



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What have we been up to?

Year 2 Visit Courthouse

On Tuesday, Year 2 children had a fantastic time visiting Courthouse for a very special musical performance. They were treated to a wonderful show by the incredibly talented Newlands Girls' School Junior Band, and they blew us all away! The music was absolutely amazing, and our children were captivated from the very first note.



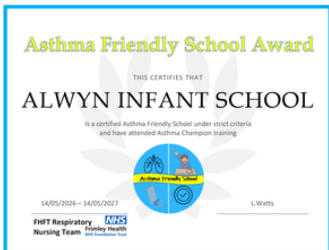
It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, tapping toes and bodies moving to the rhythm. The performance was so inspiring that many of our Year 2s came back to class buzzing with excitement and eager to learn how to play some of the instruments themselves. We might just have some future rockstars or orchestra leaders in our midst!

SEN Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who came to the SEND coffee morning on Wednesday at Courthouse. It was lovely to see parents connecting with each other over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit! These mornings are open to all families across the Alwyn and Courthouse Federation and are a safe space to share concerns and connect with others over shared experiences.

Asthma Friendly School Award

Our policies and procedures regarding the management of asthma in school was assessed by a member of the NHS Respiratory Nursing Team. We are so pleased to share that we passed with flying colours.



We are now a certified Asthma Friendly School. The certificate is proudly displayed in our entrance hall. Well done us!

Walk to School Week

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week. Congratulations to XXXXXX and XXXXXX for winning the certificates.

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



Remember to order lunches!

All hot dinners must be pre-ordered by 8am on the day.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Please talk about the menu choices with your child as we are unable to change it on the day.

School lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. They are yummy

Battery Collections

We are taking part in Duracell's Big Battery Hunt 2026 and a competition to see which class can collect the most used batteries! Please check at home to see if you have any used batteries to recycle. Your child can bring them in and place them in their class container.

The winning class will be announced during the week beginning Monday 6th July!

RBWM Park Improvements

RBWM have announced further play park refurbishments this week, in addition to the Pirate park and Oaken Grove. For further information [click here](#).



Have a great half term break!

We return on Tuesday 2nd June.



Look out for photos on our Alwyn facebook page or Instagram.

Responsible Behaviour Curriculum in Alwyn and Courthouse

Our vision is to develop well rounded, confident and responsible children who aspire to achieve their full potential. We want our children to do their best in all aspects of school life - work, play, friendships and behaviour, and to take pride in all they do. We want them to develop respect and a sense of responsibility for themselves, each other, property, the wider community and the environment. To support this aim, we follow a behaviour curriculum that is explicitly taught and also weaves throughout the whole of school life.

Each week, the classes explore a different theme. They have a Monday 'check-in' circle time to introduce it and set a goal to work towards throughout the week. On Tuesday, the Year 1 and 2 assembly is time to think about the whole school approach to the theme. They celebrate their successes with a Friday 'check-out' circle time in their class.

To support this learning, there is a weekly leaflet for parents (below) to introduce the theme and sometimes gives ideas on how to help.

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS
RESPECT IN SCHOOL

Why respect in schools?

Respect in school is an essential part of it working as a place that children go to get their education. The key elements are for the children to have respect for each other and respect for the staff. Your part in that is to model respect for school staff and the importance of education and being able to learn.

Respecting a teacher's authority

When children are at school, the adults are there to keep them safe and support them in their learning. As is the case in all workplaces, these adults deserve respect. No-one goes to work to be disrespected. The other part of respecting adults within school is that it helps the children feel secure in their environment. If a child sees an adult that is supposed to be looking after them being disrespected, it can erode that safe feeling and could lead to school anxiety or refusal. You can support your child's feeling of safety at school by asking them to respect school staff and modelling this yourself.

Respecting others' right to learn

All children have the right to learn in school. Children in Year 5 and 6 have been discussing what this means and the responsibility they have in order to make this happen. You can support this by speaking to your children about not being disruptive in the classroom. All children can get overwhelmed with emotions sometimes and it is about your child dealing with this appropriately so it doesn't stop others learning.

