



# Alwyn Infant School



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## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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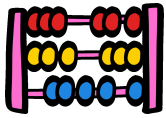
### What has been happening?

It was good to watch the Year 1 children riding the balance bikes this week. For the first time pedals were added and children concentrated hard and had a lot of fun cycling across the playground! They have a further two weeks to perfect their skills! Please don't forget a cycle helmet next Wednesday!



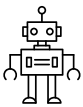
#### Reception Workshop - Maths

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our reception workshop on maths. Parents were introduced to the EYFS curriculum and terminology, like subitising, representation and composition of number.. Parents and carers were also able to see the various resources used in Reception. The powerpoint is on the website, so please take a moment to have a read through it.



#### Year 1 Toy Museum

During the week after next, Year 1 parents are invited into school to come and look at our Year 1 toy museum between 3.00pm and 3:15pm.



Monday 16th- Beech  
Wednesday 18th-Hazel  
Thursday 19th- Maple

Come and see what the children have been learning about toys in history, and also the robots the children have made in Design Technology.

#### Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all our children who completed the reading challenge over the summer holidays. This week certificates were handed out during assembly to all the KS1 children. We are very proud of the number of children that participated and hope that even more children are encouraged to take part next year!



#### Parking

**We continue to get complaints from both residents and parents. Please respect our neighbours and park considerately**

### 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

If you would like your child to have a school dinner, remember to order it online. 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.

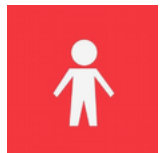
Lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them.

If your child does not have a packed lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with beans. We will no longer phone home for lunch orders

#### Parent consultative evenings

Tuesday 10th October  
Thursday 12th October

Please don't forget to book your slot on line via My Child At School (MCAS)



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

# Ideas for Learning Chats

## What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Sakal?

This week we have been thinking about people who are special to us and how we all have different special people. We have been doing lots of sorting for size, shape, colour etc and then describing our sorting criteria. We are continuing to think about rhyme and listening for rhymes in stories and nursery rhymes.

**Ask me** to sort my toys and tell you my sorting rule.

**Ask me** to put my hand on my l-e-g (using sounds, not the word).

**Ask me** to tell you about people who are special to me.

**Help me** to find some things at home that begin with the 's' sound.

**Ask me** to sing my favourite nursery rhyme.

**Next week** we will start to learn the phonics sounds 's' and 'a'. We will be comparing size, mass and capacity in Maths.

## What have Year 1 been doing this week, Miss Harris

This week Year 1 designed the robot they want to make in DT. The designs look fantastic and we are looking forward to watching their designs come to life when they make them. This week the children used pedal bikes for the first time with Mr Baker. We were impressed with the determination and positive attitude the children had during PE despite it being challenging. In history we have started to look at how we can tell if a toy is old or new. If you have a childhood toy at home could you show it to your child and discuss how you used to play with it? Is it worn? How does it compare to the toys they play with today?

**Ask me** to read the words: have, when, clicks, fridge, whisper, hedge.

**Ask me** to complete the sentence:

One more than 4 is ....                      One more than 8 is ....

One less than 10 is ....                      One less than 7 is ....

**Ask me** what a noun is? (A naming word - nouns name people, places, animals, things or feelings)

**Ask me** to tell you 3 nouns.

What is the noun in this sentence? The boy was jumping. (boy is the noun)

**Next week**, we will be looking at rhymes. Have a look at some books at home and see if you can find any rhyming words. Eg: dog and frog, claws and paws.

Please can you send in some junk modelling from Monday 9th October? We need boxes of different sizes (no bigger than a cereal box), bottle caps, egg cartons, small yoghurt pots, straws, tin foil, paper towel rolls (no toilet rolls please) or anything similar which they can use to add the small details.

## What have Year 2 been doing this week, Miss Frank

This week in year 2 we have been enjoying singing harvest songs for our harvest performance at the end of term. In English, we have been reading the story of Vlad and the Great Fire of London. The story is told by Vlad, a flea who lives on Boxtan the rat. Vlad tells the story of the fire whilst dodging the commotion and devastation happening around him. In science, we have been learning about fish and what they need to survive. We have learnt facts about fish and some children have shared their own interesting facts; like the male seahorse carries the eggs! Our book club is up and running. Thank you to the children who have already given us a snippet of their favourite book and the reasons why they like it. We look forward to seeing lots more children sharing their treasured books.

