



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What has been happening?

Well, it is amazing that we are now halfway through October and coming to the end of the first term. The reception children are continuing to learn the school routines and enjoy coming over to Big Alwyn for lunch.

Year 1 are loving their new classrooms and have settled into Big Alwyn very well.

Our Year 2s are being brilliant role models, especially in assemblies.

Governors' Open Morning

On Wednesday we held an open morning for our school governors. This was a brilliant opportunity for them to see the school in action on a normal day. It was also lovely for the children to see them in school, taking a real interest in their learning and school experience.

Next Week's events

Our school photographer is in school on Monday so best uniform and super smiles; please remember school jumpers or cardigans that day.

Food Donations: **19th -23rd October:** we will be **collecting donations for Maidenhead Food Share**. We will keep the donations on a table in the school office area. The donation fits in with the children's learning on Harvest, being thankful for what we have and giving to others.

They are critically low on:

Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tea Bags, Coffee and Small Bags of Rice.

Non-uniform day- Thursday 22nd October

The children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in chocolates or sweets for prizes at the firework event.

Fireworks event in the evening for the families that purchased tickets. Unfortunately, the event is now sold out.

Harvest Festival

23rd October: Year 2 will perform their **Harvest Festival** to their parents/carers at 2.30pm in the school hall. We hope you can attend! If your child is in Year 2, please send them to school in their full school uniform, including jumpers/cardigans so they look super smart when performing.

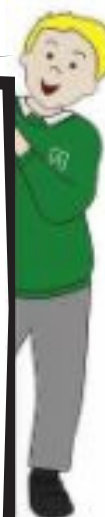
Half Term.

26th - 30th October is half term and the children should all return to school on Monday 2nd November.

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 in advance. The deadline for ordering lunches is 8am on the day the lunch is wanted.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a plain jacket potato with fruit for dessert.

Please talk about the menu with your child and check that they are happy with their lunch choice 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!

Importance of Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time each day. The start of the day is vital to engage in transition activities; adjusting from home to school. Arriving late leaves children feeling unsettled and affects their emotional well-being. They will also miss the plans for the day and possibly phonics, which is vital to support reading and writing.

Please remember that late arrivals are officially recorded on the school register, and persistent unexcused lateness may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine).



Look out for more school news on our Alwyn facebook page or Instagram.



MUFTI DAY!

Thursday 22nd October

Wear Your Own Clothes!

Please bring in
chocolate or sweets
to be used as prizes
at the **fireworks!**

SCHOOL

FIREWORKS
PRIZES

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.

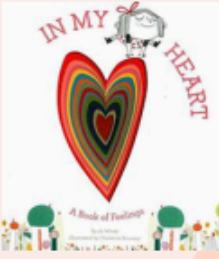
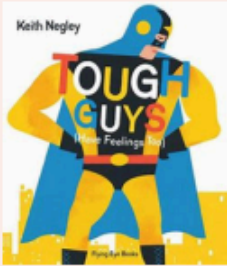
Each week, the classes explore a different theme. They have a Monday 'check-in' circle time to introduce it and set a goal to work towards throughout the week. On Wednesday, the Year 1 and 2 assembly is time to think about the whole school approach to the theme. They celebrate their successes with a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

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS

There are many excellent books to read about emotions and many are available as read-a-longs on Youtube.



Enchanted

Talking about emotions

- It is important that children learn how to understand their own emotions and how they affect them. It is also important for children to recognise the emotions of others and how it may affect their behaviour.
- Talking about emotions is sometimes difficult but many children's books lend themselves well to looking at how people react because of their feelings as well as giving a starting point for emotions discussion at home.
- Rather than going into fight or flight mode, people with emotional regulation skills are able to identify their feelings and use strategies to handle them. This is what we want for our children and the younger they start to understand their emotions, the better able to handle them they will be as they get older.

The Responsible Behaviour Curriculum



BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
 sad	 happy	 frustrated	 angry
 tired	 calm	 worried	 terrified
 sick	 feeling ok	 silly	 yelling
 bored	 ready to learn	 excited	 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?

