pm.

Beech Monday 16th Oct
Hazel Wednesday 18th Oct
Maple Thursday 19th Oct

Year 1 Balance Bikes

Please can Year 1 children bring in cycle helmets on Tuesday NOT Wednesday next week for their last session on the balance bikes!



Maths Workshop for KS1

Thank you to Mrs Alston who presented to KS1 parents on how children learn maths. This was a very informative session. If you were unable to attend the Powerpoint has been posted on the website.

Year 2 Harvest Festival

Year 2 are performing their Harvest Assembly on Friday 20th October at 2.15pm. They will be singing, performing poems and speaking. Our Year 2 parents are invited to come along and watch them. Due to space constraints we are asking that each family have a maximum of two audience members.

We are looking forward to watching and supporting them as they are practising regularly and are excited to perform what they have learnt!

Consultative Evenings

It was good to welcome families at the consultative evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. It is good to hear about how your child has settled into their new year group and to learn what they have been doing. We hope you found the feedback useful!



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

Ideas for Learning Chats



What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Lewis?

In reception we were very excited to start our Floppy Phonics programme. We have learnt the sound s and a and were excited to get our phonics sheets. Please remember to revise their learning regularly at home. In maths we have been comparing size, weight and capacity using language such as heavier, lighter, bigger, smaller, full and empty. We have particularly enjoyed filling big and small boxes with various items such as dinosaurs!

Ask me to tell you a word that has 's' in it.

Ask me to tell you what I know about Jesus.

Ask me who can help me if I feel sad.

Ask me to choose two toys and tell you which is heavier and which is lighter.

Ask me to help with some baking so we can do some weighing together.

Next week we will be learning the letter sounds 't' and 'p' and will be learning to blend words together such as sat, tap, pat etc. We will also be experimenting with simple repeating patterns such as red, blue, red, blue and up, down, up, down etc.

What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Novelle

We have had lots of fun watching a toy frozen in ice melt over the day and we also each held an ice block and observed it closely as it melted. We talked about how to make ice melt quicker and came up with super ideas, such as hairdryers, boiling water and putting ice out in the sun. This week we have thoroughly enjoyed making our robots in DT. We have thought about how to join parts together and we can't wait to show you these next week at our Y1 toy museum!

Ask me what the + sign means (to put together).

Ask me what the = sign means (equals/the same as).

Ask me to complete the number story:

First there were 6 sheep in a field. Then 3 more joined. Now there are ____ sheep.

Ask me, " what is a verb and then to tell you 3 verbs.?"

Ask me to read you the words: argue, continue, true, blue, future, failure, cure

Ask me to tell you what happens when water gets really cold (it freezes/ turns to ice).

Ask me to tell you what happens to the snow when it disappears (it melts/ turns back to water).

Next week we will be doing 2 investigations in science! We will be thinking about whether an object will float or sink and whether different materials absorb water. Our second investigation is, 'which material is best for curtains?' Get your child to look at their curtains/blinds. What material is it made from? Does it block out light? Why do you think it's a good material to cover a window?

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs Adamcik

In Year 2 this week we have been practising extremely hard for our forthcoming Harvest celebration on Friday 20th October at 2.15pm, don't forget to come and see us! Our science has been very exciting as we have been finding out about amphibians,. After half term, we'll be exploring the school pond habitat for signs of life. In English we have been retelling the story of the Great Fire of London and have been using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases wonderfully.

Ask me what a conjunction is

Ask me to use ' but ' in a sentence

Ask me to sequence the Great Fire of London

Ask me to write the facts families for this set of numbers- 5 2 7

Next week we will be changing the Vlad and the Great Fire of London story using our own setting and characters.

KEY DATES!

Flu Vaccinations
16th October

School Photographer
18th October

Year 2 Harvest Assembly
20th October, 2.15pm

End of term 1; usual finish
time
20th October, 2.15pm

Half term break
23rd to 27th October

INSET DAY
30th October

First day of term 2
31st October

13th November
Anti-bullying week
wear odd socks

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

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

Year 2
13th Dec 2.30pm

PTA Christmas concert after
school
14th December

Last day of term
15th December

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!

