



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Street Tag Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that Street Tag now LIVE! The official season has kicked off! Strap on your walking shoes, lace up those running sneakers, hop on your bike, roll on your wheelchair, or glide on your scooter to stay active, earn points, and claim awesome prizes for our school!

Additional Tips:

1. Tags are worth 50 points and 150 during your power hour.
2. You can play Street Tag anywhere. If you go anywhere in the UK, you will find tags for you to collect. No tags? Add your own!
3. If you have the scan in the background setting on, you don't have to take your phone out of your pocket
4. You can play offline and sync your tags each evening.
5. You can sync your smartwatch to the app to register all your steps. 100 steps = 10 points
6. As a parent/guardian, you can add 2 children to your account.
7. The buildings on the map are Polytags and offer lots of extra points. Your School Team must have a minimum of 15 players to be considered for the prizes on the AVERAGE scoring Leaderboards. It is not too late to join but please only create an account if you are actively taking part as inactive accounts affect our overall score on the leaderboard. Happy tagging!

Olympic Drama Workshop, Mrs Booth

We were very lucky this week to take part in a drama workshop based on the Olympic Games. The children learnt about the origins of the Olympics in Ancient Greece and also discussed the variety of sports included in the modern games. One of the activities was to think of water, land and contact events and act them out! We had diving, swimming, running, javelin, karate and judo! The final activity was to create a freeze frame from the ancient games. The children got into groups and had to allocate roles within the group for the scene. We had Gods, athletes, politicians and even a table! The children were given tips to always face the audience and they were fantastic!

Phonics Screening

Well done to all the children who took part in the phonics check. As always, they were incredibly positive and enjoyed the experience. The teachers in school conduct the check in such a way that the children enjoy taking part and demonstrating their phonics knowledge.

Sports Fortnight is next week

The children are to come into school wearing their PE kit for the next 2 weeks so they are ready to take part in lots of sporty activities.

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
- Always do our best



Remember to Order Lunches

The deadline for ordering a hot school lunch is 8am on the day.

Please review the menu with your child to check they know what has been chosen for them each day and that they like it.

Lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. If your child does not have a packed lunch or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

The full menu is on our website.

Please drive and park sensibly!

Please drive slowly along Mulberry Walk and be aware of the pedestrians.

Park sensibly; not blocking driveways or stopping on the road bends.

If using a disabled bay, please ensure your blue badge is clearly displayed.



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).



Alwyn & Courthouse PTA

We are incredibly lucky to have a brilliant PTA who run some super events for our community and raise money for the schools.

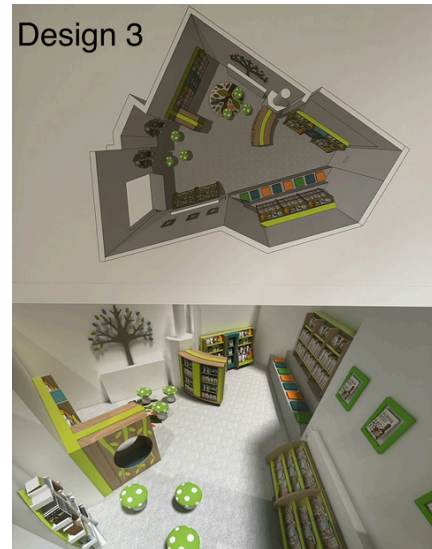
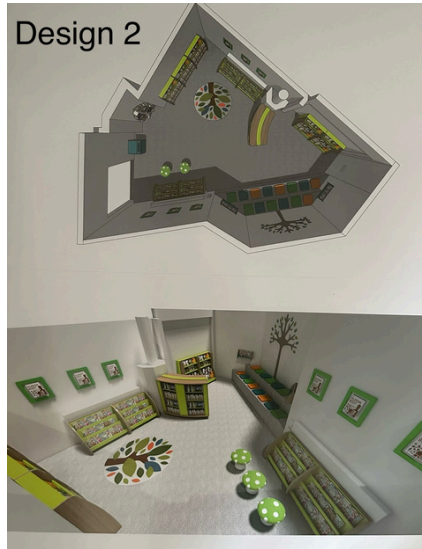
You are automatically part of the PTA as an Alwyn parent/carer. You can support the events by buying tickets, attending events or you could help with the organising and setting up.

Further information can be found [on the website](#).



We are currently raising money to improve our playground environment with toys and activities as well as work with design companies to create a brand new library for our children. It is very exciting!

A quick update on the library ... two library designers have visited the school, measured the space and discussed our ideas. We have the plans from one of them. To add your thoughts and comments on the designs, [please click here](#).