**Ask me** to retell the story of Vlad and the Great Fire of London.

**Ask me** why the Great Fire of London spread so easily and burnt for so long.

**Ask me** different ways to make number pairs to 10.

**Ask me** how many 2 digit numbers I can make with the numbers 7, 4 and 2

**Ask me** to name the parts of a fish.

**Ask me** what part of the body helps fish to breathe under water

**Next week** in science, we will be learning about amphibians and what they need to survive.

## Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2

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!**

## KEY DATES!

9th October, 2.30pm

Parent Workshop: Maths in Years 1 & 2

10 & 12th October

Parents Consultations

16th October

Flu Vaccinations

18th October

School Photographer

20th October, 2.15pm

Year 2 Harvest Assembly

End of term, usual finish time

20th October

End of Term

Half term break

23rd to 27th October

INSET DAY 30th October

First day of term 2

31st October

December

Christmas Performances

Reception 9.30am

Ash 5th / Oak 6th / Elm 7th

Year 1 9.30am

11th / 12th / 13th Dec 9.30am

Classes to be confirmed

Year 2

13th Dec 2.30pm

PTA Christmas concert after school

14th December

Last day of term

15th December

# Alwyn and Courthouse PTA



## Thursday 16 November

Doors opens 7.15pm. AGM starts at 7.30pm

Quiz starts at 8pm

Venue: Courthouse School Hall

Tickets £3 each

Join us for our annual quiz with our quizmaster Mrs Ridley. Bring your knowledge of music, tv, art and everything else in between for a fun quiz to test the braincells.

Form a team (max 6 people) or join a team on the night with the aim of becoming our Alwyn & Courthouse Quiz Champions 23/24 and win a prize too.

We will kick off the evening with our AGM where we share an update on how we did last year in terms of fundraising, spending plans and vote for the committee for the coming school year. (more information about voting to follow separately).

The quiz will start at 8pm so if you don't fancy the AGM you can join us just for the quiz.



### CAN YOU HELP?

**The PTA need your support. If you would like to get involved with helping to organise social events and you can spare a few hours a term. Please contact the PTA [www.alwyncourthousepta.com](http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com)**

Look at some of the activities the PTA would like to plan this term, but they need parent support to be able to do them all!

Preloved uniform sale @ Courthouse school hall if possible?

Christmas Raffle launch

Christmas Toy Auction launch

Christmas Main Auction launch

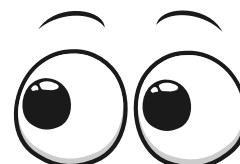
Tombola donations and sorting

CHRISTMAS FAIR @ Courthouse

Doorstep Santa @ streets of Courthouse and Alwyn catchments

Elfridges Alwyn all years after school @ Alwyn

Christmas Concert - Refreshments @ playground



**Look out for the PTA newsletter to parents.**

**[http://bit.ly/ptanewsletter\\_autumn23](http://bit.ly/ptanewsletter_autumn23)**



# Community Information



The times for the group above is  
4:30pm - 5:25pm:  
Year 1 / 2 / 3 Is only £3.00 Per session.



**Ages 5 to 10**

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

**6th October** - Big on Bouncing - Slough \*cost involved

**20th October** - Halloween Quiz - Online

**3rd November** - Rugby Fun - RBWM - Windsor

**17th November** - Create your own Mr Men or Little Miss Character/Story - Online

**1st December** - Make your own Christmas Decorations - Bracknell

**15th December** - Christmas Film Quiz - Online

\*Please note activities may be subject to change

**Registration:**

Gems4Health@nhs.net  
0800 999 1342

**Criteria:**

Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



## CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN SWAP SHOP

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

Donate clean, gently used children's costumes to Maidenhead Library throughout October up until Friday 20th of October.

**DON'T NEED A COSTUME?**

You're welcome to donate with no obligation to exchange.

**DON'T HAVE A COSTUME TO SWAP?**

No problem!

FIRST COME,  
FIRST SERVED



Everyone is welcome to find their 'new-to-you' costume from 3-5 pm on Friday 20 October.

The costumes will still be available in the library until Friday 27 October.

**All unclaimed costumes will be donated**