Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging Show Kindness Make Choices Adventure

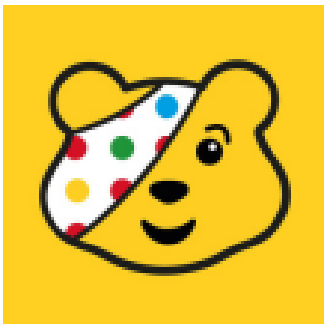
OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What has been happening?

This week, we held a whole-school lockdown practice, and we could not be prouder of how the children responded.
Beforehand, teachers spoke calmly with their classes to explain why we practise these routines–whether due to severe weather, an animal wandering onto the school grounds, or an intruder.
When the signal was given, every child reacted quickly, calmly, and sensibly, moving straight to their designated safe areas and waiting quietly until the all-clear was given.
Regular practice ensures our routines run smoothly while keeping the children feeling safe and confident.

Children in Need



A huge thank you to our families for helping make our Children in Need day such a success. The school was full of colour and energy, and everyone looked brilliant in their spotty and stripy outfits. Beyond the fun of dressing up, it was a great opportunity to raise awareness across the school about helping others while raising money for a wonderful cause.

Remembrance Day

We held a 2-minute silence on Remembrance Day. We were incredibly impressed with how respectful the children were during this time, especially as 2 minutes of silence and stillness is a long time for an infant. They learnt about the day's significance and why we wear a poppy. It would be lovely if you could also discuss this with your children and you may wish to watch the BBC film clip.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we will be kicking things off on Monday with Odd Socks Day! Children are invited to wear odd socks with their usual school uniform to celebrate what makes us all unique and to support this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'.



Now that colder, wetter weather has arrived, please send your child into school with a warm, waterproof coat, and double-check that jumpers, cardigans, hats, and gloves are clearly labelled so they don't end up in lost.

Look out for more school news 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 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 jacket potato with baked beans and 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!

Moving to Junior School

Families of Year 2 children will need to apply for a junior school place for September 2027. Applications open from 11th November 2026 until 15th January 2027.
It is important to complete the application before the deadline to secure a space.
This process is also the same for a child due to begin Reception in September 2027.

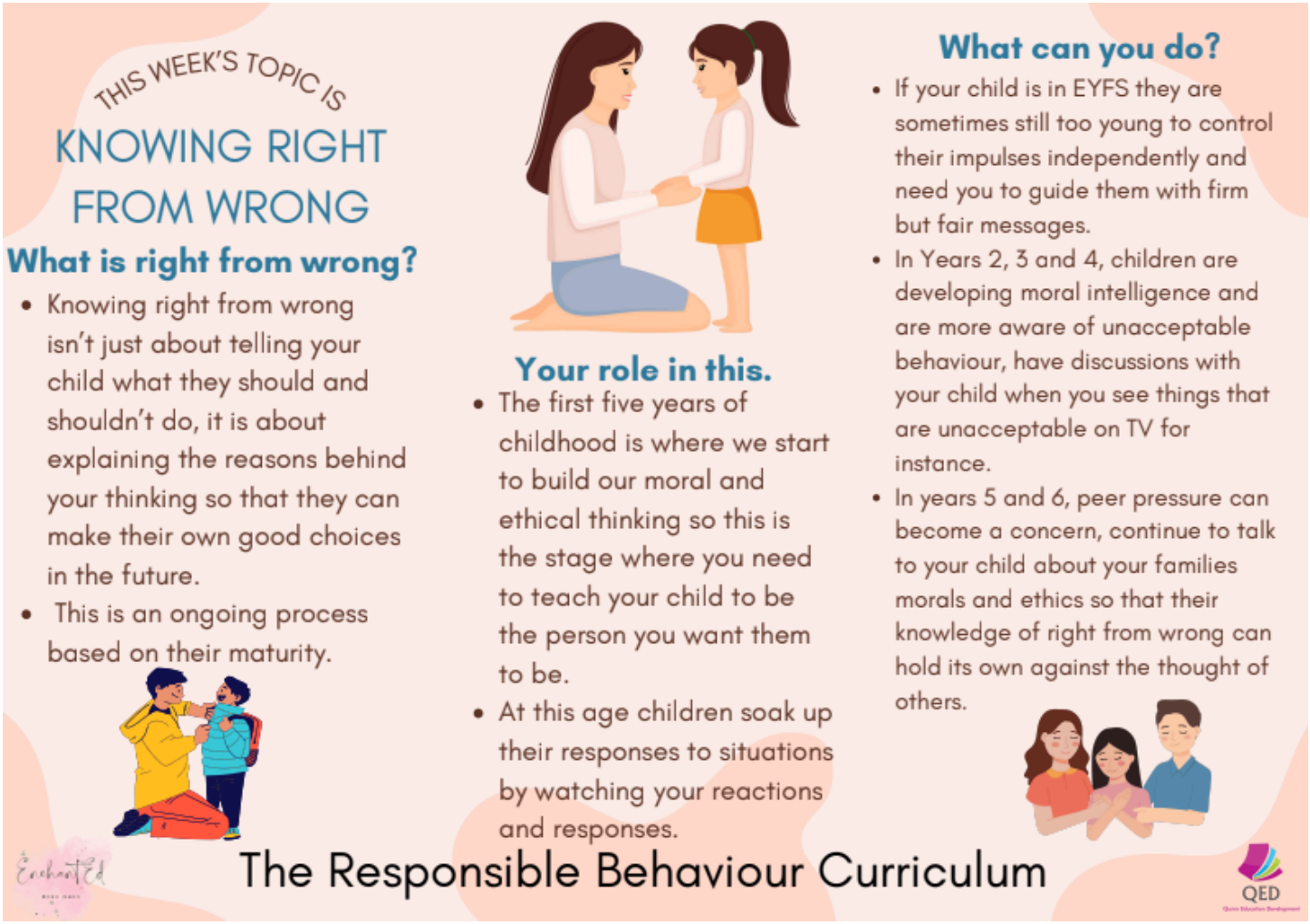
Further information can be found the RBWM website.

