



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Sports Fortnight starts next week

The children will need to wear their PE kits and trainers every day for the next two weeks so they are able to take part in a range of different sporting activities and skills.

On Tuesday 24th June, 9.15am-11am(ish), we would like to invite you into school to watch your children display their different skills and developing motor skills. The events will take part on Courthouse field but you will need to enter and exit the school via the main Alwyn gate.

Year 2 Leavers' Disco, 17th July, 3.30-4.30pm

The tickets for the disco are now available to buy from the PTA website.

If your Year 2 child would like to attend the ticket needs to be purchased before the event. If they wish to change into party clothes, they should bring them in a named bag and they can change in the classroom before the disco. They do not have to change into different clothes. The children will then have the disco in the hall and should be collected at 4.30pm from their usual classroom door. Please make sure Wise Owls know if your child is attending.

If your child does not wish to attend, they can be collected from their classroom at the usual time.

Caterlink Parent Survey

As your catering provider we value feedback from parents/carers to help us improve the service provided to you.

This term, Caterlink are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 31st July.

To take part in this survey, [click this link](#).



YELLOW Heat Health Alert

The Met Office has issued a YELLOW Heat Health Alert for the South East, which is due to last until 8am this Sunday (15 June).



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.

COLOUR RUN PLUS BAR & BBQ

Get ready for a burst of colour and excitement at the PTA Summer Event!

Join us for a Colour Run filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of vibrant energy. Whether you're sprinting, strolling, or simply cheering on the runners, it's a fantastic way to bring the community together.

And that's not all-enjoy a BBQ and bar, making it the perfect day out for the whole family. Delicious food, refreshing drinks, and great company-what more could you ask for?

Saturday 5th July 11.30am - 2.30pm

(gates open at 11.30am, race starts at 12pm, BBQ and Bar 12.30 - 2.30pm)

Courthouse Junior School Field

Entry is £6 per runner, free for spectators (pre schoolers can run for free)

Don't miss out on this incredible event! Visit <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/run> to get your tickets

🎉 Year 2 Leavers Disco - 17th July 🎉

Get ready to dance and celebrate our wonderful Year 2 pupils at their Leavers Disco on Wednesday, 17th July!

This special event is a chance for our Year 2 children to enjoy an afternoon of fun, music, and memories with their friends before they move on to their next adventure.

Each ticket comes with a goodie bag -

<https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/year2>

 Date: Wednesday, 17th July

 Time: straight from school until 430pm



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>

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week in Reception we have been continuing to explore people who help us and using this knowledge to think about what we might like to be when we grow up. Today we had a visit from some real Police Officers who are parents of a reception child. We have been learning to use a rekenrek to help us with our numbers - we have had a lot of fun! We have also done some pop art printing based on Andy Warhol, using repeated patterns and a limited colour palette- which was jolly messy! On Thursday we had a visiting artist who showed us how to make pinch pots - he will be coming back to work with all classes. We have continued to look at ways we can keep healthy such as brushing teeth and exercise - which leads us nicely into Sports Fortnight.

Ask me to sound out and read the words 'green' and 'snail'.

Ask me to sound out and write "A bee on a train."

Ask me to tell you about a rekenrek

Ask me to tell you how a lifeguard helps us.

Ask me to tell you what I would like to be when I grow up.

Next week Reception will be revising igh and oa in phonics and continue to develop their subitising skills and use of the rekenrek in Maths

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

This week we have been very busy with our phonics screening test. The children tried really hard and they should be very proud of themselves. In maths, we continued learning about money and making amounts using coins and notes. In English, we learnt two different poems by Edward Lear this week - "The Owl and the Pussycat" and "Calico Pie". We then wrote our own version of "Calico Pie" as a whole class and the children performed it in front of their friends. In geography, we revisited the countries in the UK and learnt the names of the seas and ocean that surrounds the UK. In science, we have been learning about the changes that happen to our environment during the summer.

Ask me how to make 15p, 23p and 56p. (please encourage your child to handle money so they become more familiar with the different values of coins and notes)

Ask me to share the poem we have written in class.

Ask me to name the different seas and oceans that surround the UK.

Ask me to tell you about the different changes that happen during the summer.

Next week, it's the start of sports fortnight and we've got some very exciting sporting events going on, such as; tennis, cricket and Bollybanghra zumba. We can't wait!

KEY DATES!

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Summer Term 6, 2024-2025

16th-27th June

Sports Fortnight: lots of events

18th June

National Thank a Teacher Day

24th June, 9.15-11am

Whole school sports morning with our grown ups

30th June

Class Photographs

New reception parents/carers meeting: 6pm

1st July

Children visit their new classes in Alwyn and Courthouse

10th July, 4-5pm

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

11th July

School reports sent home

17th July, 3.30

PTA Disco for Year 2. You will need to buy a ticket.

