



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

It has been a shorter but very busy spring term. The weather has been interesting which has supported the children's learning. There have had trips, visitors and lots of enhanced curriculum experiences that have supported the children and added to their love of learning. Thank you for supporting us!

Trip to Odds Farm

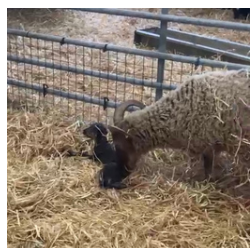
Our Year 1 children had a brilliant trip to Odds Farm on Tuesday. They were incredibly lucky with the weather as it was warm, dry and sunny. Many of the groups of children were able to see lambs and goats (kids) being born as well as lots of pregnant animals.

The children were as excited as the hungry goats in the feeding barn and loved seeing a rabbit that looked just like our own Oreo.

They returned to school beaming, full of chat about their day but also very tired.

A huge thank you to all the grown ups who helped as we couldn't have gone on the trip without your support.

As often happens on Alwyn trips, we were also touched by members of the public and the Odds Farm team who commented on how well behaved and respectful our children were during their visit. Well done, Year 1!



Staff News

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Kyle is expecting a baby girl. She is due in August so will be with her class until the end of the year. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Kyle!



Reminder of the clocks changing

Daylight Savings will start at 1am on Sunday, March 31st.

Then clocks 'spring forward' by one hour as we welcome the sunnier days of Spring and Summer.

Have a fabulous break and we are all looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 16th 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

There is a new Spring/Summer menu on our website and Parent Pay will be updated by our catering company over the Easter holidays.

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.

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!

A quick update on the library ... we have arranged for a library designer to visit after the Easter holidays to help us plan the new library and make the most of the space.

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](#).



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 home time.

Future Events in the Summer Term

Keep an eye out for the amazing events that are being planned for the summer term. As a little teaser we are having ...

- Quiz and Chips, the Summer Festival, Dads vs Dads Football, Colour Run and a coin challenge/colouring competition.

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?

It's been another lively week in Reception, learning 'wh' in phonics and looking at the features of 3D shapes. We have enjoyed exploring lots of fun Easter crafts and even had a go at curling in PE with Mr Baker!

- Ask me to sound out the word 'whip'
- Ask me to tell you what makes a shape 3D
- Ask me to tell you what Christians think is the miracle of Easter
- Ask me to tell you why we need money

After the holidays we will be learning 'tch' and 'nk' in phonics and thinking about numbers beyond 10 in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

Year 1 have been learning about seasonal changes in Spring and have been tracking the weather this week. Look out for the Science holiday homework to track the weather for a week of the holidays so we can talk further about the changes in Spring when we return after the Easter Holiday. We were also really lucky to have the opportunity to see lots of lovely spring animals on our visit to Odds Farm this week. We followed up our visit by writing a recount. In Maths we spent a lot of time talking about counting and discussing how counting forward in 1s means adding 1 each time, counting in 2s means adding 2 each time. We look forward to continuing to practise our counting next term!

- Ask me to tell you what the three parts of the sentences are that we wrote this week.
- Ask me to count backwards from any number up to 100 in ones.
- Ask me to count forwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Ask me what the weather was like on our visit to Odds Farm.
- Ask me what first aid means.

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have had lots of fun creating posters to compare the continents of Europe and Antarctica. They researched many facts relating to climate, landmarks and population.

We've also been investigating equivalent fractions in maths and found out that a half is the same as two quarters!

In RE ,we enjoyed looking at the symbols of Easter and recalled facts from Reverend David's talk last week.

- Ask me a fact about Antarctica
- Ask me a fact about Europe
- Ask me what the symbols of Easter are
- Ask me to tell you the Easter story

- Ask me to tell you what a unit and non unit fraction are
- Ask me to tell you what the numerator and denominator are in a fraction

After the Easter holidays we will be learning about Florence Nightingale.

KEY DATES!

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

23rd April
St George's Day

29th April
KS1 IT Workshops with 3

1st May
PTA Quiz and Chips

6th May
Bank Holiday- school closed

9th May
Year 1 trip to Bekonscot

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

Maidenhead Library Community Garden

Enjoy community gardening at Maidenhead Library! We are transforming an external area into a garden space for all to enjoy and learn in. The aim is for it to be a grassroots effort. It will upcycle collected materials donated by the community. Please help us grow this garden. If you or friends have extra seeds or plants, clean compost, plant pots/trays you no longer use, or want to volunteer in the garden, please email us at maidenhead.library@rbwm.gov.uk

Rhymetime at Maidenhead Library

Every Thursday 11.30am - midday.

Storytimes

No need to book just turn up and join in the fun.

- Cox Green Library - Saturday 23 March, 11.30am. Join local author Rhian Lynette for a special story time with her new book 'Goose & Bear.'

Weekly:

- Maidenhead Library: Tuesdays 10.30am - 11am.

Weekly (term time only):

- Boyn Grove Library: Fridays 4pm - 4.30pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Cox Green Library: Every Thursday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Dedworth Library: Every Tuesday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.



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Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Bear cubs

Ages 5 to 10

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

April 5th - Animal Fun Facts Quiz - Online
April 19th - Yoga and Mindfulness - Slough
May 3rd - Arts and Craft - Bracknell
May 17th - Mini Golf - Maidenhead
June 7th - Nature Hunt - Bracknell
June 21st - Story time - Create your own - 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

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



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Virtual Coffee Morning - Eating and food (AUDHD)

Friday 19th April 10 - 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

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 0800 999 1342



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Virtual Coffee Morning - Sensory needs (AUDHD)

Friday 10th May 10 - 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family?
- What are the sensory difficulties that are being experienced?
- How do you identify and support your child's sensory needs?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

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Find us in the Nicholson's Shopping Centre

Opens Thursday 28th March and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for six weeks, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Come along 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 seriously-ill local children and their families

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THE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

A Friendly and affordable after school club for children aged 4 - 11

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- Fully equipped and secure venue.
- Collection from most local schools.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK CALL US ON: 07549 881563.

