

2026-2027 New School Year



Welcome to Alwyn Infant School

Values: Belonging, Kindness, Choices and Adventure

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
- Look after our things
- Always do our best



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. We do have some second hand uniform available. They do not need a bag, just their book bag with no more than one keyring. No jewellery. **Name everything!**

Uniform Extras

We also have some second hand uniform at £1.00 an item

Grey elasticated trousers or skirts work well. Girls are welcome to wear trousers. (In cold weather trousers are often easier to manage than tights)

Suitable black school shoes or no logo trainers – we prefer Velcro (young children cannot tie up shoe laces)

Tops may become stained in school – a stained top is fine

No PE kit required until Year 1

Requests for changes to the uniform can be applied for via the school form.

We go outside every day in all weathers so will need a waterproof coat/sun hats (no sunglasses).

No jewellery/no hoop earrings.

Bring a spare set of clothes and leave on their peg in a clearly labelled plastic bag

LABEL EVERYTHING! Our PTA earn commission on name labels ordered from Label Planet; www.stikins.co.uk. Please use our fundraising number, 552, when ordering.

Reception Team and Classes

Our reception building is fondly referred to as Little Alwyn.
In Little Alwyn there are 2 reception classes.

Ash Class

Teacher

Mrs McKeown

Class Teaching Assistant

Miss Purdue



Oak Class

Teacher

Mrs Sakal

Class Teaching Assistant









Miss Smith



Children may be moved into a different class throughout the school year if we feel it is in their best interest! They do spend time in each others' classrooms and outside throughout the school day.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework that continues and build on their learning in nursery/pre-school. It is a play based curriculum designed to support communication, managing their feelings and friendships and body control in order to learn well.

3 prime areas	4 specific areas
<p data-bbox="420 611 1202 648">Personal Social and Emotional Development</p> <p data-bbox="420 658 733 765">Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships</p>  <p data-bbox="420 822 952 859">Communication and Language</p> <p data-bbox="420 869 746 976">Listening and attention and Understanding Speaking</p>  <p data-bbox="420 1033 812 1071">Physical Development</p> <p data-bbox="420 1080 677 1146">Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills</p>  	<p data-bbox="1268 611 1411 648">Literacy</p> <p data-bbox="1268 658 1495 765">Comprehension Word Reading Writing</p>  <p data-bbox="1268 812 1505 849">Mathematics</p> <p data-bbox="1268 859 1541 925">Numbers Numerical Patterns</p>  <p data-bbox="1268 983 1717 1021">Understanding the World</p> <p data-bbox="1268 1031 1742 1138">Past and Present People, Culture and Communities The Natural World</p>  <p data-bbox="1268 1196 1742 1233">Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p data-bbox="1268 1243 1735 1309">Creating with Materials Being Imaginative and Expressive</p> 

A Typical School Day

Drop off 8.45am / Pick up 3.15pm

Please be on time.

8:45-9.00	Soft start and register
8.45-9.30	Continuous Provision (own classes)
9.30-10.00	Phonics
10.00-10.10	Snack Time on the carpet
10.10-11.00	Continuous Provision (free flow inside and outside)
11.00-11.30	Talk 4 Writing and handwriting
11.30-11.45	Tidy up and get ready for lunch
11.45-12.45	Lunch Time
12.45-1.20	Song, register and maths
1.20-2.45	Continuous Provision (inside and outside)
2.45- 3.10	Topic time
3.10-3.15	Story Time and Home



The Morning Drop Off – Coming to School

Please walk to school if you can as parking outside school is very busy. There is an unofficial one way system for vehicles and we strongly encourage you to park sensibly and not block driveways, mount the curb or stop on the bends.

The school gate opens at 8.40am.



Please be waiting at your classroom door by 8.45 am, which is when the classroom doors open. Do not leave your child unattended in the playground.

Hand them over to a member of staff at the door or walkway. Give him/her their book-bag, water bottle and say goodbye then leave the playground. It really does help them settle if you leave quickly.

If your child becomes very upset, wait and handover your child last so the adults have more time to support them.

Snacks in Reception

We actively encourage a healthy well balanced diet.

We offer a free daily fruit snack in the classroom.

This is normally a piece of fruit or vegetable, and free milk is available for children to help themselves to until the age of 5. Once your child turns 5, milk can be arranged at a small cost.

Please bring in a named, full bottle of water every day.
Only water, not juice, to avoid sticky spillages.



Lunchtime

All children are entitled to a free hot lunch, or they can bring in a packed lunch from home.

We have a fantastic team of smiley and patient lunch time staff who get to know the children well.

This is a great opportunity to work on social skills, good manners and to try new foods.