Phew, another busy week in Little Alwyn. We have been making story maps and acting out the story of The Billy Goats Gruff and have shown amazing acting skills. We are continuing to learn 3 new phonic sounds a week and we are beginning to blend all our sounds to read simple cvc words. Handwriting this week was making wave patterns and we have used sand, paints, crayons and water to create our own patterns. We have continued to talk about our feelings and positive strategies to use to help us calm down. In maths we have been subitising objects and sounds up to number 4.

Ask me to tell you some words that start with a hard c and o

Ask me where the o phoneme is in the words dog, otter, cot

Ask me to tell you the numbers up to 4 on a dice with dots, without counting

Ask me to tell you how I can calm myself down if I am feeling angry

Ask me to tell you the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Next week we will be learning ck, e and u in phonics and continuing to blend sounds together. In maths, we will be comparing two sets of objects and saying which has more than or fewer than. We will be practising loops and bridges in handwriting.

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

What a week of excitement and mystery in Year 1! We arrived on Monday morning to find some strange goings-on in our classrooms: table crumbs everywhere, scattered cups and saucers and even giant tiger prints! It seems our tiger visitor returned and forgot to tidy up after himself. Rather than being cross, we have decided to formally invite him back for a proper tea party! We've been hard at work planning our invitations, choosing where and when the party will take place and deciding on the delicious food we'll serve. In Maths, we became number detectives, using number lines to uncover missing numbers. Science had us observing the natural world as we investigated autumn changes, while in PSHE, we reflected on how our bodies and feelings can be hurt, thinking of kind ways to support each other and identifying safe adults we can ask for help. Finally, in Art, we added the brilliant finishing touches to our Andy Warhol-inspired portraits! Next week, we will be writing our official party invitations to the tiger!

Ask me about the messy surprise we found in our classroom on Monday morning!

Ask me what food and location I chose for our tiger's tea party invitation.

Ask me how I used a number line to find missing numbers in maths.

Ask me what signs of autumn changes we have been looking for.

Ask me who the safe adults are that I can go to for help when I need it.

This term, the Year 1 PE days are:

Tuesday: Mr Baker, bicycle skills so need a helmet

Thursday: Gymnastics with Miss White

KEY DATES!

School Year 2026-2027 Autumn Term 1

19th-23rd October
Harvest Week
Donations for the Food Bank

22nd October
Federation Firework Event

23rd October, 2.30pm
Year 2 Harvest Festival to their
parents/carers
END OF TERM 1

26th - 30th October
Half Term Holiday- no school
Autumn Term 2

2nd November
Children back to school

11th November
Remembrance Day

13th November
Children in Need Day

16th - 20th November
Anti bullying Week

16th November
Odd Socks Day

26th November
PTA Elfridges shop for Year 1 & 2

27th November
Non-Uniform Day- bottle for
tombola
PTA Elfridges shop for Reception

28th November
PTA Festive Fete

8th & 9th December, 9.30am
Reception performances (same
performance each day)

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

We have had a wonderful and busy week of learning in Year 2! In science, we became reptile experts as we explored the fascinating characteristics of snakes, lizards, and turtles. We learned that most reptiles have five needs for survival. In English, we learned about writing clear, step-by-step instructions using helpful command verbs and sequencing language. Maths was exciting because we used our number bond knowledge to 10 to help us solve much harder calculations to 100. Finally, our history lessons took us back in time as we discovered how London changed after the Great Fire, including the introduction of brick houses and wider streets.

Ask me what changes were made to London after the Great Fire of London.

Ask me to tell you a reptiles 5 needs for survival.

Ask me to name 3 reptiles.

Ask me to tell you the words we used to sequence instructions - Eg, First, Next etc.

Next week we will write our own set of instructions using the skills we have learned.

This term, the Year 2 PE days are:

Spruce: Monday and Tuesday

Pine & Holly: Tuesday and Wednesday

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 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2

10th December
Festive or own jumper day
and festive lunch

15th & 16th December, 9.30am
Year 1 performances
(same performance each day)

16th December, 2.30am
Year 2 Sing-a-long with
parents/carers

18th December
Last day of term.
Early finish at 1.30pm

21st December - 1st January School Holidays

4th January
Children return to school

11th-15th January
Music Week- family who play
instruments invited in to
perform

8th - 12th February
Book Week & Book Fair

15th - 19th February
Half Term and Reading
Challenge

22nd February
Children return to school

22nd - 26th February
Art/DT Week

PTA Festive NEWSLETTER



It's Christmas!!

