



# Alwyn Infant School



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## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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### Maidenhead Advertiser

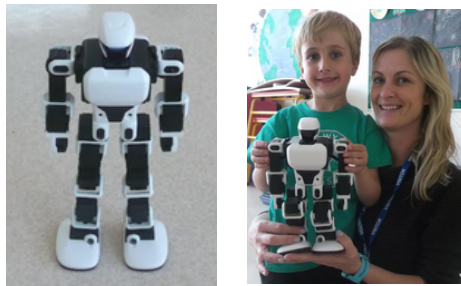
The "My First Class" photo supplement will be in the Maidenhead Advertiser today, Friday October 20th for our Reception Children. Don't forget to buy a copy.



#### Year 1 Toy Museum

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers come to our toy museum in Year 1. Thank you to the grandparents and parents that shared their toys with the children. It has been an excellent way to end their history topic on toys.

On Wednesday the school photographer came into school and took photos of individuals and siblings. Orders are made directly with the company online.



Year 1 enjoyed a visit by a parent who works within engineering and showed the children 2 robots. The children were very excited to give K1 instructions and watch it do handstands, press ups and dancing. Thankyou Mrs O'Dell for sharing K with us!

#### Harvest Food Collections

Thank you for your generous donations to Maidenhead Foodshare. We were overwhelmed with the kindness and sharing shown towards others and know the donations will be handed out to families who need a little bit of extra help. For more information on Foodshare and a list of their most needed items you can visit <https://www.foodshare.charity/>



### 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



### Year 2 Harvest Performance

We are very proud of our Year 2 children who took part in the Harvest Assembly. They sang beautifully and spoke so clearly and confidently. The group poems and speakers encouraged us all to consider the food we have and other things that we can all be grateful for. The children and staff worked so hard to put the assembly together and their enjoyment was evident in their smiles! Well Done!



We will be focusing on anti-bullying during the week of 13th November by wearing odd socks on the Monday. More information after the half term holiday.



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

# Ideas for Learning Chats

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

In Reception we have continued our Phonics learning with two more letter sounds - 't' and 'p' and have even started learning to blend sounds together to read very simple words. We have enjoyed copying and continuing patterns with all sorts of objects from pine cones to Numicon. We have talked about different emotions and expressing how we're feeling in PSHE.

Ask me to tell you a word beginning with 't' and one that ends with 't'

Ask me to sound out the word 'p-a-t'

Ask me to make a pattern with actions eg tap your head, shrug your shoulders (repeat)

Ask me what to do when I feel sad

Ask me who Bertie Owl is.

After half term we will be continuing to learn our letter sounds with 'i' and 'n'. In maths we will be finding numbers 1, 2 and 3 and learning how to recognise them without counting. We will also be starting our P.E. lessons with Mr Baker - just a reminder that the children don't need to wear P.E. clothes.

## What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Alston

This week we enjoyed inviting parents in to share our Toy Museums. We thought about what toys from the past were made out of, how they were played with and what age children might have played with the toys. We compared toys from the past with our toys now and answered the questions that our adults asked. We had great fun evaluating our robots and a very exciting visit from a fantastic mummy from Beech class who brought two amazing robots from her engineering university to visit Year 1. One small robot which was sensor controlled, and one called K1, which was programmed to respond to voice commands. How exciting!

Ask me to tell you about the two robots which visited our school this week.

Ask me to tell you what makes a good sentence.

Ask me to tell you a math's first, then, now story ( first there were 3, then another 2 came, now there are 5)

Ask me to tell you a fact family ( $2 + 4 = 6$ ,  $4 + 2 = 6$ ,  $6 - 2 = 4$ ,  $6 = 4 + 2$ ).

Next week: After half term, we will be using the book 'Dear Zoo' to inspire our writing. Please chat to your children about names of different animals that they might find in a zoo.

## What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs Booth

This week we have had great fun writing our innovated Vlad and the Great Fire of Maidenhead story. We have changed the characters and the place where the fire started. The children have been very creative and brought their stories to life using expanded noun phrases. Sadly, it is our last week learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. This week we have learnt about the changes which were made when London was rebuilt, ensuring that there would never be a repeat of such a devastating event. The children have really enjoyed learning about this famous historical event. In RE, we have continued to think about what it means to be kind and how we can be kind to everyone all of the time. We each wrote an 'act of kindness' note for the class and one will be picked and read out each morning next term for us to do throughout the day.

Ask me what a multiple of 10 is.

Ask me how to work out  $45 + 30 =$ .

Ask me to tell you my innovated Vlad and the Great Fire of Maidenhead story.

Ask me what changes were made as a result of the Great Fire of London.

Ask me what my chosen 'act of kindness' was for the class.

After half term we will be looking at instructions and writing our own set of instructions.