Football Tournament- 23rd June

Dad's vs Dad's 5-a-side. Teams will go head to head to win in this years Dads 5-a-side Football Tournament. Enter a team of up to 10 players for your chance to lift the trophy. Register your team <http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/football>



Summer Festival, Saturday 6th July, 12 - 3pm

The PTA are getting organised for the summer festival. It is always a fabulous day and the children really love attending but it can only go ahead with your help. If you can spare some time to help us with this event or any of the other school events, [use this form](#). Alwyn staff usually run the bottle tombola, so we hope to see you there.



Summer Auction

The PTA is on the hunt for amazing auction items! Does your company have something special to donate? If so, we'd love to hear from you at alwynandcourthousepta@yahoo.co.uk.





Street Tag is a free app where you earn points by collecting virtual tags when you walk, cycle or scoot past them. Street Tag encourages families to become more physically active which boosts mental health.

When you sign up to the Windsor & Maidenhead Schools Leaderboard, the points you collect will be added to the total for your school and schools with the most points each season will win a prize.



There are virtual tags all-around Windsor & Maidenhead, including parks, adventure playgrounds and libraries. There are also other tags to collect all around London and the country which you will see in your app.

Once you are within a 40-meter radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points, steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points.

The app works in offline mode. Your points will be added to the leaderboard when you are back on-line,



Start using Street Tag to explore and boost your daily physical activity and mental health. Collect virtual tags, sync your steps, try different experiences in the virtual playground and **WIN PRIZES.**



Season dates:
Season 1 - 10th June to 6th August 2024
Season 2 - 16th Sept to 7th October 2024

Prizes (Top 2 Schools):
£50 each to school PTA



Steps to join the School Team (For PARENTS/CARERS)

- 01 Install the Free STREET TAG app from Play Store/ App Store, Open it and click on Sign up.
- 02 Enter the valid details to Sign up - Full name, Username, Email Id, and Password. Then click continue.
- 03 Select the School Leaderboard from the leaderboard options and click continue.
- 04 Select Windsor & Maidenhead Schools Leaderboard from the list, then pick your school team and click continue.
- 05 Enter your preferred gender, and you can fill in the other optional details if you want. Then click on Sign Up.
- 06 Verify with your Email/ Phone number.
- 07 After the verification step, please answer the questionnaire
- 08 Congratulations! Your account is ready for use.

Tips for Parents/Guardians to add a child as a player to their team

- 01 Create an Email ID for your child.
- 02 A parent can add a max of 2 children as players C1 and C2.
- 03 Click on the 'add a child' icon in the settings of the app.
- 04 Fill in all the details to add a player.
- 05 Go to the app Settings > Click Profile.
- 06 Select your C1 and C2 options and click add to complete activation.
- 07 Once a child is added as a player, you will see the C1/ C2 option appear on the main map home screen.
- 08 While tagging with your children, please click/tap on C1/C2 to collect a tag for them.

Features of the App

Leaderboard:

The average leaderboard displays your rank, school team name, and the average scores your school has.

Message Board:

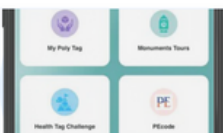
This is your message board where you can view regular updates from Street Tag HQ and important announcements or opportunities. You will receive a notification when a new message has been shared, and we recommend you check this board regularly.

Dashboard:

You can see your team's and individual players' scores, miles/distance covered.

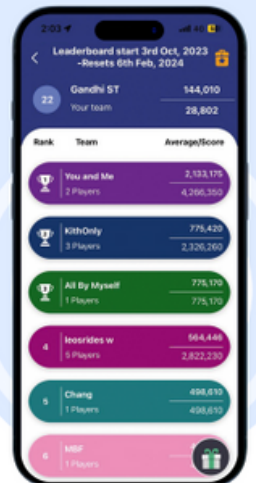
Playground:

Other app features are listed here, like the power hour, health tag challenge, and others.



Street Tag Schools Leaderboard

We are delighted to announce that our school will be participating in the Street Tag Schools Leaderboard program.



Please support us by signing up

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Attendance, Punctuality and Penalty Notices on 19th August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities. **Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Head of School or Headteacher.**

First Offence

For 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 of the first offence. The second 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.
- 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 magistrate's 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

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

[Link to DfE Blog for Parents](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/)

Ideas for Learning Chats

What have Reception been learning?

This week we had a Perform drama workshop on the subject of the Olympics. We learnt about the history of the Olympic Games, where they are being held this year and some of the sports that will take place. We continued our phonics learning with 'air' as in hair and 'er' as in builder. We've made life cycle wheels and been learning lots about caterpillars and butterflies.

Ask me to sound out the words 'hairy' and 'farmer'.

Ask me to tell you what I learnt about the Olympics and show you the actions.

Ask me to tell you how I'm getting on with the balance bikes in P.E.

Ask me to make you a repeating pattern and tell you the unit of repeat.

Next week we will be learning 'er' and revisiting 'ai' and 'ee' in phonics and thinking about position and mapping in Maths.

