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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 12 | 5th December 2025

What has been happening?

Well, we can't believe it is December

The children are very busy with their usual learning as well as preparing for Christmas. The school is full of singing, acting and festive cheer already.

We are all looking forward to watching our children in Reception perform next week.

There has also been some problems as the naughty elf seems to have hidden some of the school's Christmas lights and decorations ... oh no!

Year 2 had a visitor

A child from Year 6 in Courthouse spoke to the Year 2 children about her experiences as a budding gymnast and her competitions. She was inspired to tell her story by the talk from Beth a few weeks ago. She spoke confidently and honestly about being part of a gymnastic group and competing.

We were also pleased to see that some of our Year 2 children brought in the medals and trophies from their recent competition with the Indigo Gymnastic Club.

What a fabulous way to celebrate achievements beyond school! Hopefully this will inspire many more future athletes.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity! There is a vacancy for a parent governor at Alwyn and Courthouse Federation.

This is your chance to support the strategic future and success of our school. You will have received an email with all the essential details about the role, the nomination process, and the necessary deadlines.

We warmly encourage anyone interested in taking on this vital role to put their name forward!

You would need to complete the nomination form and write a short candidate statement to support your application (no more than 300 words). by 3pm on 15th December..

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
- Look after our things
- Always do our best



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

Alwyn's Christmas lunch is on
Tuesday 16th December.

Please place your child's order on Parent Pay by
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER.

Please note that there will not be any jacket potatoes or grab bags available on this day.

If you do not place an order or place an order after this date, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch.

This date is also Christmas/own jumper day.



A Change in the weather

Please ensure your child comes into school with a warm, waterproof coat, and if possible, hat and gloves.

We do go out in all weathers so the children do need appropriate outdoor wear for playing.

Boots, particularly welly boots, are not appropriate for a day in a classroom, so please do not let your child wear them to school unless they bring in school shoes to change into.. Thank you.



Look out for more school news on our Alwyn
facebook page or Instagram.



Alwyn performance time is coming!

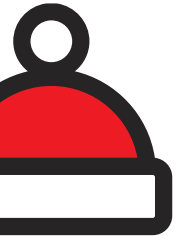


Reception Christmas Performances, 9th & 10th December, 9.30am

Our reception classes will perform some fantastic seasonal songs, usually with actions, to their parents and families. The performances are the same on each day.

There is no need to request tickets for these performances.

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity.



Year 1 Christmas Performances, 16th & 17th December, 9.30am

The Year 1 classes will be working together to perform 'Penguin Pete', one of our favourite school plays. They will repeat the same performance on each of the days however you will need to order tickets in advance.

The order form for tickets is now closed. Please contact the office for help.

The numbers for each performance are limited due to Health and Safety reasons so put in your requests promptly. Each performance will be the same and include all of the three classes in Year 1.

We can allocate up to 2 tickets per family (in total, not per performance), however there is an option of requesting further tickets if they become available. The extra tickets are not guaranteed so if you do not receive confirmation then your request has not been successful.

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity.



Festive Songs with Year 2, 17th December, 2.30pm

Our Year 2 parents are invited to come and listen to, or join in, with some festive songs and carols. This should be a jolly occasion and allow the children to demonstrate their singing talents.

There is no need to request a ticket for this. Just turn up ready to sing!



At all of our performances there will be a cash collection

This year we equally divide the donations between our school fund and the charity, 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas'. The charity provides pyjamas for children who have been admitted into hospital and have not had time to pack the essentials needed for a hospital stay. Further details about the charity can be [found here](#).



Responsible Behaviour Curriculum in Alwyn and Courthouse

Our vision is to develop well rounded, confident and responsible children who aspire to achieve their full potential. We want our children to do their best in all aspects of school life - work, play, friendships and behaviour, and to take pride in all they do. We want them to develop respect and a sense of responsibility for themselves, each other, property, the wider community and the environment. To support this aim, we follow a behaviour curriculum that is explicitly taught and also weaves throughout the whole of school life.

Each week, the classes explore a different theme. They have a Monday 'check-in' circle time to introduce it and set a goal to work towards throughout the week. On Tuesday, the Year 1 and 2 assembly is time to think about the whole school approach to the theme. They celebrate their successes with a Friday 'check-out' circle time in their class.

To support this learning, there is a weekly leaflet for parents (below) to introduce the theme and sometimes gives ideas on how to help.



THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS


SHARING AND COOPERATION

Sharing and cooperating

Children need to learn to share so they can make and keep friends, play cooperatively, take turns, negotiate and cope with disappointment. Sharing teaches children about compromise and fairness. They learn that if we give a little to others, we can get some of what we want too.

