Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What has been happening?

Year 2 Visit to the Church, Last Week

On Thursday 19th November, Year 2 were very lucky to be invited to visit St Mark's Hospital Church. We walked down safely in groups and put our Road Safety learning into practise.



We met Reverend David Short who had organised lots of exciting activities for us. These included a mystery picture hunt of objects around the church and learning about baptism and communion. He challenged us to spot all of the crosses around the church, there were even some in the design of the grates on the floor.

We were treated to an exciting surprise of hearing the church bell ringing as we left the church and headed back to school.

Road Safety Reminders for All

Key things to remember when talking about safety:

- using car seats
- holding hands to cross a road
- walking across roads
- crossing a road safely.

See the poster for more details.





PTA Events- We need help!

There are many PTA events happening throughout the rest of this term and we desperately need more helpers to run the events. Our PTA are incredibly supportive with fundraising and fun events but these can only happen if people volunteer to help set up, support at the event, and tidy up.

It would be incredibly sad if we had to cancel events due to lack of helpers; the main upcoming events are Elfridges and the Christmas Fair.

If you are able to give some time to help, please sign up here.

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



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2026



Alwyn's Christmas lunch is on Thursday 10th December.

Please place your child's order on Parent Pay by MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER.

Please note that there will not be any jacket potatoes or sandwiches available on this day.

If you do not place an order or place an order after this date, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch.

This date is also Christmas/own jumper day



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.

Helping your child to be safe on roads



UK Rules for Children in a Car Seat (2026)

Children must use a child car seat until they are 12 years old or 135 cm tall. After this, a child must use an adult seat belt.

- Must be rear-facing until at least 15 months old. Deactivate front airbags before fitting a rear-facing seat in the front.
- Car seats are based on the child's weight so check you have the correct one at the correct stage (0 kg-10 kg, 0+ kg-13 kg, 9-18 kg, 15-25 kg, 22-36 kg)
- Only use seats with an E-mark label
- Only use a child car seat if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the seat is designed for a lap belt with ISOFIX.
- Never fit a child car seat in a side-facing seat

Tip: Always check your child's seat's approval label and fit it exactly as the manufacturer instructs for maximum safety



Holding Hands to Cross a Road

The key messages are:

- always hold their hand when near roads
- always find a safe place to cross the road
- use the Green Cross Code
- always walk on the pavement or footpath
- walk with the scooter or bike when crossing

Please talk to your child about the messages

On average 9 children aged 7 or under are killed or injured on roads in Britain every day. We are doing our bit to try and make sure this never happens in our community. Please help us by supervising your child closely on roads and helping them learn about road safety.

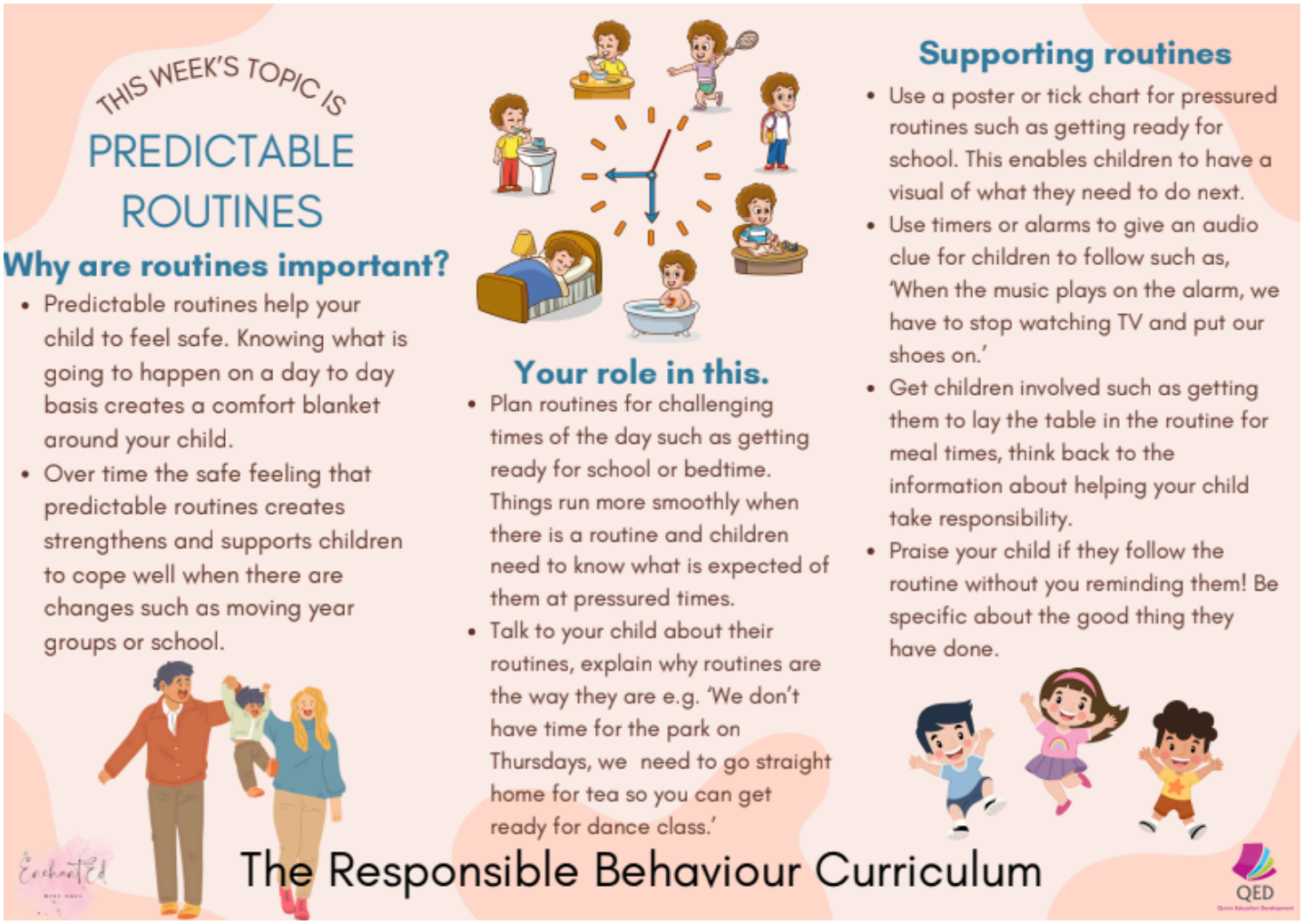
We are also encouraging children to become champions for road safety and to use 'pester power' to ask grown ups to help keep them safe on roads.

