



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Help Us Protect the Power of Play!

At both Alwyn and Courthouse we know the importance of play. We see daily how high-quality play transforms our children's health, confidence, and happiness. That's why we are backing a massive national campaign—and we need 60 seconds of your time to make a difference.

OPAL is aiming for 100,000 signatures on the Plan for Play Petition to secure better recognition and funding for children's play across the country.

How You Can Help (In 3 Easy Steps)

- 1. Sign the Petition: Click [Link Here](#) or scan the QR code on the newsletter and websites. It takes less than a minute!
- 2. Share the Link: Pass it on to family, friends, and your neighborhood WhatsApp groups.
- 3. Shout About It: Share the campaign on your social media channels.



Every single signature builds momentum for happier, healthier childhoods. Thank you for helping us stand up for play!

Lots of Physical Activity this Week

We had a brilliant start to our sports fortnight and the children all looked super sporty in their PE kits. Mr Baker ran an 'Around the World' sports festival with each of the year groups on the field. Samurai Kickboxing Club worked with our Year 1s and Ash class. They will be back next week to work with the other classes.

The children were also introduced to OPAL activities at Courthouse, which they absolutely loved!

We are looking forward to next week's sporty fun!

School Traffic Across the Borough

The Council is currently carrying out a borough-wide survey to better understand the impact of school-related traffic and the challenges families face during the school run. Your feedback will play an important role in helping RBWM identify ways to improve safety, accessibility, and travel experiences for families across the borough. Please access the survey [via this link](#).



Children's Commissioner Survey - The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear your children's views to help shape future policy. To take part in the survey, [click here](#).

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



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!

Early Years & Wraparound Childcare survey

Please share your views on childcare and wraparound provision in RBWM;

[click here](#)



Our Fabulous Parent Teacher Association

Remember as a member of the school community, you are automatically part of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

They run brilliant events throughout the year but need your help. Please get in touch with them if you wish to take part or have some great ideas to share.

Time to Celebrate, Year 2!

We're sending off our fantastic Year 2 children in style with a Leavers Disco as they get ready for Junior School. It's set to be a fun, feel-good celebration of their time in Infants. Each ticket includes a snack, you can get your tickets here.



Get colourful and join our colour run! Run, skip or even cartwheel your way around our course making your way through the colour stations. Kids can run on their own or you can tackle the course as a family.

Colour Run on the 4th July, 11.30am - 2.30pm

Courthouse Junior School Field

Gates open at 1130am, race is at 12pm,

BBQ and Bar 1230 - 230pm

Order your tickets here

Entry is £6 per runner, free for spectators

(pre schoolers can run for free)

Family BBQ and Bar, plus cakes and treats

At the time of sending this newsletter, there are only 11 volunteers signed up. We need more please. if we don't have more volunteers, the event will be cancelled.

To keep everything running smoothly and safely, we're still in need of volunteers. If you're able to help for an hour, we'd be so grateful. You can sign up here

Upcoming Events for the Final Term

Friday 26th June, 9.15am start

Whole school Sports Day

The event will take place on the Courthouse field. You can find your child's class and follow them around the outside of the circuit to cheer them on!

For safeguarding reasons, please remain on the outside of the sports circle and please do not call your child over to you. If your child becomes overwhelmed, upset or falls, a school adult or sports leader will support them.

At the end of the event, the children will leave the field first, hopefully to your clapping and support. You will only be able to exit through the Alwyn gate.

You can take photographs/videos but please only focus on your own child and do not share any images on social media if anyone else happens to be in the images.

Wednesday 8th July, 4pm-5pm

Open School Event

Come and let your child take you on a tour of the school where you can look at examples of their work and chat to the teachers.

This is a great opportunity for you to visit your child's current classroom and celebrate the range of work and learning. You can then go to see their new classroom and have a little look at the learning they will be doing next year. You can see where their new cloakroom will be and also the drop off/pick up door. This is a great way to prepare for their next class.

Courthouse Junior School will also be open for you to visit.