The Responsible Behaviour Curriculum

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
sad tired	happy calm	frustrated worried	angry terrified
sick bored	feeling ok ready to learn	silly excited	yelling hitting
I can try... stretch	I can try... drink water	I can try... deep breaths	I can try... take a break

These zones of regulation are also a great way to help the children think about and identify their feelings, along with an idea to help manage them.

What have Reception been learning this week?

This week as we come to the end of another fun filled half term of learning, we finish our learning about wonderful animals. In writing, we have been looking at different Aesop fables (The Tortoise and the Hare and The Town Mouse, and the Country Mouse), where we have been discussing the morals of the stories and retelling them. In phonics, we have been revisiting the sounds we have learnt so far and assessing the sounds the children know. During maths, we have been revisiting the things we have learnt by playing fun games and assessing what the children know. On Friday the children enjoyed our No Pens Day, where they were able to create, play and talk about the things that are special to them during carpet time.

Ask me to tell you what is greater than, fewer than or equal too when putting things into two groups.

Ask me to tell you what is 1 more or 1 less than a number.

Ask me to tell you the story about The Tortoise and the Hare.

Ask me to write a simple sentence using the phonics sounds I know.

Ask me to play a music game where we have to clap, stamp etc and the other person repeats.

After half term, we will be learning the sound ear and air. Our learning next term will be on people who help us, where we will be looking closely at different professions in our Talk 4 Writing.

Have a fab half term holiday from the Reception Term and don't forget we return on the Tuesday as Monday is INSET day.

PE day is on Tuesday (no PE kit needed).

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

We've reached the end of another half term and what a busy one it has been! The children have worked so hard and it has been lovely to see and hear them talking about their art, craft and writing with such knowledge and pride at the showcases. This week the children have been working on an independent piece of writing to describe a setting, using adjectives to paint a picture with words. In maths they have been using their knowledge of place value to combine and partition two-digit numbers, using maths equipment. They have also been practising counting in different multiples - 2s, 5s and 10s. In RE the children have been learning about synagogues in their unit about Judaism and in PE they put their running, jumping and throwing skills to use in a mini Olympics session!

Ask me to tell you about something you might see at a synagogue.

Ask me to partition 57 into tens and ones.

Ask me to combine 7 tens and 3 ones to make a two-digit number.

Ask me to count in 5s to 50.

Ask me which PE activity I enjoyed most - running, jumping or throwing.

Ask me whether most children in my class walked, scooted or travelled by car to school this week.

PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

25th - 29th May
Half Term Break

Summer Term 6

1st June
INSET Day (2) - School
Closed for children.

2nd June
All children back to school

5th June
Class Photographs- children
to be in full school uniform

8th-12th June
Phonics Screening Check

11th June
Farm visit to Little Alwyn

15th - 26th June
Sports Fortnight

15th June
Yr2 Trip to Wellington
Country Park

17th June
Teacher Appreciation Day

26th June, 9.15-11am
Sports morning with Grown
Ups (Sports Day)

29th June
New parent meeting 6pm

30th June
Transition morning (children
visit their new classes for
next year.

3rd July
Reports being sent home

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week in Year Two, the children have had a deeper look into what hospitals were like before and after Florence Nightingale. They created wonderful detailed pictures of what they were like and compared them. In art, they were introduced to pointillism and Georges Seurat. They showed their artistic flair by recreating Monet's Waterlilies in a pointillism style. In Maths, they had great fun measuring objects in the classroom and comparing their lengths and heights. In PSHE, they learned all about what their bodies need to keep healthy and discussed the importance of sleep and rest. The children have worked really hard this half term and learned a lot. We hope they have a lovely half term.

Ask me what the difference between hospitals before and after Florence arrived.

Ask me what cm and m means in measurement.

Ask me what pointillism is.