22nd July, 9.30am

Year 2 Leavers' Concert to their parents/carers

23rd July

Last day of school, early finish at 1.30pm

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have had a fabulous week as we went on our trip to Wellington Country Park! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and had brilliant weather. We took part in a bug detectives workshop in the woods. We had to look under leaves and logs to find different types of minibeasts. We found slugs, snails, woodlouse and many more. One of our favourite parts of the trip was meeting the farm animals, there were alpacas, goats, pigs, chickens and even guinea pigs. Thank you to all of our adult helpers.

We've also had a very busy time in maths learning about temperature, capacity and mass.

We did lots of practical work, measuring water, using real thermometers in hot water and weighing various objects from around the school.

Ask me to tell you my favourite part of our trip to Wellington Country Park

Ask me to tell you 2 facts about a minibeast I found during the bug detective workshop.

Ask me to tell you what instrument we use to measure temperature.

Ask me to tell you what unit of measurement we use when recording temperature.

Ask me to tell you the difference between mass and weight.

Ask me to tell you the unit of measurement used when recording a container's capacity.

Next week is the start of Sports Fortnight, we will be taking part in cricket and Zumba to name but a few!

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!**

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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.

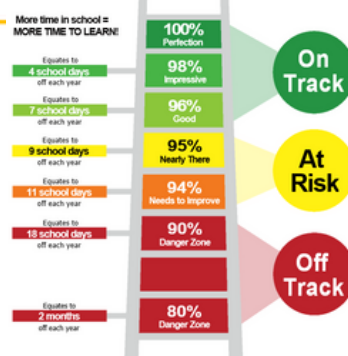


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for children

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.

PARKING 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.

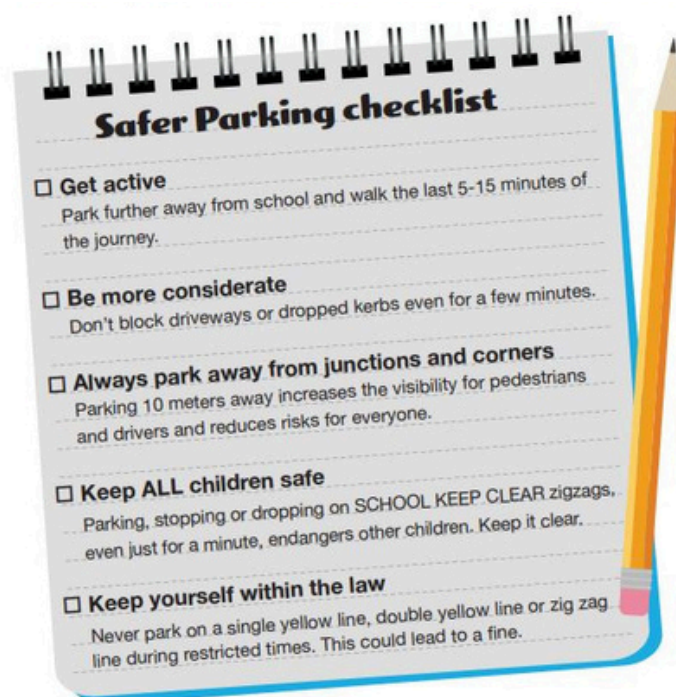
Do not mount the curb as our children and their siblings are very little and not always easy to see.

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?

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.

DUCK DERBY

RAY MILL ISLAND - MAIDENHEAD
SUNDAY 15TH JUNE | 12PM - 5PM

FREE ADMISSION
TRAIN RIDES
CRAFT STALLS
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

DUCK RACE
4.30PM - 1ST PRIZE
£250

Maidenhead Lions Club
Charity number: 1193483

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm
<https://www.gems4health.com>
gems4health@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

SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 22nd June 2025
12noon onwards

On Pinkneys Green, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN opposite Clarefield Drive

Don't miss the fun!

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, Plant Stall, BBQ, Teas & Cake tent, Bouncy Castle, Book Stall

Fun Dog Show

at 3.00pm
Registration from 2.30pm

Plus many more attractions

Information for parents and carers

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Scan the QR code or go to the address below to find out more about our service:

berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence

WINDSOR GREAT PARK 11AM TO 5PM

PARALLEL WINDSOR
6TH JULY 2025

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STREET FOOD • STORYTELLING • QUIET SPACE
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Summer Holiday Activities

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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)

info@janedouglass.co.uk | www.janedouglass.com

**SUMMER CAMPS
 with
 MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC
 IN THE COMMUNITY**




Our popular Summer Camps are now available to book, use the discount code shown for 20% off - but must be booked BEFORE FRIDAY 13th JUNE...

The Cage at Maidenhead United FC - MUFC25

Cox Green Leisure Centre - COXGREEN25

Dedworth Middle School - DEDWORTH25

Holy Trinity Sunningdale - HOLYTRINITY25

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 WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG OR THE QR
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