



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Year 2 Design and Technology

The children have worked incredibly hard on their egg cosies. They had to plan them, make them and then evaluate them. That sounds very easy on paper but they all showed amazing perseverance as sewing can be very tricky. They loved adding little extras too. See if you can spot them!



SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that popped into our coffee morning on Tuesday. It was a lovely way to chat about the children's move into their new classes for September and how we can work together to support each other. Transition can be challenging, particularly for parents and carers, so this was a good opportunity to share our successes and ideas for improvement.

Look out for the next coffee and chat event and come along!

Phonics Screening Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the information session about the phonics screening check. This is an assessment that all of our Year 1 children will sit during the week beginning 9th June. It is designed to check the children have learnt the necessary skills to decode and blend words to an appropriate standard and highlight the children that need additional support.

If you were unable to attend, the information can be found on the [school website](#).



Remember to send your child into school with a sunhat, water bottle and apply long lasting sun cream before school.



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

All school dinners must be pre-ordered by 8am on the day, however, we are finding that if you leave the ordering close to the deadline, the system can throw out an error message. Please try to order the night or weekend before.

Please note that for the Summer term, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the alternative options will be sandwiches with various fillings or a jacket potato with baked beans.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or you have not ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

School lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. They are yummy!



Reception children will need their bicycling helmets every Wednesday, if they have one. We do have a few in school but not enough for every child.



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#) or new [Instagram account @alwyninfantschool](#). If you haven't already, give us a like and a follow.



Our Fabulous Parent Teacher Association

Remember as a member of the school community, you are automatically part of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

They run brilliant events throughout the year but need your help. Please get in touch with them if you wish to take part or have some great ideas to share.

The PTA Summer Auction is coming soon!

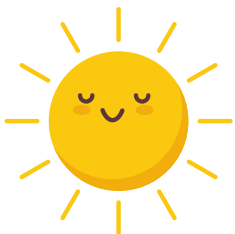
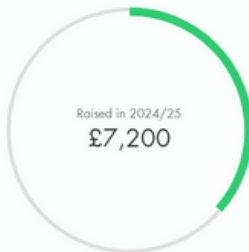
The team are busy contacting local providers for auction items and as always we really appreciate their support and generosity. If any parents or carers currently work for a company that would be willing to donate an item, please let us know at: AlwynandCourthousePTA@yahoo.co.uk.

It could be a product, experience or maybe a voucher - we are always open to ideas.

The PTA has been working tirelessly to boost fundraising efforts, and the dedication from the school community truly shines. We've managed to not only raise substantial funds but also bring our community closer together.

The money raised through the PTA is spent by Alwyn and Courthouse on all sorts of things that enhance school life at Alwyn and Courthouse schools.

In 2023/24 Alwyn installed a brand new library which the children are absolutely loving. This year, the reception classes had a brilliant fully resourced domestic role play area.



Future Events in the Summer Term Keep an eye out for the amazing events that are being planned for the summer term.

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>

We would like to know what you think! Please fill in this form to share ideas for future events.

If you would like to make a donation to the PTA click here. Thank you

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week in Reception we are quite excited as we have been taught all our Reception phonics and are looking forward to using them all in our reading and writing next term.

We have also been creating a class version and our own versions of Handa's Surprise, using different animals and food. As well as exploring numbers that make 10, we have been making repeating patterns using various bits of equipment in our classrooms.

We have been busy finishing off our topic about animals by cutting, sticking and painting animals in different media.

Ask me to sound out and read the words 'farmer' and 'herb'.

Ask me to tell you why we need to eat.

Ask me to tell you what is the best material to make a rainproof coat for a teddy bear

Ask me to tell you some number bonds to 10

Next week Reception will be revising all the phonics we have learnt this term and will be making comparisons between numbers on a number track in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

This week we have been looking at different trees in our local environment and had an opportunities to look for some deciduous and evergreen trees around our school. We have looked at the shapes of leaves to try and recognise some common trees, such as oak, sycamore and horse chestnut trees. We have continued to revise phonics sounds and practised spotting digraphs and trigraphs before blending sounds to read the words. In Maths, we have learnt more about fractions. We have folded shapes to find quarters and have shared counters out into 4 equal groups. In English, we have learnt about similes to expand our descriptions of characters.

Ask me to read the following nonsense words: gnoith, bleem, droat, sife

Ask me to read the following real words: escape, treat, envelope, hammer

Ask me to try to name some trees I see on a walk.

Ask me to fold a page into quarters.

Ask me to tell you how many equal pieces a whole is shared into to show quarters.

After the week break, we will be writing our exciting character descriptions!