Ask me why sleep is important for my healthy body.

Please note: Year 2 PE days are changing after half term;

HOLLY: Wednesday only

PINE: Monday & Wednesday

SPRUCE: Wednesday only

Congratulations!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who have been in the golden book, this week.

We are very proud of you!



KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

Summer Term

4th July

PTA Colour Run

8th July

Open School Event, 4-5pm.
Come and see your child's old and new classroom and teachers in Alwyn (as well as their work)

15th July, 9.30am

Year 2 Performance to their grown ups

16th July, 3.30 -5 pm

PTA Year 2 School Disco

17th July

Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Summer Holidays



New School Year 2026-2027

1st September

INSET Day

2nd September

Year 1 and 2 Children back to school

7th & 8th September

Reception start for half days

9th September

Reception start full time

URGENT: WE NEED AN ALWYN YEAR 2 PARENT TO JOIN COURTHOUSE'S PLAY REVOLUTION!



COURTHOUSE IS PLATINUM!

We are officially a leading OPAL school! Help us keep our play status shining as an Alwyn Year 2 Parent Representative

WHAT DOES AN AMBASSADOR DO?



Half termly meeting (45mins) to think of new ideas or zones for play



Help source 'loose parts' (like toys, art equipment, fancy dress)



Advocate for the power of play with our parent community and share positive updates and initiatives



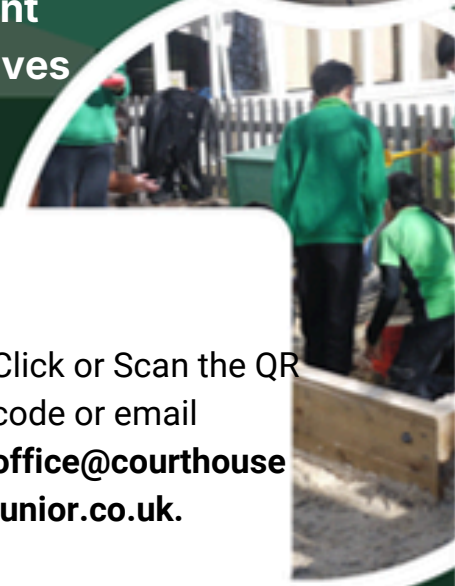
CONTACT DETAILS

WANT A "PLAYFUL" VOLUNTEER ROLE?

Come and have a chat with **CLEO** (Play Lead) or **MR HYATT** at the school gate



Click or Scan the QR code or email office@courthousejunior.co.uk.



MAGIC



MUDDY



MAGNETIC

Penalty Notice Changes

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and must be agreed, in advance, by the Head of School. An Exceptional Leave form must be completed and the school may ask for further evidence to support the application.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years, if a second Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards - Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court.

Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support.

A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issues Per Parent, Per Child.
For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

[Click this link to visit the school website for further information.](#)



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions (not days) of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Punctuality

Children in Reception should be at the classroom door by 8.45am.

Children in Years 1 and 2 should be at their classroom door by 8.50am.

If your child arrives to school after these times, your child will receive an unauthorised late mark- this affects your child's attendance. The school gates are locked at 9am.

If arriving late, you must bring your child into the school office and sign them into school with a reason for the lateness.

School Day

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Start	8.45am	8.50am	8.50am
Lunch	11.45am - 12.45pm	12pm - 1pm	12.20pm - 1.20pm
Finish	3.15pm	3.20pm	3.20pm
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The School Gates

The Alwyn and Courthouse gates open at 8.40am until 9.00am and 3.10pm until 3.35pm

The opening times allow movement between our two schools and provide different points of access which should help with traffic and parking in our area.

The gate opening times are different from the time your child is required to be in school.

The Importance of Being on Time

Reception children need to be in school by 8.45am.

Year 1 and 2 children need to be in school by 8.50am.