We strongly recommend that all children try a school meal and if they are not eating their lunch we will let you know.

All lunches are ordered in advance via the Parent Pay website/App. There is no option to order lunches in school. Any child who does not have a lunch order or a packed lunch will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Current menu is on our website.

If your child has any food allergies, you will need to inform the school caterer and may be asked to provide evidence from a medical professional.

Supporting at home

As a parent/carer of Alwyn will ask you to spend time with your child, working on:

Phonics (a sheet to reinforce the sounds being taught in school)

Reading- this may be a picture or a wordbook

Learning helpful words that are sent home

Use the 'Ask me' statements from the weekly newsletter

Share interests from home

Work on independence skills and help get your child ready for school

Parent Helpers

We would love to have you helping in the classrooms.

You can come in occasionally or every week.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to do this.

All helpers will need a DBS check as part of our safeguarding policy.



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 is ill, please phone or email before the start each day of absence, stating the reason. We may need medical evidence for extended periods of illness.

Any unauthorised absence taken during term time may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine. We do not authorise holidays or family visits in 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.

Prompt drop off and collection. The gates are open from 8.40am and locked at 9.00am and in the afternoons, open at 3.10pm and closed at 3.30pm.

The classroom doors close once the last child waiting has entered, if you arrive after this time it can be unsettling for your child and they will be marked as late.

If you arrive after 9.00am you will need to come to the school office and your child will be marked in as late.

Ready for School?

We encourage the children to be independent in school. Before they start, you can help to prepare them for this by encouraging them to:

Put on and zip up their coat, (please avoid buying a coat with a separate fleece, as these are difficult to get on).

Put on/take off shoes (please only Velcro, no laces) and socks.

Be toilet trained. Send them into school with a plastic carrier bag containing a change of clothes, that can stay on their peg, in case they need it. No backpacks!

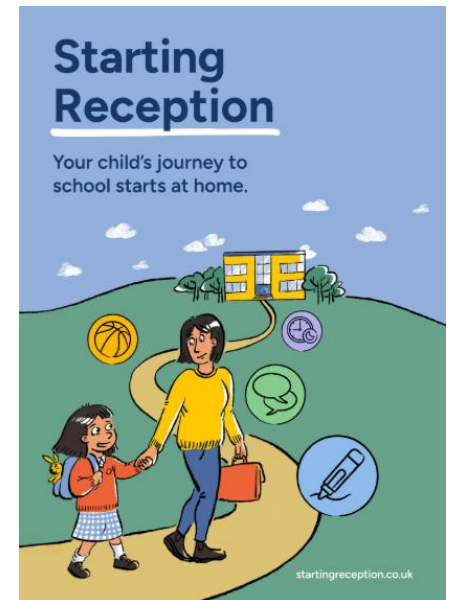
Practise pulling their trousers/skirts/pants up and down.

Put on/take off jumpers and cardigans.

Put on own hats and gloves.

Use a knife, fork and spoon.

Spend time away from you with a safe, caring adult.



Transition

In September, you will be invited to a “getting to know your child” session, in school, where you and your child will be allocated a 20 minute slot in their new classroom.

During these sessions, you will have the opportunity to talk to your child’s class teacher and your child will spend this time in their new class environment. They can see their cloakroom peg, tray etc and meet their class teaching assistant.

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

The meetings will happen on the following dates and you will be informed of your time slot by the end of the academic year:

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

The first few days ...

Your child's first morning at school will be Monday 7th September.

Half Days

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th September

Children will start at 8.45am and stay for lunch.

They must be collected between 1.20pm and 1.30pm.

Start Full Time – Wednesday 9th September

Children will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm for the rest of the school year.

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

Please 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 the end of the line, until a member of staff can join and help you.

Dates for you ...

Friday 11th September, 9am-10am

Reception parent/carer drink (coffee/tea) and chat in the school hall. A great way to get to know each other and chat to some members of staff.

Thursday 17th September, 2.30-3.15pm

Welcome to Reception, parent/carer information talk in the school hall.

Thursday 24th September, 2.30-3.15pm

Parent/carer introduction to phonics at Alwyn.

Monday 28th September, 2.30-3.15pm

Parent/carer introduction to maths at Alwyn.

Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th October

First parent/teacher meeting- opportunity for a 10 minute chat to discuss how your child has settled into school. Do not wait for this date, if you have any concerns or niggles you can contact your class teacher at any time.

Read the weekly newsletter for key dates and information.

Should you have any questions regarding your child starting school please email:

newparents@alwyn.org.uk

**Save the school number in your phone so you
can see any missed calls: 01628622477**

We hope that you have a wonderful summer.
We can't wait to see you all
in September!