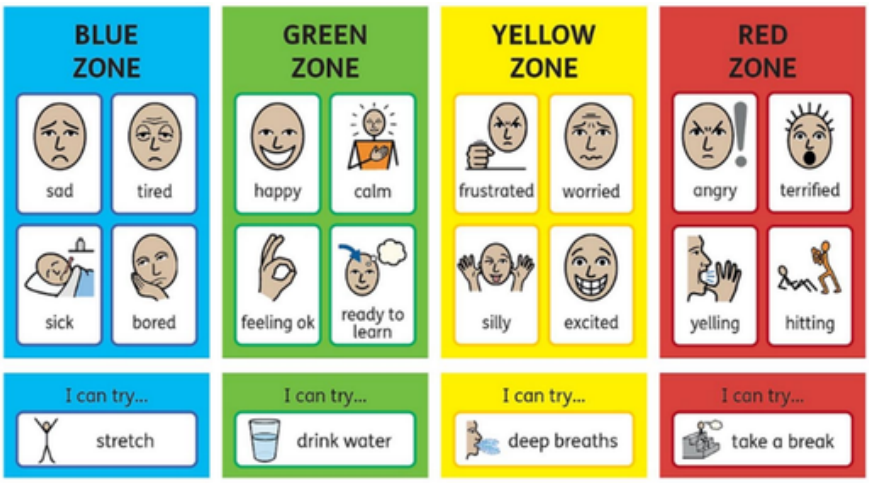
Responsible Behaviour Curriculum in Alwyn and Courthouse

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 in talk 4 writing we have been discussing what a naming and doing word is. We have been looking at pictures of owls and describing what they are doing. In maths, our focus has been on why a shape is that shape e.g. a triangle is a triangle because it has 3 sides and 3 corners. We have also been furthering our understanding of what is the parts and the whole of numbers 3, 4 and 5. The sounds we have been learning are y, z, zz, and qu. In PSHE we have talked about how our families are different from each other's. Some live with both mummy and daddy, some only live with their mummy, and some may even live with their grandparents.

Ask me to sing one of our Christmas songs we have been practising.
Ask me to find shapes around the house. Can they name them correctly and tell you why?
Ask me to talk about different families.
Ask me to say a sentence about what the owl babies did in the story. E.g. The owls are sitting, flapping, looking...

Next week is a busy week as we practice our play, ready to perform to the mummies and daddies' the following week. In Floppy's phonics, we will be learning sounds ch, th and sh. In maths, we will be looking at shapes within shapes and consolidating our learning so far. In Talk 4 writing will be continuing our learning about Owl babies.

Reception PE day is a Wednesday

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

This week in Year 1 the children have been learning the sounds 'ew' as in screw and 'ou' as in mouth. In our Talk for writing lessons we have been innovating our class story 'How to catch a star' by changing the ways the boy could reach the star. In Maths we have been solving simple addition problems and using the + sign and finding all the different ways to make 10. The children have learnt about aerial views 'a birds eye view' and have enjoyed looking at images of our school from above. In Science we have talked about how we hear sounds and during our RE lessons we have thought about what gifts we would bring a baby. The children have now got their lines for the nativity play and we hope you can help them learn these in preparation for our play.