The classroom doors will open at these times and close as soon as the last child in the line enters the classroom; this usually takes less than 3 minutes. Any child arriving after the classroom door is shut, will be marked as late. Knocking on the classroom door once it is closed is disruptive to the children as their teacher is having to keep opening the door instead of settling their class for the morning.

Please be on time every morning. It can be worrying for a child to enter a classroom late especially when their classmates are sat on the carpet ready to learn. All children should have come into school, put their belongings in the cloakroom, their book bag in their drawer and their water bottle in the tray and have been registered before 9am each morning.

Attendance Matters

Being in school every day is extremely important for all children in order to receive the best possible start to their learning. Your child's attendance is vital to a successful education, as this is the foundation for lifelong learning. Lessons are planned in sequences and if a child misses a part of this sequence, they are at a disadvantage when it comes to committing that learning to long term memory.

If your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come into school, send them in and mention it to the class teacher. They will keep an eye on your child and phone you if there are any concerns.

Reason for absence

Please let the office know the specific reason for your child's absence rather than feeling unwell or ill. This helps us monitor any small outbreaks of similar virus' and supports the recording of absence.

Medical Appointments

If you have a medical appointment during the school day, inform the school before the appointment and provide a GP/Hospital appointment card or letter.

Leave Requests

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any other exceptional circumstances will require supporting evidence that shows the child has to attend something that results in missed school days.

Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) may be triggered if your child misses 5 consecutive days of school or 10 sessions in 10 weeks. A session means a morning or afternoon, not a day.

Please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school.

May Half Term: Holiday Camps and Activities

Holiday Events Disclaimer: Please note that the events listed are organised by external parties and are not endorsed or recommended by Alwyn Infant School. We provide this information as a courtesy to our community. We advise families to exercise their own discretion and judgement when participating in any events or activities.

FOOTBALL CAMP

Click here to book!

Price + Offers

from £20 per day

Sibling discount: 10% off

Early Bird discount (15% off)
Code: MHT15

Venues

- Newbury: Winchcombe School
- Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School
- Reading: Calcot Junior School

MAY HALF-TERM

Age

5 - 12 Years Old

Dates + Times

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm



WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!
For Holiday Camp Enquiries - Email admin@mnrcoaching.com www.mnrcoaching.com

MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Click here to book!

Price + Offers

from £25 per day

Sibling discount: 10% off

Early Bird discount (15% off)
Code: MHT15

Venues

- Newbury: Winchcombe School
- Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School
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WISE OWLS MAY HALF TERM CLUB

@ COURTHOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOL, MAIDENHEAD

May Half Term Holiday Club
Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May
8:30am - 5:30pm
Courthouse Junior School, SL6 5HE

Our May Half Term programme is packed with excitement, hands-on activities, outdoor adventures and memorable themed experiences. With a carefully designed timetable and flexible free-choice zones, children enjoy the perfect balance of structured sessions and independent exploration.

- ♥ Children ages 3-14 years
- ♥ From just £39.50 per day* (only £4.38 per hour)
- ♥ Home cooked, healthy all day menu only £6.85
- ♥ Activities to suit all interests and abilities
- ♥ Every child has a pastoral care worker to ensure their wellbeing

"My favourite thing about holiday club is they give us lots of free time to do what we want."

BOOK NOW







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wiseowlschildcare.co.uk
01628 620013
info@wiseowlschildcare.co.uk
Pay by childcare voucher or tax-free childcare

LEISURE FOCUS

TRAMPOLINING AT BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE

Join us this May Half Term and Bounce, jump, and soar – endless fun for every little one!



TUESDAY 26TH MAY

9AM - 9:55AM: Age 5+
10AM - 10:55AM: Age 7+
11AM - 11:55AM: Age 10+

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TOM DEAN SWIM SCHOOL

CRASH COURSES

MAY HALF TERM

Make a splash this May

Boost confidence, build skills and have fun with intensive swimming lessons for all ages and abilities.

- EXPERT TUITION
- FAST PROGRESS
- FUN & FRIENDLY

MAY HALF TERM
Book now to secure your place!
BOOK NOW

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!