Children learn a lot from just watching what you do at home. When you model good sharing and turn-taking in your family, it gives your child a great example to follow.







How to support sharing




- Talk about why sharing is important - give your child reasons to do it.
- Play games that promote turn taking or sharing and talk about what you are doing. 'First it is my turn and then it is yours.'
- Spot other people sharing and talk about it. 'Wasn't it kind of your friends to share the ball with you?'
- Praise your child when they share or take turns well.

How to support cooperation

- Cooperation means to work together to get something accomplished. We need specific skills to be able to do this.
- Your child needs to be able to listen to others and try to understand their point of view.
- They also need to be able to speak up about their own feelings.
- Problem solving is important in cooperating as children need to be able to find solutions without arguing.
- Talking things through with your child and discussing compromising will help them to understand how to negotiate with their peers when they need to cooperate.



The Responsible Behaviour Curriculum

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
 sad	 happy	 frustrated	 angry
 tired	 calm	 worried	 terrified
 sick	 feeling ok	 silly	 yelling
 bored	 ready to learn	 excited	 hitting
I can try...  stretch	I can try...  drink water	I can try...  deep breaths	I can try...  take a break

These zones of regulation are also a great way to help the children think about and identify their feelings, along with an idea to help manage them.

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week in Reception the children have been learning the sound L as in lion and ll as in hill. In Maths we have been counting and recognising numbers to 10. Our children have been getting ready for our Christmas performance by learning festive songs and actions to go with them. Please encourage them to sing them with you at home!

Ask me to tell you a word with the L sound in.

Ask me to sound out the words hill and doll.

Ask me to sing and perform a Christmas song e.g When Santa got stuck up the chimney or Christmas pudding!

Ask me about our classroom elf.

Ask me to say the numbers in order from 1-10.

Next week in Reception we will be performing to the school on Monday afternoon and to you on Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9.30. Please make sure your child has their Christmas clothing in a named bag in school. We look forward to seeing you all there!

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

The countdown to Christmas has officially started in year 1. The children have been busy learning, rehearsing and preparing for their Christmas performance. In English, the children have been writing their independent pieces of writing about what they would be able to do if they went to space. In maths, we have carried on with subtraction from last week and we have been exploring ways to subtract including; crossing out circles on a ten frame and using a numberline. In science, we have been looking at our taste and touch senses.

Ask me to tell you my line/lines from the Christmas show or sing you a song.

Ask me to tell you what I'd be able to see if I went to space.

Ask me to draw circles and cross them out to show the answer to $8-5=3$

Ask me to tell you about food that tastes sweet, sour and salty.

Next week we will be carrying on with rehearsing for our performances and learning about fact families in maths.

KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2

9th & 10th December, 9.30am
Reception Performance

16th December
Christmas/own jumper day
Christmas lunch

16th & 17th December,
9.30am Yr1 Christmas Play
[Book tickets](#)

17th December, 2.30pm
Yr2 Festive Sing-a-long

19th December
Last day of term.
Children home at 1.30pm

Enjoy the break

Spring Term 3

5th January 2026
Children return to school

12th-16th January
Music Week

9th - 13th February
Book Week
Book Fair after school

16th - 20th February
Half Term Break &
Challenge

Enjoy the break

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week Year 2 have been busy rehearsing for the festive singing performance on Wednesday 17th December. We have also been writing diary entries in English thinking about the features needed, especially time adverbs, past tense verbs and descriptive vocabulary. In maths we've been sorting 3D shapes in a venn diagram and creating repeating patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Ask me which is the odd one out in these sets of shapes-

Sphere, cylinder, square based pyramid

Cone, cube, cuboid

Square, circle, triangle

Square, rectangle, hexagon

Ask me to tell you which of these verbs are in the past tense-

Walked

Walking

Cooked

Cooking

Played

Playing

Ask me to tell you what Advent means

Ask me to tell you what the four candles on an Advent wreath represent

Ask me to tell you what cardboard is made from

Ask me to tell you if wood is a man made or natural material

Ask me to tell you some objects that are made of wood and why

Ask me to tell you some objects that are made from cardboard and why

Next week we will be looking at graphs and statistics in maths.

Congratulations!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who have been in the golden book, this week.

We are very proud of you!