The Baby Bank Children's Charity

The demand for our support by families has hugely increased and we are particularly struggling with donations of larger items such as buggies and cots. Families are welcome to contact us directly if they think they have items we can use and for further details of where we are located (Holyport, SL6 2YE) and our opening times. We support from newborn age up to 16 years and can help with school uniform items too.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS LIST

- 9x Double buggies (clean & under 10yrs old)
- 1x Triple buggy
- 5x Travel systems (clean & under 10yrs old. We can't take used car seats)
- 2x Toddler beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- 7x Cots & cots beds (clean under 10yrs old and with instructions)
- Bed guards
- Baby safety monitors & safety equipment
- Clean slings/baby carriers (with instructions)
- Clean baby bouncer chairs/swing/rocker chairs
- Clean baby play mat gyms
- Pressure fit stairgates
- Baby baths & baby towels
- Baby Bottle sterilisers
- Clean, stain free cot and cot bed sheets
- Size 6 and 6+ nappies
- Aptamil formula & Cow & Gate stage 2 formula



Please kindly wash, check & only donate items in very good, clean condition. Clothing must be freshly washed and be size sorted by age & gender in clearly labelled bags

@the_baby_bank

CLOTHING NEEDS LIST

- Boys & Girls Newborn/first size/up to 1 month winter clothing
- Boys 0-3m winter clothing
- Boys 9-12m winter clothing
- Boys 12-18m winter clothing
- Boys & Girls 18-24m winter clothing
- Boys & girls 2-3yrs winter clothing
- Boys & girls 4-5yrs winter clothing
- Boys 7-8yrs winter clothing
- Girls 8-9yrs winter clothing
- Boys 14 years + small mens winter clothing

School Shoes + Trainers

- Boys junior size 9 shoes
- Girls junior size 12, 1, 2, 3 shoes
- Boys size 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 adult shoes



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<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-24>

Saturday Rainbows with Girlguiding Maidenhead has space for your daughter

Rainbows - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged four to seven, it is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

We run on a Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00, every three weeks in term time and look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows/>
Register now: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Regards, Angela

Snowy, Sky, Minnie Mouse, Eagle & Sunshine

1st Furze Platt Rainbows Leadership Team
07484 701507

Easter Holiday Events

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Easter

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

For children with access to free school meals

The programme is known as FUEL in RBWM



The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
 E: HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk
 Funded by the Department for Education



Just a reminder that the FUEL Easter programme is ready and families living in RBWM who access benefit related free school meals are able to book onto FREE activities across the borough from 2pm today.

WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

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- ADVANCED CAMP
- GOALKEEPER CAMP
- GIRLS ONLY CAMP

EASTER WEEK 1: TUES 2ND - THUR 4TH APRIL
 3 DAY CAMPS 9:30-3:00PM DAILY
 LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER WEEK 2: MON 8TH - WEDS 10TH APRIL

EARLYBIRD SALE: FULL 3 DAY CAMP JUST £60. DAILY RATE £22
 FULL RRP: FULL 3 DAY CAMP £70. DAILY RATE £25
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FOR BOOKINGS VISIT
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Learning

Inventing

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 FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 -11
 25TH MARCH -12TH APRIL 2024
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25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

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- Circuitry & Inventions
- Creative Technology
- STEM Engineering
- Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
 8TH - 12TH APRIL 2024 - 5 DAYS LIMITED SPACES

"Wonderful Time"

"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."

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How to book

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STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 ES OFF IF YOU BOOK BY 15 MARCH WITH CODE BELOW

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Easter Swim Intensives

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th April
 4 day course for £54 (30min sessions)
 at Newlands Girls School Pool

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
9.15AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 3 Can swim 5-10 metres of each stroke	STAGE 4 ADVANCED FINS Can swim a length of each stroke
9.45AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 2 Can swim 3 metres + on front and back	STAGE 3/4 Can swim 10 metres in each stroke incl. dolphin	STAGE 3 ADVANCED FINS Can swim ½ lengths in each stroke with fin
10.15AM	SWIM FIN Age 3 – 6 beginners	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 3 Can swim 5-10 metres on each stroke	
10.45AM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+ can put face in/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5 metres of each stroke		<i>Let's dive in!</i>

Alison@letsdivein.co.uk to book

www.letsdivein.co.uk



"MY SON LOVED CAMP! HIS WORDS WERE 'I WANT TO GO EVERYDAY, CAN I?' I THINK THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. GREAT COMMUNICATIONS & STAFF WERE GREAT & VERY WELCOMING - MY SON WAS NERVOUS INITIALLY. HE MADE NEW FRIENDS & SHOWED ME SOME MOVES HE LEARNT. VERY HAPPY! MY SON LOVED IT & WILL DEFINITELY RETURN."



Join Us for an Egg-citing Easter Holiday Camp for ages 4 - 11

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Abbey View Primary Academy, High Wycombe HP11 1BX

Dates

April 2nd - 5th & 8th - 12th
9am - 3pm

Price

£32 per day

What's in Store

Easter egg hunts

Competitions against our fellow Samurai students & Instructors in Dorset & Jersey

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To book [click here](#)

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