Wednesday 15th July, 9.30am

Year 2 Leavers' Concert

Watch your children perform in their final Alwyn performance. There is no need to buy a ticket, just turn up with your tissues and smiles. Details of how to purchase photos displayed during the concert will be shared afterwards.

Thursday 16th July, 3.20pm - 4.45pm

Year 2 Leavers' Disco, £3 a ticket

The disco will take place straight after school. This is a ticket only event and the children can bring in a change of clothes if they wish but they do not have to. Your child should be collected at 4.45pm from their classroom door. Only the Alwyn gate will be open at this time. [Tickets here.](#)

Fundraising for Charity

Friday 10th July

Non-Uniform Day

We are having a non-uniform day to raise money for the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe, Oxford.

We suggest a £1 minimum donation (you can give more).

The hospital has supported many of our families, providing excellent care and help to children who attend the Alwyn and Courthouse Federation, as well as our staff. Here is just one example of their amazing work.

Jessica's Journey at John Radcliffe Hospital

Over the past 3 years, Jessica has spent some time at the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital, where she received treatment and surgery for hip dysplasia. What could have been a very frightening experience for a young child was made so much easier because of the incredible care and kindness shown by the staff there.

From the moment we arrived, the nurses, doctors and play team made Jessica feel safe, comfortable and cared for. The hospital has dedicated play nurses who spend time with the children throughout the day, helping them to smile even during difficult moments. They play games, read stories and sit with the children if parents need a short break, which is such a huge support for families.



The ward is filled with toys, activities and books, many of which are donated by the charity Read for Good. These small acts of kindness make a big difference to children spending long periods of time in hospital. For children staying on the ward for the foreseeable future, lessons and school supplies are also provided so they can continue learning and not miss out on their education. Seeing the care, patience and compassion from everyone on the ward has been truly inspiring.

The staff do far more than provide medical treatment. They bring comfort, reassurance and happiness to children and their families during some of their hardest days. We would love to give something back through fundraising to help support these amazing services and the wonderful work they do every single day.

Please support this brilliant charity by sending the children into school with their cash donations.

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
COMPROMISING

OK



Compromising as a life skill

Being able to compromise and negotiate is an essential life skill that improves social skills and problem solving abilities. Compromising reduces conflicts and fosters healthier relationships. Compromise involves finding a mutually acceptable solution where each party makes concessions.

How can you help?

Compromising is about meeting in the middle, considering others' perspectives, and working together to find a win-win solution. These are important lessons to teach your child.

- Model compromising and use the language of compromising in front of your child.
- Explain compromising in simple terms and the advantage it has. e.g. you and your friend both want the last biscuit, instead of arguing and one of you having nothing, split the biscuit so you each get half.























Skills needed for compromise

There are other skills needed to be able to compromise, aim to build these in your children.

1. empathy - ensure your children can think how other people might feel.
2. negotiation - coming up with solutions that are good for both parties and putting them forward - support your child through problem solving activities and discussing scenarios in real life and from books.

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 during Talk 4 Writing we have read the story 'Maps from Anna to Zane' where the children have been looking at different types of maps and creating their own. In phonics we have learnt the sounds 'ue' as in rescue and 'ue' as in glue. In maths we have continued to use the rekenreks and revised doubles and odd and even numbers. The children have enjoyed our first week of sports fortnight and thoroughly enjoyed Mr Baker's Sports Festival on Tuesday where they travelled around the world to try different sports!

Ask me to sound out the words rescue and glue..

Ask me to write the phrase Sue has blue glue.

Ask me to tell you what is double 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and show your fingers.

Ask me to tell you about the different types of map e.g. town, zoo, treasure map, world etc

Ask me to tell you about the stages from baby to elderly adult.

Next week, we will be revisiting the sounds taught so far and writing the graphemes linked to these sounds. Please practise forming the alphabet letters correctly with your child. In maths we will be continuing our work on number patterns. The weather is looking to get rather hot so please ensure the children have sunscreen applied before they come to school. We will have our sports day on Friday and look forward to seeing you there.