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HALF TERM EVENTS AT NORDEN FARM

YOU CHOOSE
Tues 26 May 11.30am and 2pm
An interactive musical show full of games for all the family! **Age guidance 2 - 7 years**

COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS
Thur 28 May 2pm
Top comedians doing what they do best... but without the rude bits! **Age guidance 6+ years**

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE 
Wed 27 May 11.30am and 2pm, Thur 28 May 11.30am and 2pm, Sat 30 May 5pm

THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE 
Fri 29 May 11.30am, Sat 30 May 11.30am

MRS H AND THE SINGALONG BAND
Fri 29 May 11.30am
Music and songs for all ages to enjoy. Bring your voices, silly dances and a sprinkling of mischief!
Age guidance 2+ years

ARTS AND CRAFT SESSIONS | FREE PARKING | CAFE BAR

Norden Farm nordenfarm.org | 01628 788997
Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PF



ETON COLLEGE COLLECTIONS



Family Learning Event: Eton's Elephants

Free half-term family activity at Eton's Natural History Museum.

Join us for a fun range of activities themed around 'Eton's Elephants' on Tuesday 26th May. Come along to explore our elephant trail, learn some amazing facts about elephants, and take part in a fun range of craft activities – including making your own elephant mask!

The museum will be open 1 – 4 pm.

Free entry – no need to book.

For more information: [Family Learning Event: Eton's Elephants - Eton College Collections](#)

TUE 26 & WED 27 MAY 2026
09:30 - 15:00
MAIDENHEAD RFC, BRAYWICK PARK, SL6 1BN

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TOUCH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

£35 for 1 day
£60 for 2 days
10% sibling discount



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COACHING TEAM

Younger Groups: Y1-Y6
Older Groups: Y7-Y12

Contact: sammie@in2touch.com

Community Pages: What is happening in our local area?

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The Croft Clinic

Coffee Morning Event

Making Sense of Neurodiversity

Friday 5 June 2026 | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Wellness Suite, The Odney Club
Odney Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 9SR


Guest Speaker: Masie Cass
Founder of Diversity Does
ADHD Speaker & Neurodiversity Consultant

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning of coffee, connection, and conversation.

This insightful session will explore ADHD and autism through a compassionate, real-life lens—helping you better understand experiences beyond labels and build greater clarity & confidence.

Open to individuals, families, and those in local schools, whether already part of our clinic community or joining us for the first time.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to admin@thecroftclinic.com, along with any dietary requirements.




Virtual Coffee Morning - Family, siblings and homelife

Friday 19th June - 10:00 - 11:00am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Creating a home that works for everyone's needs and rhythms
- Supporting sibling bonds
- Navigating family tensions with empathy and realistic expectations
- Letting go of 'perfect' parenting

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net | 0800 999 1342

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The perfect length of time to learn and progress
- MAXIMUM OF 6 CHILDREN PER CLASS**
More attention, greater confidence, better progress
- TERM TIME ONLY**
Lessons run during term time for consistency and progress
- HOLIDAY CRASH COURSES**
During the holiday periods, we have crash courses for all abilities

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

From first splashes to strong swimmers - we're here to help your child reach their full potential.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
piranhas@stpirans.co.uk

We can't wait to welcome you to the Piranhas family!

CONFIDENT IN THE WATER. CONFIDENT FOR LIFE.




June 2026 Taplow United Youth Open Trial Days

Calling all Girls

Are you looking to join a football team for the 2026/27 season?

We would like to meet you, come join us for training.

Select your age group and register now at www.taplow-utd.co.uk
Or scan the QR code below

Taplow United FC, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA

Girls U8 & U9

Tuesday 2nd June - 18:15 - 19:30
Saturday 13th June - 09:30 - 10:30

Coaches - Football cannot happen without you. We are always on the lookout for more coaches. Please get in touch to find out more.

