



# Alwyn Infant School



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## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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### What's happening?

#### Year 1 Christmas Performance

##### Penguin Pete

Year 1 were brilliant in their three Christmas Productions of Penguin Pete! The children have enjoyed learning the songs and dances and we are very proud of all of them. Thanks to the parents for supporting children to learn lines and send in clothes towards costumes. We couldn't have done the performance without your help.



#### Year 2 Festive Songs

Thank you for the superb turn out at the year 2 Christmas sing along. It was great fun and the children were absolutely awesome. They had worked so hard to learn the songs and their class poems and they thoroughly enjoyed showing off their talents to an appreciative audience. The actions for the 12 Days of Christmas used lots of energy and it was lovely for the children to see the adults joining in too - and trying to keep up!



### 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



Thank you for all the donations for Children's Hospital Pyjamas. You raised an amazing £627.15



Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New year!



#### Norden Farm Gallery Exhibition

You may recall that in November, Year 2 had an artist from Norden Farm working with the children to make jellyfish. Their work is on display at Norden Farm until 30th December. Please see poster below.



**Request for you to check your child's school uniform over the holidays. Some named jumpers have gone missing and we have a number of jumpers with no names in them! Please bring back any that are not yours and rename anything that requires it!**



On Friday all of the children went to Courthouse and watched the teachers being silly in a classic Cinderella pantomime. We finished off the term with a special visitor who caused great excitement and gave us all a present.



#### School Applications for Year 3

If your child is currently in Year 2, you will need to make an application for their Junior school place. The application portal is now open, until 15 January 2024. You need to log onto [RBWM.gov.uk](http://RBWM.gov.uk) and in the Schools and Education section, you will find all the information you need. If you need any help with the application process, contact the admissions department at RBWM. You will then be informed of the junior school offer on 16 April 2024.

# Ideas for Learning Chats

## What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Sakal

What a busy, festive week we have had! We hope you are enjoying all the things we have made and brought home. We have still managed to fit in a new phoneme /h/. We also have been doing lots of Christmas activities and making some special presents!

- Ask me to tell you who visited us at school today.
- Ask me to tell you why we went to Courthouse this morning.
- Ask me to tell you if I played with someone new this week.
- Ask me to sound talk the words hat and hug for you.
- Ask me to count to 10 and back.

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

Year 1 have been very busy this week doing lots of artwork that we hope you will enjoy! We have also continued to learn about 3D shapes and have enjoyed sorting them and learning the names of a few new 3D shapes too! We have talked about how all of these shapes have straight sides: triangles, quadrilaterals, squares, rectangles, pentagons, hexagons, octagons. We also made some super shape snowman artwork that the children can use to show you some of the names of 2D shapes that they have learnt.

- Ask me to show you an object at home that is a cuboid.
- Ask me to show you an object at home that is a sphere.
- Ask me to read the following words to you: mouth, south, cloud, sprout.
- After the holidays, we will be learning about animals in Science and which groups they fit into.

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

Year 2 really enjoyed their Christmas performance on Thursday

- Ask me the role of yeast in bread making
- Ask me what I would change about my bread roll next time
- Ask me to show 5 on a tally chart
- Ask me to create a block graph of my family's favourite food
- Ask me to teach you the actions for the 12 days of Christmas

Next term in history, we will be engineers and learn about Brunel.

## KEY DATES!

Inset Day  
Weds 3rd January 2024

First day of term  
4th January 2024

Book Week  
5th - 9th February 2024

Half Term  
12th - 16th February



We are excited that Fun Little Foodies will be running a new after-school and before-school cookery club next term.

They are also running a holiday club during the first week of the Christmas holidays. Please see the flyer below for details.



 **Fun Little Foodies Holiday Classes.**

Join us for festive baking, crafts and games.  
Book one day or cook with us all week.

**Monday 18th December. 9am - 12pm.**  
Christmas Iced pies.  
Christmas gift tags and garlands.

 **Tuesday 19th December. 9am - 12pm.**  
Reindeer brownies.  
Christmas cards.

**Wednesday 20th December. 9am - 12pm.**  
Gingerbread house.  
Gingerbread house design.

 **Thursday 21st December. 9am - 12pm.**  
The Grinch Christmas cheesecake.  
The Grinch drawing tutorial and colouring competition.

 **Friday 22nd December. 9am - 12pm.**  
Christmas tree biscuits.  
Christmas tree decorations.  
Prizes for best Christmas costume.

**@St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church, Allenby Road,  
Maidenhead, SL6 5BQ. Suitable for ages 2-12. £25 per class.**

**BOOK NOW! [Dodays.co.uk/classes/62861](http://Dodays.co.uk/classes/62861)**

# Christmas at Norden Farm

Norden Farm and Slot Machine present

Tickets From £12.50

# Miki

Based on the book by Stephen Mackey

Tuesday 28 November - Saturday 30 December



FOR AGES 3+ YEARS

**Norden Farm**  
Centre for the Arts Maidenhead  
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Altwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 4PF

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nordenfarm.org

slot  
machine  
theatre

## Stay in control of your child's health



Rates of winter infections are rising rapidly amongst children. When your child is unwell, be sure to know what to look out for and when to seek help using the FREE Healthier Together app. Developed by paediatricians, trusted by parents.



"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.



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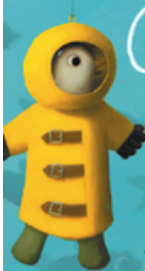


Sheet Street Surgery  
Community Health Initiative

# Miki

## Chill Out Space

Saturday 2 - Saturday 30 December



Lead artist Amelia Pimlott  
with music from Miki by Slot Machine Theatre

Come on in and explore or simply sit back and relax!

Featuring work created by

- The Autism Group
- Thames Valley Adventure Playground
- Cookham Rise School
- Boyne Hill School
- Alwyn Infant School

Plus entries to the Miki Art Competition

**Norden Farm**



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