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

Summer Term 5, 2024-2025

26th-30th May

Half term- school closed

Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

2nd June

INSET Day- school closed

6th June

Class group photos- please wear school jumper/cardigan

9th-13th June

Phonics Screening Check

11th June

Year 2 Trip to Wellington Country Park

16th-27th June

Sports Fortnight

18th June

National Thank a Teacher Day

24th June, 9.15-11am

Whole school sports morning with our grown ups

30th June, 6pm

New reception parents/carers meeting

1st July

Children visit their new classes in Alwyn and Courthouse

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 had a busy week writing instructions on how to turn their teachers into toads! We have included many features including imperative or bossy verbs, time adverbials and adverbs. The Year 2 staff are hoping that none of the instructions will be successful!! In maths we started a new topic- length and height. We have compared and ordered different lengths and heights and measured various objects using a cm ruler.

Ask me to tell you some of the adverbs I used in my instructions.

Ask me to tell you what a bossy verb is.

Ask me to find objects less/ more than 1m .

Ask me how many centimeters are in a metre.

Ask me to tell you what the conclusion was from our light and dark plant experiment.

Ask me to describe what apple seeds are like.

Ask me to describe the difference between bulbs and seeds.

Ask me to tell you how Florence Nightingale improved the hospital in Scutari.

After half term we will be comparing Florence Nightingale with another significant nurse.

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School Year 2024-2025

Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

10th July, 4-5pm

Grown ups invited to visit classes, new and current in Alwyn

11th July

School reports sent home

17th July, 3.30

PTA Disco for Year 2

22nd July, 9.30am

Year 2 Leavers' Concert to their parents/carers

23rd July

Last day of school, early finish at 1.30pm

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2.

In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special stickers and certificate.

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!**

Half Term Clubs

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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE!

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£20 per Day

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Venues

Reading:
Calcot Junior School

Newbury:
Winchcombe School

Maidenhead:
Alwyn Infant School

Age
5-12-year-olds

Dates + Times
Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm
Available at Newbury & Calcot

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27-30 MAY 2025
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AGES 3-14 YEARS

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KIDS TASTER SESSIONS AT PADEL MAIDENHEAD!

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

FUN | ACTIVE | SOCIAL | FREE

09:00 - 10:00 - AGES 5 - 7
10:00 - 11:00 - AGES 8 - 11
11:00 - 12:00 - AGES 12+

ASCOT AND MAIDENHEAD School Sport Partnership

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW VIA THE PLAYTOMIC APP UNDER PADEL MAIDENHEAD - ACADEMY

School Day

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Start Lunch Finish →	8.45am 11.45pm - 12.45pm 3.15pm →	8.50am 12pm - 1pm 3.20pm →	8.50am 12.20pm - 1.20pm 3.20pm →

The School Gates

The Alwyn and Courthouse gates open at 8.40am until 8.55am and 3.10pm until 3.35pm

The opening times allow movement between our two schools and provide different points of access which should help with traffic and parking in our area.

The gate opening times are different from the time your child is required to be in school.

The Importance of Being on Time

Reception children need to be in school at 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school at 8.50am.

The classroom doors will open at these times and close as soon as the last child in the line enters the classroom; this usually takes less than 3 minutes. Any child arriving after the classroom door is shut, will be marked as late. Knocking on the classroom door once it is closed is disruptive to the children as their teacher is having to keep opening the door instead of settling their class for the morning.

Please be on time every morning. It can be worrying for a child to enter a classroom late especially when their classmates are sat on the carpet ready to learn. All children should have come into school, put their belongings in the cloakroom, their book bag in their drawer and their water bottle in the tray and have been registered before 9am each morning.

Attendance Matters

Being in school every day is extremely important for all children in order to receive the best possible start to their learning. Your child's attendance is vital to a successful education, as this is the foundation for lifelong learning. Lessons are planned in sequences and if a child misses a part of this sequence, they are at a disadvantage when it comes to committing that learning to long term memory.

If your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come into school, send them in and mention it to the class teacher. They will keep an eye on your child and phone you if there are any concerns.

Reason for absence

Please let the office know the specific reason for your child's absence rather than feeling unwell or ill. This helps us monitor any small outbreaks of similar virus' and supports the recording of absence.

Medical Appointments

If you have a medical appointment during the school day, inform the school before the appointment and provide a GP/Hospital appointment card or letter.

Leave Requests

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any other exceptional circumstances will require supporting evidence that shows the child has to attend something that results in missed school days.

Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) may be triggered if your child misses 5 consecutive days of school or 10 sessions in 10 weeks. A session means a morning or afternoon, not a day.

Please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school.

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence.

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

-£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

-No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent, Per Child.

For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

[Link](#) to the attendance page on the Alwyn website.