The Autumn term is in full swing, and the PTA is already gearing up for a festive November. We've planned a fantastic run of events and hope families will join in and help us make the season magical for the children.

Christmas Fair-28th Nov

Our biggest event of the season. Expect stalls, games, festive treats, raffles, crafts, and plenty of Christmas cheer. It's a wonderful community event and a key fundraiser for both schools.

And don't forget to Bring a Bottle or Chocolate to school on the 27th November

Elfridges



Elfridges is back –our festive pop-up shop where children can choose a special gift for someone they love. Each gift is £3.

- 24th November – Y3 and Y5 Elfridges – [Buy Tickets](#)
- 25th November – Y4 and Y6 Elfridges – [Buy Tickets](#)
- 26th November – Y1 and Y2 Elfridges – [Buy Tickets](#)
- 27th November – Reception Elfridges – [Buy Tickets](#)

Can you help?

Our Christmas events rely on the support of our amazing parent volunteers. Whether you can spare an hour at the fair, help set up Elfridges, donate items, or assist behind the scenes, we'd love to have you involved.

You can sign up to help here – [SIGN UP HERE](#)



Contact us

alwynandcourthousepta@yahoo.co.uk

Community Pages: What can we do at half term?

Community 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.

Multi-Activity Holiday Camp

Camp Timings

SIGN IN + GREETING - Games Stations

SESSION 1 - Dodgeball

SESSION 2 - Inflatables

BREAK

SESSION 3 - Archery

LUNCH

SESSION 4 - Quidditch

SESSION 5 - Art Attack

BREAK/SIGN OUT 3pm

SESSION 6 - Mini Fencing

FINAL GAME - Games Stations

SIGN OUT 5pm

Camp Checklist

Lunch box & snacks* Water Bottle (refillable) Appropriate clothing

Appropriate footwear Waterproof Jacket Labelled Medication

*No fizzy drinks or nuts please

Dates

AUTUMN 2026	The Wincombe School, Newbury	Calcot Junior School, Reading	Alwyn Infant School, Maidenhead
OCTOBER HALF TERM Mon 26th - Fri 30th October	Mon-Fri	Mon-Fri	Mon-Fri

Day Option and Prices:
Standard Day: 9am - 3pm from £25 per day
Extended Day: 8:30am - 5pm from £35 per day

Discounts:
 Sibling discount: 10% off
10% Early Bird Discount!
 Book online by 5th October and use code: OCT10

How to Book:
 Scan QR CODE or www.mnrcoaching.com

SCAN TO BOOK

Freaky Friday!

Get Friday for just £5

- 1 Book ANY camp day Monday - Thursday
- 2 We'll send you a discount code
- 3 Use your code to book Friday for just £5

Football Holiday Camps

Camp Timings

SIGN IN + GREETING - Games Stations

SESSION 1 - Ball Mastry - 100 Club

SESSION 2 - Shooting & Goalkeeping

BREAK

SESSION 3 - Lighting Challenge

LUNCH

SESSION 4 - You Know the Drill!

SESSION 5 - Tournament

BREAK/SIGN OUT 3pm

SESSION 6 - Inflatables

FINAL GAME - Games Stations

SIGN OUT 5pm

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Lunch box & snacks* Water Bottle (refillable) Appropriate clothing & footwear (Boots allowed)

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WISE OWLS HOLIDAY CLUB

SALE

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JUNIORS ~~£43.50~~ **NOW ONLY £38.50**

DISCOVERY ~~£41.50~~ **NOW ONLY £36.50**

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HARVEST GATHERING '26
AT BRAY CRICKET CLUB ♥ SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

*Nominal facepainting/craft costs, and booking fee's reserve your seats on the bus

Reserve your seats Bookwhen.com/harvest

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.

The school gates are locked at 8.55am. If your child arrives to school after this time, your child will receive an unauthorised late mark- this affects your child's attendance.

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