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

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

What a fabulously active time we've had during the first week of sports fortnight. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to take part in an OPAL session on Courthouse field. It was a great chance to practise their teamwork skills as well as physical movement. Kickboxing was another big hit, it was a great introduction to the discipline of a martial art, whilst also being great fun. On Tuesday morning everyone had a fantastic time at Mr Baker's Sports Festival. Six Year One teams representing different countries competed in a carousel of six different sports from around the world, including tennis, football, basketball and athletics. Everyone was so enthusiastic, cheering each other on and giving each activity their best shot. In between the sporting activities the children have also been learning number bonds in Maths and thinking about the differences between towns and cities in Geography. We've continued our current Talk for Writing unit based on Katie in London with the children working on extending their sentences by using 'and' or 'but'. In Science we've started thinking about where our food comes from and in DT, we are beginning our weaving work.

Ask me to tell you about my favourite sporting activity this week.

Ask me to tell you some number bonds of 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Ask me to tell you a feature of a city and a feature of a town.

Ask me who grows crops.

Ask me to join two ideas using 'and' or 'but'.

Next week, our sports fortnight will continue, we'll be weaving in DT and will be working with money in Maths.

PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays

KEY DATES!

School Year 2025-2026

Summer Term 6

15th - 26th June

Sports Fortnight- wear school PE kit every day

24th June, 9am

SEND Focus Group

26th June, 9.15-11am

Sports morning with Grown Ups (Sports Day)

29th June

New Reception parent meeting 6pm

30th June

Transition morning: children visit their new classes for next year.

3rd July

Reports being sent home

4th July

PTA Colour Run

8th July

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

10th July

Non uniform day, raising money for JR Hospital

15th July, 9.30am

Year 2 Performance to their grown ups

16th July, 3.30 - 4.45 pm

PTA Year 2 School Disco, 3.30-4.45pm

17th July

Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week, Year 2 had a fabulous start to their week with a school trip to Wellington Country Park. The weather was perfect and the children enjoyed their day participating in lots of activities including a farm visit, a train ride, a walk around the dinosaur exhibits and a well earned play in the park. Our planned activity was being a bug detective. Armed with a bucket, spoon and paintbrush, the children loved rooting around in the woodland area, rolling logs and exploring micro habitats to seek out any bugs. They then used identification sheets to identify the bugs found. In English, the children are creating an information leaflet about Wellington Country Park. They are using their knowledge gained from the trip to write descriptive and exclamation sentences in their leaflet. In science, the children compared the life cycles of different animals and looked for any patterns between the life cycles.

Ask me to name the 4 stages in the lifecycle of a butterfly

Ask me to tell you something the same/different between the lifecycle of a human and the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Ask me what the capital city of Kenya is.

Ask me which continent Kenya is in.

Next week in geography, we will be looking at the physical and human features in Kenya.

PE days:

HOLLY: Wednesday only (dance and PE)

PINE: Monday (PE) & Wednesday (dance)

SPRUCE: Wednesday only (dance and PE)

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!



New School Year 2026-2027

1st September

INSET Day

School closed for the children

2nd September

Year 1 and 2 Children back to school

7th & 8th September

Reception start for half days only

9th September

Reception start full time

14th September, 2.30pm

'Welcome to Year 2' parent and carer information talk

17th September, 2.30pm

'Welcome to Reception' parent/carers information talk

21st September, 2.30pm

'Welcome to Year 1' parent and carer information talk

24th September, 2.30pm

Phonics information session for parents/carers

28th September, 2.30

Maths information session for parents/carers

28th September - 2nd October
Kindness Week

6th and 8th October

Teacher/parent meetings (10 minute appointment)

8th October

Flu vaccinations

Alwyn and Courthouse invite you

FOCUS GROUP

DISCUSSION



Topic:

*School SEND
Support Plans for
children with SEND*

Join us to share your valuable insight into how we can ensure smooth, positive and successful planned support in school for your child.

Wednesday, 24th June

At Alwyn

9:00am - 10:00am

Tea, coffee and biscuits
provided

Why Participate?

- 1** Influence school strategy: Your first hand experiences are vital for shaping the schools' approach.
- 2** Advocate for your child's success's by defining what a 'smooth, positive and successful transition' looks like.
- 3** Gain support and build a stronger community: This focus group offers a supportive space to connect with other parents /carers facing similar challenges.