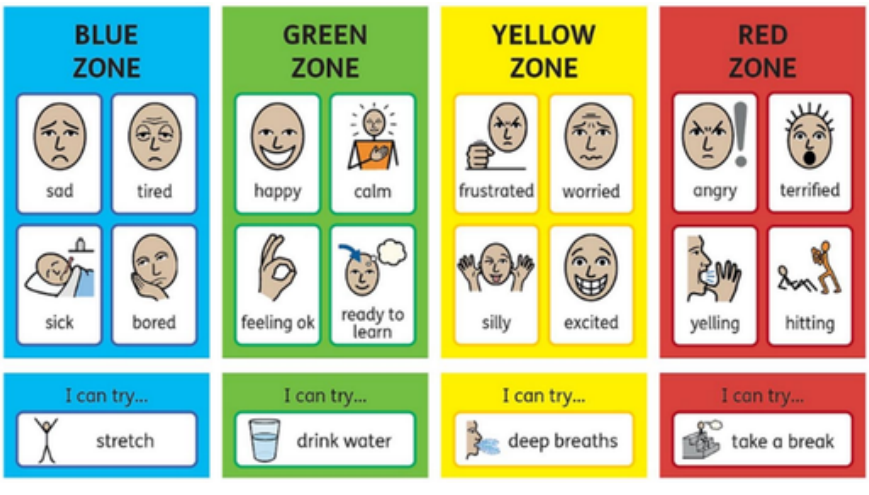
Responsible Behaviour Curriculum in Alwyn and Courthouse

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.





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 we have been enjoying learning about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. In maths we have been creating patterns using our actions, subitising to 4 and comparing groups of 3. The sounds we have learnt are f, l, ll and j. In PSHE we have continued to develop our understanding of how we are all special, by identifying the things that make everyone the same and what makes us different. We have also been discussing Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. The children did so well to sit silently as we remembered those who helped give us peace. The week ended with us supporting children in need, where we discussed what it is and how it helps others.

Ask me to find objects beginning with f, l or j.
Ask me to say why we wear poppies
Ask me what charity is and how they help
Ask me to show different ways of making 1,2,3, and 4 on one hand

Next week in Floppy's phonics, we will be learning sounds v, w, and x. In maths, we will be looking at composition and positioning language. In Talk 4 writing will be introducing our new book "Owl Babies". Next week is Anti Bullying week, where we will be talking lots about being kind and how we can stop other hurting people.

Reception PE day is a Wednesday

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

This week in Year 1 the children have been introduced to the text 'How to Catch a Star' and have been learning the text map linked to the story. We have discussed the key vocabulary 'curious, stumpy and lasso'. During phonics the children have learned the new graphemes 'ea' as in eat and 'ie' as in pie. We have been learning about fact families in maths and learning different joining techniques in DT. The children have found out about the importance of Remembrance day and have created poppy artwork.