Ask me what character I am in the nativity play.
Ask me to tell you a word with 'ew' as in screw and 'ou' as in mouth.
Ask me to tell you a way I would catch a star.
Ask me to tell you a simple addition story e.g. If there are 3 children on a bus and 3 more get on, how many children will be on the bus?
Ask me to name some loud and quiet sounds.

Next week the children will be going on our trip to Oaken Grove park (Wednesday) . Please make sure they have a coat, gloves and a change of shoes in case it is muddy. We will be looking at human and physical features within the park.
Have a lovely 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

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, 2.30pm
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?

This week in year 2, the children have been busy extending their skills and knowledge across a wide range of subjects. In Maths, they have been practising addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers, including exchanging tens and ones to solve calculations. They have used concrete resources as well as drawing out the tens and ones. In English, they have been exploring diary writing and learning how to describe events, express their thoughts and feelings and write in the first person. Our Geography work has focused on maps, including how to read a simple map by using the key to identify different features. The children enjoyed designing their own park maps, carefully selecting features and creating a key with symbols for different activities or activities. In PSHE, they have been thinking about how it feels to be part of a group and how it feels if they are left out. The children thought about how they can help if someone is feeling left out.

Ask me what exchange means in maths
Ask me why I exchange 10 ones for 1 ten or 1 ten for 10 ones
Ask me what a diary is
Ask me to tell you some features of a diary
Ask me the name of the man who wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London

Next week we are learning about materials in science.

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

The festive season is coming!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

This Saturday…

Saturday 28th December, 12noon-3pm,

Courthouse Junior School

We hope to see you all at the fair! It should be a fun way to get together and support the school, as well as our fabulous PTA, with games, festive cafe, Santa's Grotto and more. Come and join us for some festive fun.



Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 10th December

On this day the children and staff can come into school wearing a sparkly or festive themed jumper instead of their usual school jumper/cardigan.
The rest of their school uniform should be worn as usual.
If they do not have a festive jumper, they can wear their favourite jumper.
Please do not buy a jumper just for this day.

Christmas Lunch- Thursday 10th December

The kitchen will prepare a fabulous festive lunch for the children and staff who have ordered it. Please order the lunch via Parent Pay by Monday 30th November. If you do not order a Christmas lunch, you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch. There will not be a jacket potato or sandwich option on that day.
Children with packed lunches will eat their lunch with their friends as usual.



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;

Alwyn School Fund and Daisy's Dream.

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.

Community Pages: Holiday Clubs

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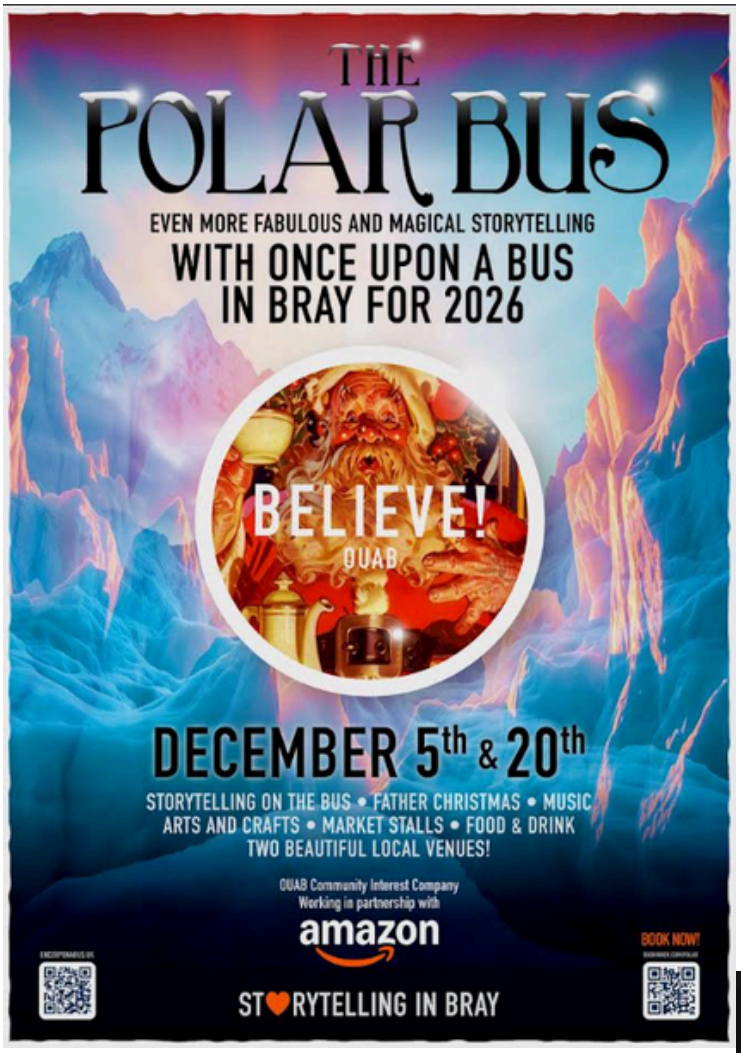



Penalty Notice Changes

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.