For more information, contact us at



01628 622 477



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**Let your
voice be
heard**



Fixed-term Teaching Assistant

Vacancy: Teaching Assistant with lunchtime duties

Start date: September 2026

Contract type: Fixed term until 31/08/2027, term time only

Hours: 30 hours per week (25 hours TA and 5 hours lunchtime), Monday to Friday 8.50am-3.20pm

Salary: Scale 2c, Actual £18,362 per annum

At Courthouse, our aim is for every child to flourish. We work hard but only on things that make a difference. We're looking for a Teaching Assistant:

- To work under the specific supervision, instruction and guidance of the class teacher to support the teaching and learning activities in the classroom.
- To provide general support to the class teacher in the organisation and management of pupils and the classroom.
- To work with a named child with an EHCP when necessary and offer appropriate support.
- To assist the teacher in creating and maintaining a calm and purposeful environment.
- To promote the inclusion of all pupils, ensuring they have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children within the school.
- Able to lead a structured activity and promote safe and fun playing during lunchtime.

We offer the successful candidates:

- A dedicated and supportive team
- CPD
- Children who love their school
- Career pathways

If you would like to arrange a school visit or require further information, please contact the school office by emailing office@courthousejunior.co.uk or call 01628 626958.

An application pack is available on our website [Vacancies | Courthouse Junior School](#)

Completed applications should be sent to office@courthousejunior.co.uk

Closing date: 1st July 2026 at noon

Interview date: w/c 6th July 2026

Our school is committed to safeguarding. The successful applicant will be required to provide suitable references and undergo an enhanced DBS.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Lawrence Hyatt
Head of School: Mrs Fiona Hayes
Courthouse Junior School
Blenheim Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5HE

Telephone: (01628) 626958
Email: office@courthousejunior.co.uk Website: www.courthousejunior.co.uk

Summer Holidays: 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.



Summer Swim Intensives
www.letsdivein.co.uk

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th July
4 day course for £60(30min sessions)
St Piran's School
bernice@letsdivein.co.uk to book

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5
4.30PM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 4-6 years	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED Can swim 10m in each stroke	STAGE 4 ADVANCED FINS Can swim a length in each stroke
5PM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 4-6 years	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 Can swim 10m in each stroke	5-5.45pm Stage 5 swimmers upwards DEVELOPMENT SWIM SQUADS (Starts and Turns) Working on diving, tumble turns	5-5.45pm SWIM SQUADS (Starts and Turns) Working on diving, tumble turns
5.30PM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	WORLD CUP (football & cricket) swim activities Stage 3 upwards	5.45 - 6.30pm COMMONWEALTH GAMES ACTIVITIES For Swimmers Stage 3 Advanced upwards Monday: water polo, Tuesday: diving, Wednesday: open water swimming/triathlon, Thursday: Rookie Lifeguard	
6PM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 8-9 SYNCHRO Artistic swimming for Stage 4 upwards		





Early bird special SAVE 10% Book by 8 June

add a little sparkle TO SUMMER
23 July - 28 August

Summer Club for children 3-14 years
Courthouse School, Maidenhead SL6 5HE

- ♥ 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

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Swimming CRASH COURSE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026
PIRANHAS SWIMMING CLUB

BOOK NOW: Piranhas@stpirans.co.uk

13th- 17th July
4pm | 4:30pm | 5pm

20th - 24th July
8am | 8:30am | 9am

27th - 31st July
8am | 8:30am | 9am

£90 per week OR £18 per day

- ✓ Beginners
- ✓ Improvers
- ✓ Advanced

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Summer Tennis Camps
Bisham Abbey SL7 1RR
20th July - 27th August 9-3.30pm
scan the QR or email to book your place

Learn, compete, and have fun with our expert team of coaches.

- Red Ball 4-7yrs Coaching & Fun Games
- Orange Ball 8-9yrs Coaching & Match Play
- Yellow Ball 10+yrs Coaching & Match Play



Private tuition slots also available for adults and children throughout the day!

Contact: jthistlethwaite@livingtennis.co.uk

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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 issued 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.