Ask me to tell you a word with the sound 'ea' as in eat and 'ie' as in pie.
Ask me to tell you the meanings of the words 'curious, stumpy and lasso'.
Ask me to show you a fact family using the numbers 4, 1 and 5 and the signs + and =
Ask me to tell you why we wear poppies.
Ask me to explain how we use our senses to identify an object (sight)

Next week we will be learning about human and physical features in Geography linked to our local area. Please could you talk about these with your child if you go on a walk for example a shop, house or play equipment are human features and grass, trees and rivers are physical features.
Have a super weekend!

This term, the Year 1 PE days are:
Tuesday: Mr Baker
Thursday: Gymnastics with Miss White

KEY DATES!

School Year 2026-2027
Autumn Term 2

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)

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

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

What a great week we've had in Year 2. In Science, following on from exercise, we have been exploring the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. In Geography, we have been travelling around the United Kingdom discovering its four countries and learning the names of their capital cities. In Maths, we have been putting our number bond knowledge to 10 to good use by using the facts to help us tackle subtraction across a multiple of 10. In English, we have been continuing to develop our writing skills, building up to the exciting challenge of writing our very own story next week.

Ask me to name 5 healthy foods
Ask me to name 5 foods that should only be eaten sometimes

Ask me to quickly recall my number bonds to 10
Ask me how I can use my number bonds knowledge to 10 to work out number bonds to 20

Ask me to use the following words in a sentence - later, suddenly, just in time, after a while

Next week, we are looking at the beautiful physical features around the UK.

Pine - Mondays and Tuesdays
Holly and Spruce - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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

4th January
Children return to school

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

8th - 12th February
Book Week
Book Fair after school

10th February
Story Bus Visit

15th - 19th February
Half Term and Reading Challenge

22nd February
Children return to school

22nd - 26th February
Art/DT Week

4th March
World Book Day

9th & 11th March
Parent/teacher meetings

15th - 19th March
Grown Ups into School afternoons

19th March
Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

25th March
Last day of term
early finish at 1.30pm

26th March - 9th April
School holidays

12th April
Children return to school

26th April
IT Workshops with 3

3rd May
Bank Holiday- no school

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.

ChristmasFair-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.

Non uniform day on 27th November in exchange for a bottle or chocolate for tombola gifts

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

Make sure to pre-book your tickets so we have enough gifts.

Festive Raffle and Help

You can buy tickets for the raffle here. There is a top prize of £250 cash!
Winners will be announced at the fair.

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

Alwyn performances 2026

Reception Christmas Performances, 8th & 9th December, 9.30am

Our reception classes will perform some fantastic seasonal songs, usually with actions, to their parents and families. The performances are the same on each day.

There is no need to request tickets for these performances.

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity;

Alwyn School Fund and Daisy's Dream.

Year 1 Christmas Performances, 15th & 16th December, 9.30am

The Year 1 classes will be working together to perform 'Boogie Woogie Nativity'.
They will repeat the same performance on each of the days.
There is no need to request tickets for these performances but we would request a maximum of 2 family members at each performance for Health and safety reasons and our hall capacity numbers.

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity;

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Festive Songs with Year 2, 16th December, 2.30pm

Our Year 2 parents are invited to come and listen to, or join in, with some festive songs and carols. This should be a jolly occasion and allow the children to demonstrate their singing talents.

We are requesting, no more than 2 family members attend the performance, due to our hall capacity.

There is no need to request a ticket for this. Just turn up ready to sing!

There will be a cash collection after each performance for our chosen charity;

Alwyn School Fund and Daisy's Dream.

At all of our performances there will be a cash collection

This year we equally divide the donations between our school fund and the charity, 'Daisy's Dream'. The charity provides vital support for children and young people who have been affected by bereavement.
Further details about the charity can be found here.



2027 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Applying for a primary school place for September 2027 entry?

Do you have a child with a date of birth between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so, you should apply for a full-time school place from **11 November 2026**

The closing date for on-time applications is **15 January 2027**



How to apply:

Please use the QR code to visit our webpage
Please ensure you read the online guide for Admission into Primary School September 2026 **BEFORE** completing your application.

MORE INFO!

For any further guidance please call Customer Contact Centre on 01628 683870
or email rbwm.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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Community Pages: Holiday Clubs

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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 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.
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.