Providing Children's Services for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



For every day your child is absent from school, over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

ARKING RESOLUTION

Driving, Parking and Vehicles in Mulberry Walk

Please think about our neighbours and school community, especially as one of our school values is kindness. Drive and park carefully and considerately on the roads surrounding the school at all times.

The road gets very busy at drop off and collection times. To help with this, we have an unofficial one way system that keep cars moving safely. Please reduce your speed and drive slowly around the one-way system. This is crucial as there are very young children walking along the pavements who may not be seen easily while driving, especially in these grey days.

We have good relationships with our neighbours but that can only be maintained with your help. Please do not block their driveways when parking and remain polite if they ask you to move. Any area with block paving is for the residents of the road and not for school parking or access.

Please do not park on the bends of the road or directly opposite another car as this can stop the flow of traffic and make it difficult for other drivers to pass.

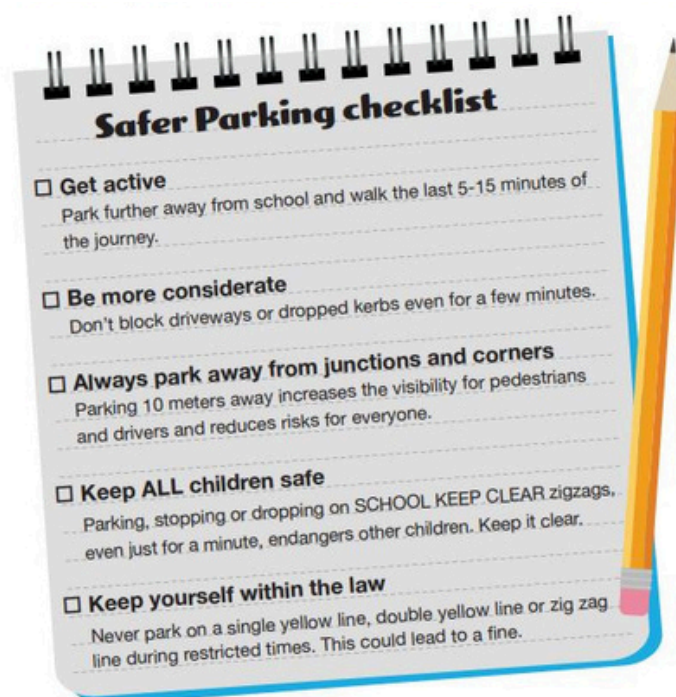
Do not mount the curb as our children and their siblings are very little and not always easy to see.

To ease congestion, please explore other options:

- If you are able to walk or cycle to school this would help.
- Consider parking further away, such as by Courthouse Junior School, where there are more roads to park along safely and they tend to be less congested.
- A short walk can make a significant difference in reducing traffic and ensuring safety and you can access Alwyn by walking through Courthouse as the gate opening times are the same.

Recently we've had a few reports of members of our school community driving along the pavement, on the bend, at speed resulting in near misses as well as some aggressive behaviours when they have been reminded of our parking etiquette.

Aggressive driving and behaviours put us all at risk and should be reported by calling 101.



Share the roads, Share the responsibility



Community Pages: What is happening in our local area?

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Virtual Coffee Morning - Navigating healthcare

Friday 6th June
10am to 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- The challenges of attending appointments
- Accommodations that support attendance
- Children refusing medical intervention or preventative care
- Understanding and advocating for your child

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)

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gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Sensory Processing - Wednesday 4th June 7 to 8:30pm

Autism Course - Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th June - 7 to 9pm

ADHD Course - Thursday 17, 24 June, and 1 July - 7 to 9pm

Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm

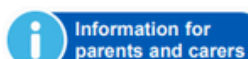
Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon

Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon

Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July - 10 to 12noon

Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15th July - 10am to 12noon

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com



Information for
parents and carers



Let's talk about Wee and poo

Does your child struggle to poo?

Are they wetting themselves?

Do you need support with toilet training?

The Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Service is coming to a location near you!

Come and talk to us on the Health Bus for free advice.

ASDA Slough

Monday 16 June 2025

10am – 2pm



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6TH JULY 2025

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28TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST 2025
BRAYWICK NATURE CENTRE, SL6 1UU



**SPEAKERS - PANEL DISCUSSIONS - FAMILY
ACTIVITIES - NATURE CRAFTS - LIVE MUSIC -
FOOD - BAR**

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MORE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

3 DAYS OF DANCE, FITNESS & CREATIVITY
SUMMER MOVES
AGE 5-11 YRS | NEWFIELD PLACE MARLOW



**No matter their experience, every child will feel confident,
inspired & supported by our caring & enthusiastic instructors.**

What will we do?
Dance (Street, contemporary) Musical Theatre & Drama,
Fitness & Yoga, Art & Costume Making

When?
Monday 28th July to Wednesday 30th July 2025
9.30 - 3.30 (single days available)

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