



# Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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### What have we been learning?

The children have been watching the chicks grow, looking at how they move and what they eat. They have also thought about the importance of the heat lamp and how we can keep them safe and healthy. We have enjoyed watching their fluffy down being replaced by feathers, particularly on their wings.

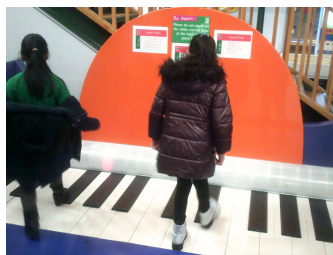
Most of the children have touched and held a chick. It was a brilliant experience.

We did say goodbye to them this week, however I am so pleased to let you know that they have been rehomed on a farm.



### Year 2 Lookout Trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on a trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We started in the centre discovering the amazing science exhibitions which included light and sound, the human body and space. Next was the water area and building area. We designed our own houses then built them with real bricks! After lunch we went for an energetic walk around the pine forest and ended our fantastic day by playing in the adventure playground.



### World Book Day

Well done to all our families who created some brilliant character costumes based on a book. It was lovely to see so many children who brought their book into school to talk about it with their class mates. Look out for photos in the Maidenhead Advertiser. Remember to keep going with our '30 Day Book Challenge' for this month!

### 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

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 or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead  
The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.



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



We are incredibly lucky to have a brilliant PTA who run some super events for our community and raise money for the schools. In Alwyn, the PTA events fund the rabbits as an ongoing cost and have also provided us with some wonderful playground posters to support the curriculum, as well as our reading shed which is well used at playtimes.



We are currently raising money to improve our playground environment with toys and activities as well as work with design companies to create a brand new library for our children. It is very exciting!

You are automatically part of the PTA as an Alwyn parent/carer. You can support the events by buying tickets, attending events or you could help with the organising and setting up. Further information can be found [on the website](#).



Don't forget to clear those book shelves and sign up for our Book Blitz this weekend. It's simple to take part. Let us know where you live so we can add you to our map (we only list address, no other details), Pop your preloved books in a box outside your house on Saturday and Sunday.

If you want to find out where the boxes are, check out our map which will be updated on Friday night ready for the weekend.



### Easter Egg Raffle - Draw Wednesday 27 March.

Tickets are now on sale for our Easter egg raffle where at least one child in every class will win a chocolate egg. There is also a BIG egg/hampers for a child in each school to win. Prizes will be given out on the last day of term. 20p per ticket (£1 minimum spend) <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/easter>

### PTA Class Reps.

We are looking for a rep for each class to be the PTA connection to classes and support us getting messages to class groups and getting volunteers. Don't worry you wouldn't be expected to be officially on the PTA and come to all our meetings (unless you want to of course) but you would be a hugely appreciated member of the team. It won't take up much of your time; we need one person per class; sign up here



### 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>



# Ideas for Learning Chats

## What have Reception been learning?

We had great fun dressing up as book characters and working out who our teachers were dressed up as. We've really enjoyed watching the chicks grow and were thrilled to be able to hold one.

Ask me to sound out the words 'chick' and 'shop'.

Ask me to tell you about the chicks we have at school.

Ask me to tell you how I can look after my friends.

Ask me to find you 9 socks and tell you if 9 is an odd or an even number.

Next week we will be learning 'th' and 'ng' in phonics and thinking further about 9 and 10 in Maths.

## What have Year 1 been learning this week, Mrs Kyle?

This week we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. We really enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters and doing a fun drama activity. We continued to visit our special visitors this week, the chicks! We have been watching them grow and learning all about their life cycle. We have explored ways in which we can look after our planet and care for the environment around us and continued to explore Maidenhead as a settlement in our geography lessons. What a great week we've had!

Ask me to tell you about the character that I described in English.

Ask me which number is greater than 47, but less than 49.

Ask me to find two items around the home and tell you which is longer and which is shorter.

If I have a ruler or measuring tape at home, ask me to measure some household items.

Ask me how I can help to look after our planet?

Ask me to read these words: funny, equals, trolley, field, reach, swede

Next week we are going to be learning about capacity and weight.

## What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have had an exciting and tiring week with a trip and World Book Day! In maths we have been learning about mass and how to measure it. We learnt that you can measure in grams and kilograms and have used balance scales.

In Science we have been naming the parts of a plant and found out that trees are also plants but they are just bigger and have different parts.

Ask me to name the parts of a plant

Ask me to name some trees

Ask me to tell you which is heavier- a gram or a kilogram

Ask me how we measure mass

Ask me to name the 5 oceans of the world

Ask me to name the ocean that is between Europe and North America

Next week we will be learning about what plants need to survive.

