



OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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What's happened this week?

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term break. The children have come back to school and excitedly told the adults all about their jubilee celebrations. I think the sketch of the Queen with Paddington Bear seemed to be a huge favourite.

Our Year 1 children have been working very hard on their phonics this week as they took part in the phonics screening check. This is a DfE assessment that checks the children's phonic knowledge by giving them a list of 40 real and nonsense words to read. All the children have enjoyed taking part in this activity and demonstrated such positive, confident attitudes. We were very proud of them.

Year 2 have now finished their SATs and they are continuing to work on their topic on Kenya. They have also started to work on the dances, songs and ideas for the Leavers' Concert. Look out for further details later in the term but remember to save the date: Tuesday 19th July at 2pm.

Every class across the school had a small army of caterpillars delivered to their classrooms. This gives the children the opportunity to learn about living things and how a caterpillar grows and changes into a butterfly.

It helps to support their science learning and always causes great excitement, especially when the butterflies become strong enough to be released. Currently, the caterpillars are about 1cm long and actively crawling around in their special home. I will keep you updated on their progress.



The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look and listen
- Be careful and kind
- Always do your best



Exciting PTA Events for the Summer

Friday 1st July will be a **non uniform day** in exchange for a donation to our fete's tombola. This can be anything that you may wish to win as a prize, such as a bottle of something, smellies, etc.

Saturday 2nd July 12-3pm is the school's **Summer Festival**.

Join us for a fun day of games, food, stalls, performances from the children and live band. The games and stalls are cashless so tokens can be bought online or on the day. You will still be able to use card, cash or tokens at the bar, food stalls and cafe. <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/summer>

The festival is a fabulous day out and we do appreciate all the hard work of our PTA. If you are able to help out then please do sign up online. Thank you!

Sunday 10th July is our **Dads vs Dads 5-side Football Tournament**. Eight teams will go head to head to win the first ever Dad's Football Tournament. You can enter a team of up to 8 players. There will be a BBQ, Bar and Cafe throughout the tournament. For further information go to the webpage: <https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/football>

We are lucky to have 4 designated spaces for people with disabilities to park in. Two are by the school gate and 2 in the overflow car park. Please only use these if you are eligible and need them.

Remember to treat each other kindly and that some disabilities are not always obvious.



Messages from the Year Groups

RECEPTION LEARNING THIS WEEK

Ask me to tell you a word with 'ear' in.
Ask me to write the sentence 'I can hear a dog.'

Ask me to tell you a fact about caterpillars.
Ask me to tell you what shapes I can make using triangles and squares.

YEAR 1 LEARNING THIS WEEK

We have been focusing on positional and directional language in maths.

Ask me to show you the following turns: full, quarter, half.
Ask me to direct you from the living room to the kitchen. How many steps forward? Left turn? Right turn? What about a backwards step?
Ask me to put an object above something, below something, to the left, to the right, behind it etc.

We have been working on split digraphs in phonics. This means the ae, ee, ie, oe ue sounds with a letter between.

Ask me to sound out and write the following words:
cake, snake, poke, stroke, dice, cube, flute, compete.

We have been learning to play the recorder. Ask me what sound I should make into the recorder (tut).

In geography, we have been thinking about hot and cold places.
Ask me what the equator is and where it is in the world.

YEAR 2 LEARNING THIS WEEK

In English and geography, we have continued with our topic on Kenya. We have enjoyed planning our work on the marvellous Maasai tribe.

Ask me to tell you three fascinating facts about the Maasai people.
Ask me to demonstrate the fun jumping dance.

Ask me to tell you the two words that are needed to start an exclamation sentence (What/How).

In maths, we have been learning about tallying, drawing and interpreting pictograms.

Ask me to write five tally marks.
Ask me why I think that tallies are grouped in 5s.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their brilliant school work and to those children who had a kindness certificate or a polite parrot certificate this week.

We are very proud of you!

KEY DATES!

14th June
Class Photos

20th June-1st July
Sports Fortnight

20th June
Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Day

21st June
Reception's Sports Day

22nd & 23rd June
Year 2's School Trip

22nd - 24th June
Reception Health Screening

27th June
Hockey Sessions

30th June
Yr2 Taekwondo Sessions

1st July
Non-uniform day for the tombola

2nd July
Summer Fete

4th & 6th July
Drama workshops

5th July
Meet your new teacher morning