

2025-2026 New School Year



**Welcome to Alwyn Infant School**

# Little Alwyn Teaching Team

The Reception building is fondly referred to as Little Alwyn.

We have 2 Reception classes.

**Oak Class**  
Mrs White  
Year Leader



**Ash Class**  
Mrs McKeown



# Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

In Reception, the children follow a play based curriculum, with a focus on 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas of learning.

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<p><b>Personal Social and Emotional Development</b> Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships</p> <p><b>Communication and Language</b> Listening and attention Understanding Speaking</p> <p><b>Physical Development</b> Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b> Comprehension Word Reading Writing</p> <p><b>Mathematics</b> Numbers Numerical Patterns</p> <p><b>Understanding the World</b> Past and Present People, Culture and Communities The Natural World</p> <p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b> Creating with Materials Being Imaginative and Expressive</p>



# Our Daily Routine

Start at 8.45am

Morning snack provided by school and milk until they turn 5.

Lunch is at 11.45am-12.45pm

Home time at 3.15pm (authorised adults only and they must be over 16 years old)



The children will spend much of their day in continuous provision activities.

This is where the children explore the Little Alwyn environment (inside and out) and the planned resources. They make choices, are creative, work as a team or on their own and learn through their play.

There are focused carpet sessions for phonics, handwriting, maths, topic and story time.

## In the mornings...



- Be on time. Gates open at 8.40am.
- Please walk to school if you can as parking outside school is very busy. There is an unofficial one way system for vehicles and please do not park across residents driveways or on the pavements.
- When you arrive, wait in the playground for the classroom doors to open at 8.45am. **Do not leave your child unattended in the playground.**
- At 8.45am bring your child to the classroom door where their school adult will meet them. Give him/her their book-bag, named water bottle (water only please) and say goodbye.
- If your child is upset, wait at the end of the line so a school adult can help you.

## Lunchtimes

- All children are entitled to a free hot lunch, or they can bring in a healthy packed lunch from home. Please do not include nut based products due to allergies.
- We strongly recommend all children try a free school meal and if they are not eating their lunch we will let you know.
- Children quickly learn the routines and expectations and display good table manners.
- All lunches must be ordered via the Parent Pay website before 8am on the day of the lunch. You will be sent login details in September. If you have not ordered a school lunch for your child, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.
- Our current menu is on our website.
- If your child has any food allergies, you will need to complete our caterers, Caterlink's special diet form and provide evidence from a medical professional





# School Uniform

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### Winter Uniform

#### Girls' - Winter

White polo shirt  
Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers  
Alwyn sweatshirt or  
Alwyn cardigan  
Grey tights/white  
or grey socks

#### Boys' - Winter

White polo shirt  
Grey or black trousers  
Alwyn sweatshirt or  
Alwyn cardigan  
Grey or black socks



### Summer Uniform

#### Girls' - Summer

Green and white dress  
White socks  
or  
Grey skirt/shorts/trousers  
White polo shirt  
Grey or white socks

#### Boys' - Summer

White polo shirt  
Grey shorts/trousers  
Grey socks



The children should wear black school shoes or plain black trainers without logos.

**Uniform can be purchased from Goyals or School Days Direct.**

**Uniform tips:** Velcro shoes. Tights can be tricky. They do not need a bag, just their book bag. **Name everything!**

## Uniform Extras

- We go outside every day, in all weathers.
- Coats/sun hats (no sunglasses).
- No jewellery.
- Do not send in any toys from home as they can get lost or broken.
- Bring a spare set of clothes and leave on their peg in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Please don't send in a back pack as they do not fit on the pegs.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!**
- Our PTA earn commission on name labels ordered from Label Planet; [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk). Please use our fundraising number, 552, when ordering.

Speak to the class teacher if there are any concerns about the uniform or your child has a sensory need that affects wearing uniform.



## Attendance and Punctuality

- We expect all children to attend school everyday and to be on time. This benefits the child socially and academically. It increases their confidence and builds healthy habits for the future.
- If your child absent, phone or email the school office before the start of each school day they are off, stating the reason.
- Unauthorised absence may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine. We do not authorise holidays during term time.
- Please notify the school as soon as possible with any medical/dental appointments. These should be arranged out of school time whenever possible.
- Be on time for drop off and collection.
- The gates open from 8.40am and locked at 8.55am and in the afternoons, open at 3.10pm and closed at 3.30pm.
- If you arrive after 8.55am you will need to come to the school office to sign in and your child will be marked in as late.

## Classroom Visit in September

In September, you will have a special “getting to know your child” sessions, where you and your child will be allocated a 20 minute slot in the classroom.

You can talk to your child’s class teacher and your child will spend time in their new class environment. They can see their cloakroom peg, tray etc.

It will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and share any important information about your child or family. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of these meetings.

The meetings will happen on the following dates and you have been given a time in your pack:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

## The First Few Days ...

### **Half Days, 8.45am - 1.20pm**

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Children will start at 8.45am and stay for lunch.

They must be collected between 1.20pm and 1.30pm.

### **Full Time – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Children will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Please be aware that we cannot allow parents into the classroom with the children as it would become overcrowded and unsettling for the them.

Prepare your child, during the holiday, so they can say goodbye to you at the door and walk into the classroom independently.

Should your child become upset please move to a quieter part of the playground, until a member of staff can join and help you.

# Ready for School

We encourage the children to be independent in school.

You can help to get your child ready for school by teaching them to:

- Use a knife and fork
- Dress themselves, especially jumpers and cardigans
- Take their shoes on and off (Velcro, not laces)
- Take their own coat on and off (including the zip)
- Take hats and gloves on and off
- Practice pulling their trousers and pants up and down
- Be toilet trained (Send in a plastic carrier bag with a change of clothes, that can stay on their peg, in case they need it. No backpacks!)



## Questions or support?

Should you have any questions regarding your child starting school please email  
[newparents@alwyn.org.uk](mailto:newparents@alwyn.org.uk)

**Please can you complete the green admission  
and consent forms in your packs and return by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Thank you**

We hope that you have a wonderful summer.

We can't wait to see you all  
in September!