Alwyn and Courthouse PTA



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



PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

Courthouse School Hall. Time to be confirmed so keep an eye out for an update via email or Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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 Elftridges 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.

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

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



Please read the Autumn 23 PTA newsletter .

http://bit.ly/ptanewsletter_autumn23

Community Information



Now from: Year 1 LEISURE FOCUS

JUNIOR NETBALL
School Years 2 - 13
Mondays: 4:30 - 5:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)
5:30 - 6:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)
6:30 - 7:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)
7:25 - 8:30 PM - Outdoor (Courts)
Furze Platt Leisure Centre
£4.50 per session / or pay upfront termly at reception
*see reception for term prices
Contact us for more info and to book on
Phone - 03428 965754 or Email - kate@leisurefocus.org.uk
leisurefocus.org.uk

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



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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:
Gems4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

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



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN SWAP SHOP

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

Donate clean, gently used children's costumes to Maidenhead Library throughout October up until Friday 20th of October.

DON'T NEED A COSTUME?
You're welcome to donate with no obligation to exchange.

DON'T HAVE A COSTUME TO SWAP?
No problem!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Everyone is welcome to find their 'new-to-you' costume from 3-5 pm on Friday 20 October.

The costumes will still be available in the library until Friday 27 October.

All unclaimed costumes will be donated



BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST

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ALL ACROSS 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!

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE

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

Community Information



**Special Educational
Needs & Disability (SEND)**

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

How IAS can help your parents and carers

Accessing our service

At Information Advice and Support (IAS) we offer free information, advice and support on all sorts of matters relating to special educational needs and disability (SEND), including education, health and social care. All our advisers are independently trained to provide your parents and carers with accurate information about the law relating to SEND.

A child or young person does NOT need a formal diagnosis to access our support, in fact this is very often the case.

By providing the right advice and support, we will help your parents and carers to feel confident to contribute fully to assessments, planning and decisions affecting your child or young person's education, health and social care.

We can provide support for children and young people 25 years old and under, giving information and practical help to make sure their views are heard and included.

We aim to provide you with help that is right for you. This can include:

- Listening to your views and concerns
- Giving young people a voice
- Helping you feel more confident to express your views
- Explaining the law and your options, rights and responsibilities
- Helping with forms, letters and reports
- Helping prepare for meetings and/or attending meetings with you
- Answering your questions about Special Educational Needs and Educational Health Care (EHC) Plans
- Supporting you through Needs Assessment or Review
- Supporting you to resolve disagreements
- Signposting you to other networks or services that may be of help

Our service is accessible to everyone who needs it and lives in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and we will respond as flexibly as we can to cater to individual circumstances and needs.

To refer to our service please ask your parents and carers to fill in and return the registration form which can be found on our website - here: <https://www.ias-rbwm.info/contact-us>

Free events and talks for your parents and carers.

The IAS service offers a range of coffee morning and talks about topics such as Educational Healthcare Needs Assessments, SEN Support, Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA), Alternative Provision, Wellbeing and Preparing for Adulthood. These are free to attend - you can find the full schedule and booking links here <https://www.ias-rbwm.info/events>

Thursday 12th October

EHC NA Explained with IAS

0930-1130
@ Friend's House , 14 West Street,
Maidenhead SL6 1RL

[Book free place here](#)

Wednesday 22nd November

Emotionally Related School Avoidance with the Education Psychology service

0930-1130
Friend's House Maidenhead

[Book your free place here](#)

Date TBC

IAS Surgery

**book a 15min slot with an IAS
Adviser, and drop in for a coffee
and a chat**

TBC Early November 2023
0930-1130

Woodys Café, Clewer Memorial Recreation
Ground, Windsor SL4 5AY

Book slot here: TBC

Thursday 14th December

**A parental guide to Alternative
Provision (10am) and coffee
morning**

0930-1130
Friend's House Maidenhead
[Book your free place here](#)

Thursday 16th November

**SEN Support & Inclusion Quality
Mark with Kelly Nash and IAS
team**

Thursday 16th November
0930-1130
Friend's House Maidenhead

[Book your free place here](#)

Thursday 18th January

**Wellbeing Session with Lana
from Kooth and MHT team - how
to support your child/young
person**

0930-1130
Friend's House, Maidenhead
[Book your free place here](#)