## KEY DATES!

End of term ; usual finish times

20th October

Half term break

23rd to 27th October

INSET DAY

30th October

First day of term 2

31st October

13th November

Anti-bullying week  
wear odd socks

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

## 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!

# 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)

Information on all our events, visit [www.alwyncourthousepta.com](http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com)

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

All the Christmas favourites are back this year. Along with our Christmas Fair we will be hitting the streets once more with Doorstep Santa, we will be running Elfridges our secret santa shop for children only (lunchtimes for Courthouse and after school for alwyn).

We massively appreciate your support so please sign up; an hour on the cafe really does make a difference.

### THE GARDEN PROJECT



**Do you like a bit of landscaping? Do you have green fingers?**

There is a large space next to the playground that has the potential to be much more. The plan is to return this area to the children of both Alwyn and Courthouse, creating an area children can learn in, a sensory garden perhaps, an area for children to get away from the bustle of the playground. First step is to clear it and draft a plan. If you would like to get involved in the project, be it planning or getting your hands dirty

**SIGN UP TO HELP**  
<https://signup.com/go/UanYoQu>



Please read the Autumn 23 PTA newsletter .

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

# Community Information



Are you ready for a Halloween adventure your kids won't forget? The countdown to our Spooktacular Halloween Sports Camp has officially begun, and it's just two weeks away!

**Date:** 30th October- 3rd November

**Venue:**

Worcester venues: Burlish Park Primary School & North Worcester Primary Academy  
Solihull venue: St Alphege Junior School

Get your little goblins and witches geared up for a thrilling time filled with sports, games, and creepy-crawly fun. Our camp promises a cauldron of activities, including:

- Spine-tingling basketball games
- Monster-sized football matches
- Tennis tricks and treats
- Creepy cricket competitions
- Gymnastics galore
- Dance like no one's watching
- And a costume contest with fang-tastic prizes!

Don't let your kids miss out on the ghostly good time. Register now to secure their spot, as space is limited and filling up fast.

To register, simply click [here](#) or visit our website at <https://www.thebugsgroup.com/active-camps/>

Our Halloween Sports Camp is a fantastic way for your kids to stay active, make friends, and celebrate the spookiest holiday of the year in a safe and fun environment.

So mark your calendars, dig out the costumes, and prepare for a howling good time. We can't wait to share the Halloween spirit with your little monsters!



## SEND parent and carer engagement workshop

**Tuesday  
14 November 2023**  
12pm to 1.30pm

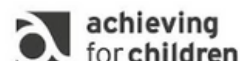


Windsor Youth and Community Centre,  
65 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD

SEND Voices RBWM and Achieving for Children Education Team invite you to their next termly engagement workshop.

This is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A chance for us all to meet and discuss education services and support for our children in RBWM.

Register for the workshop on [Eventbrite](#).



**Special Educational  
Needs & Disability (SEND)**

Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
for children, young people and parents

Hello!

We hope you are well and keeping warm now the weather has turned.

We are excited to be launching our **IAS Surgery** next month. An opportunity for you to book a 15minute slot with an adviser face to face to discuss anything you need to regarding SEND. You can find details below. Please note we do not need to be working with you for you to book an appointment so please do share this with friends and family who may find it helpful.

If we have worked with you this academic year, or in the summer term this year we really need your feedback - it takes no more than a few minutes but really helps us improve our service. The survey is anonymous but helps us get a better understanding of how our service is impacting families. You can find the form here: <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/ias-evaluation>

With best wishes,  
**Jean, Chris Donna & Millie**

Now from: Year 1

LEISURE FOCUS

**JUNIOR NETBALL**  
School Years 2 - 13

**Schools:** 4:30 - 5:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)  
5:30 - 6:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)  
6:30 - 7:25 PM - Indoor (Sports Hall)  
7:25 - 8:30 PM - Outdoor (Courts)

**Furze Platt Leisure Centre**  
£4.50 per session / or pay upfront termly at reception  
\*see reception for term prices

Contact us for more info and to book on  
Phone - 03428 965754 or Email - [kurzep@leisurefocus.org.uk](mailto:kurzep@leisurefocus.org.uk)

[leisurefocus.org.uk](http://leisurefocus.org.uk)

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

**GEMS**  
Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

**Bear cubs**

**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](mailto: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**

**BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST**

**MAKING MUSIC FOR EVERYONE**  
ALL ACROSS BERKSHIRE

**MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

We offer:

- Individual & Group Lessons in schools and in our music centres in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Windsor and Wokingham
- Ensembles and Choirs for all ages - a chance to play or sing with others. (You do not need to be having lessons with us to join!)
- Early Years Music Classes for ages 0-7 years old in community venues and our music centres
- Singing Cafes for the community and people with Parkinson's or Dementia and so much more!

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE**

[www.berksmusictrust.org.uk](http://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk) 0118 901 2370 [contact@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@berksmusictrust.org.uk)