## KEY DATES!

9th-10th March PTA Book Blitz

10th March Ramadan Starts

12th & 14th March

Parents'/Carers' consultations

15th March

Red Nose Day- non uniform for £1  
20p entry into joke competition

17th March St. Patrick's Day

18th-22nd March

Grown ups in School, 2pm-  
3.15pm, sign up at classroom  
doors

26th March

Yr 1 trip to Odds Farm

28th March

Last day of Term

29th March-12th April

School closed for Easter holidays

29th March Good Friday- Bank  
Holiday

31st March Easter Sunday

1st April Easter Monday -Bank  
Holiday

15th April - INSET day

16th April - Children return to  
school

## Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2. In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special sticker.

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!**

# Community Pages



**7 DAYS OF FOCUS WOMEN & GIRLS WEEK**

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP  
Leisure Focus and Maidenhead United FC Community Trust

Book your free session by scanning the QR code

LEISURE FOCUS COMMUNITY TRUST

To celebrate Women & Girls Week next week, Leisure Focus & Maidenhead Utd Community Trust are opening their doors to provide 7 DAYS OF FOCUS: Women & Girls Week (2nd March - 8th March) - a variety of FREE sporting and physical activity sessions aimed at women & girls.

The aim of the week is to encourage women and girls to take part in physical activity on a weekly basis, giving local residents the opportunity to try something new. There are activities for girls and women aged 4 - 40+

[Click here](#) or [here](#) for the brochure for more information.

**JOIN US AT YORK ROAD DURING WOMEN & GIRLS WEEK!**



Maidenhead United Women host Southampton FC Women at York Road.

**Sunday 3rd March 2024**  
2pm kick-off

**£5 adults, £2 concessions, £1 match programme**  
**CASH ONLY ON THE DAY**  
**Maidenhead United Gold Members go FREE**

Simply turn up, pay at the gate, and get behind your Magpies!

Those who have entered our World Book Day competition go FREE with a paying adult

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## FREE SEND INFORMATION SESSIONS

with the Information, Advice & Support (IAS) Service

### Preparing for adulthood with the PFA team

22nd February 9.30-11.30am

If your child or young person has an EHCP, what is the process for preparing for adulthood, what can you expect, what is the timeline, what is parental responsibility? what is LA responsibility, when do plans cease?

### Reflections on Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA) with Educational Psychology service

29th february 9.30-11.30am

A session with the ERSA Educational Psychologists as an informal session to talk about ERSA and an opportunity to ask questions.

### Drop in Coffee morning - Farewell to Christine Doyle, IAS Adviser who is retiring

14th March 9.30-11.30am

IAS Adviser Christine Doyle is retiring. Please come along to celebrate Christines' extensive career within the SEND sector and have a cup of tea with us and other parents. No need to book - just turn up.

### CAMHS Learning Disability Team

18th April 9.30-11.30am

Come and learn about the CAMHS Learning Disability team, what do they do? How can they help? What services can they offer?

**Book your free place via :**  
**[www.ias-rbwm.info/events](http://www.ias-rbwm.info/events)**

All sessions take place at Friends House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL



## Virtual Coffee Morning - Autism and the family

**Friday 1st March 10am to 11.15am**

**25 spaces available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Balancing needs of siblings, parents and the autistic child
- Routines and rituals affecting others at home
- Advocating for your child and managing other family members

Celebrate your success with other parents/carers, share your experience and gain support during our coffee morning

**Sign Up Today!**

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

**To book your place contact GEMS:**

[Gems.4Health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4Health@nhs.net) 0800 999 1342



## Bear cubs

**Agnes 5 to 10**

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

- January 5th** - Design your own superhero - Online
- January 19th** - Bingo - Bracknell - St Margaret Citherow RC Primary School
- February 2nd** - Crafting - Slough
- February 16th** - Big on Bouncing - Slough
- March 1st** - Sports Day - Maidenhead - Woodlands Park Primary School
- March 15th** - Easter Biscuit Decorating - Heathfield School - Ascot

\*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration: 0800 999 1342  
Criteria: Children with or without ADHD and/or autism aged 5-10 in East Berkshire

For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit [www.Gems4Health.co.uk](http://www.Gems4Health.co.uk)

As a parent/carer you may feel that your child would benefit by joining a social session.

Sessions encourage Participation, Confidence and Fun!

**For more information, please contact the GEMS team on: [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net) or 0800 999 1342. You can also [click here to book a place](#).**

**Please note that bookings will close when sessions are fully booked / day before a session**

Fun activities providing an opportunity to make friends in an understanding environment and a chance to develop social skills and self esteem. We provide a mixture of online sessions and sessions held in the local community

Activities are held on 1st & 3rd Friday of every month.

Please note for the Big on Bouncing Event on Friday 16th February there is a small charge.