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School Year 2025-2026

Spring Term 4

23rd February
Children return to School

23rd - 27th February
Art/DT Week

2nd March
Internet Safety Day
Parent/carer talk at 2.30pm

5th March
World Book Day

10th & 12th March
Parent/carer consultations

11th March
Year 2 Trip: Look Out Centre

16th-20th March
Grown ups into school
afternoon

20th March
Non-uniform for Comic Relief

23rd March
Drama Workshops

27th March
Last day of term.
Children home at 1.30pm

30th March - 10th April
Easter holidays

Summer Term 5

13th April
All children back to school



Caterlink Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 16th December 2025

(also Christmas Jumper Day)

Roast Turkey and Pork Chipolata Sausage (beef casing)

or

Roast Halal Turkey and Vegan Christmas Chipolata

or

Vegan Wellington and Vegan Christmas Chipolata

WITH

Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Garden Peas and Carrots

DESSERT

Gingerbread Cookie or Fresh Fruit Salad

**Please order on Parent Pay by
Friday 5th December 2025**

Please note that there will not be any Jacket Potatoes or Grab Bags on this day

Community Pages: Christmas Holiday Activity Clubs

Community Events Disclaimer: Please note that the events listed are organised by external parties and are not endorsed or recommended by Alwyn Infant School. We provide this information as a courtesy to our community. We advise families to exercise their own discretion and judgement when participating in any events or activities.

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Click here to book!

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5 - 12 Years Old

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"My girls started Samurai Kickboxing just over a year ago, I couldn't have imagined what a massive part of their lives it would become. My two quiet, shy & lacking self-confidence girls have transformed into strong, confident young females with awesome kickboxing skills!"

SAMURAI Kickboxing

Free Holiday Camp Day & Hot Meal with the FUEL Programme!

Thanks to the RBWM FUEL programme, we're able to offer days at camp for FREE at our Christmas Kickboxing Camp - including a hot lunch each day for children who:

- Receive benefit-related free school meals
- Attend school within the RBWM Council area

This amazing support means eligible families can enjoy active, enriching holiday fun at no cost!

To book: [FUEL Bookings](#)

Hot Lunch Option for All!

Not eligible for FUEL? No problem!
All students can enjoy a tasty hot lunch during camp for just £7 per child, per day.

Open to all levels – beginners welcome

Fun, high-energy sessions with Grading every Friday (Grading fee applies if not attended for the full week)

Build skills, confidence and friendships!

Location: Alltwood C of E School, Maidenhead

Dates: December 22nd & 23rd

Time: 9am – 3pm daily

Standard Price: £32/day

More info available on our [website](#)

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EARLY BIRD OFFER
ENDS MIDNIGHT 7TH DECEMBER 2025

IPRO FOOTBALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

2 DAY CAMP
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

1 DAY CAMP
2ND JANUARY

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 3G

GREAT NEWS! CAMP DAYS ARE NOW RUNNING FROM 8:30AM - 5:00PM

SCAN ME TO BOOK

CALL 07908 172175, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL US AT OFFICE@IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

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Norden Farm presents

THE LANTERN PARADE

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS
OUR ANIMAL NEIGHBOURS

Saturday 6 December 2025 from 4.30pm
Maidenhead Town Hall

Free Event




With music from Bollywood Brass Band and Dhol Collective. Free to attend!

4.30pm	Entertainment starts outside Maidenhead Town Hall
5pm	Parade departs from the Town Hall
5.45pm - 6.15pm	Entertainment continues

Get parade ready by joining us at a Lantern Making Workshop!

FIND OUT MORE



Saturday 13 - Wednesday 24 December 2025
Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead

Snow White



£5 OFF YOUR PANTO TICKET!

Valid for adult and under 16s tickets on Sun 14 Dec (5pm) and Tue 23 Dec (2:30pm). Offer ends Fri 21 Nov 2025.

CODE: AMSSP-2025

Book online at www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk

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A New Skatepark for Maidenhead!

Support the Kidwells Park Skatepark Project
We're building a modern, inclusive and inspiring skatepark in Kidwells Park, Maidenhead.

- Community-led project backed by local residents, skaters, BMXers & councillors
- Designed by skaters / BMXers, for skaters / BMXers - in collaboration with experts
- Safe, exciting & accessible - a space to stay active, social & creative
- Let's bring new energy to the park and give young people a place to thrive!

HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We're raising funds now. Located in Kidwells Park, Maidenhead

Please visit the project website or scan the QR code for more information
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kidwells-park-skatepark-project-maidenhead>

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Scan the QR code to find out more

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Penalty Notice Changes

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and must be agreed, in advance, by the Head of School. An Exceptional Leave form must be completed and the school may ask for further evidence to support the application.

First Offence

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, if a second 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

[Click this link to visit the school website for further information.](#)



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions (not days) of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Punctuality

Children in Reception should be at the classroom door by 8.45am.

Children in Years 1 and 2 should be at their classroom door by 8.50am.

The school gates are locked at 8.55am. If your child arrives to school after this time, your child will receive an unauthorised late mark- this affects your child's attendance.

If arriving late, you must bring your child into the school office and sign them into school with a reason for the lateness.

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 by 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school by 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.