What has been the learning in Year 1?

This week Year One have been very busy working hard on their seasons poetry. We thought carefully about what happens in each season and then wrote and recited our poems to our class and school adults. What super poets we are! This also linked nicely to our science lesson this week, when we thought about the four seasons and what we might do in each of these.

In maths we have continued to look at time. This week we focused on looking at the analogue clock and telling the time - o'clock and half past.

In our topic lessons this week we used an atlas to identify the countries in the UK and the surrounding seas and oceans. In RE we continued to learn about the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

Well done, Year One. Another week of super hard work!

Ask me to recite my seasons poem.

Ask me to tell you the four seasons.

Ask me to tell you in which season the leaves fall off of the trees.

Ask me to tell you the time (when the clock shows an o'clock or half past time).

Ask me to tell you where the minute hand points at an o'clock time.

Ask me to tell you where the minute hand points as an half past time.

Ask me to tell you how Rosh Hashanah is celebrated.

Ask me to tell you which sea surrounds the UK.

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have been busy starting to learn songs for the end of year show this week. We're doing really well but a bit daunted about all of the words we need to learn, but Year 2 will rise to the challenge as they always do! Science has been really interesting comparing the life cycles of different types of animals. We've looked at how humans and other mammals have different life cycles, which are also different to birds, reptiles and amphibians. In maths we've been revising important maths facts, this week it's number bonds. We've been discussing how important number bonds are when calculating and recognising the relationship between numbers.

Ask me to describe the life cycle of a mammal

Ask me to compare the lifecycle of a cow and a human

Ask me to describe the life cycle of a reptile

Ask me to tell you what Hajj is

Ask me to tell you where Mecca is

Ask me to tell you why Hajj is important to Muslims

Ask me to tell you all number bonds to 20

Next week we will be busy taking part in lots of sporting activities during Sports Fortnight.

KEY DATES!

17th- 28th June

Sports Fortnight with lots of sporty workshops

17th June

Rabbi Visiting Year 1

21st June, 9.15am start

Year 1 & 2 Sports morning with parents

23rd June

Dads V dads Football

24th June, 6pm

New Parents Meeting

27th June, 9.15am start

Reception sports morning with parents

2nd July

Children visit new classes

6th July PTA Summer Festival

11th July, 4pm-5pm

Families can visit current and new classes in Alwyn

12th July

School reports sent home

23rd July

Year 2 Leavers' Concert

24th July

PTA Year 2 Disco TBC

25th July

Last day of term- 1.30pm finish

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2. In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special sticker and certificate

A huge **well done** to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their achievements this week. **We are very proud of you!**

Community Pages

Maidenhead Library Community Events

Rhymetime at Maidenhead Library

Every Thursday 11.30am - midday.

Storytimes

Weekly:

- Maidenhead Library: Tuesdays 10.30am - 11am.

Weekly (term time only):

- Boyn Grove Library: Fridays 4pm - 4.30pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Cox Green Library: Every Thursday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.
- Dedworth Library: Every Tuesday 2.30pm - 3pm.
Story and Rhyme Time.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK
CALL US ON: 07549 881563.**

After School Touch Rugby Junior Club – (boys & girls aged 5 to 15 years)

There are touch rugby sessions every Tue from 5-6pm at Maidenhead Rugby Club (SL6 1BN) for boys and girls aged 5-15. Sessions will focus on the priority areas of the game in both skill zones and game zones: running, catching, passing, dodging, scoring tries and making touches.

Come and try out non-contact touch rugby and find out why this fun game is growing so rapidly in schools!

Use this [Booking form](#)

May Half Term Junior Touch Rugby Camp (boys & girls aged 5 to 17 years)

There is a 2-day junior touch rugby camp at Maidenhead Rugby Club (SL6 1BN) on both Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May from 9.30am to 3pm. Come and join boys and girls of all ages from 5-17 learn and develop touch rugby skills in a fun and welcoming environment with qualified touch rugby coaches.

Click for the [booking form](#)

Saturday Rainbows with Girlguiding Maidenhead has space for your daughter

Rainbows - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged four to seven, it is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

We run on a Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00, every three weeks in term time and look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more [here](#)

Register now by [clicking here](#)

Snowy, Sky, Minnie Mouse, Eagle & Sunshine
1st Furze Platt Rainbows Leadership Team
07484 701507



Bear cubs




Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

April 5th - Animal Fun Facts Quiz - Online
April 19th - Yoga and Mindfulness - Slough
May 3rd - Arts and Craft - Bracknell
May 17th - Mini Golf - Maidenhead
June 7th - Nature Hunt - Bracknell
June 21st - Story time - Create your own - Online

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration: Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342	Criteria: Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire
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For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



Bear cubs




Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

Friday 5th July - Picnic in The Park - Windsor
Friday 6th September - All about me - creative Drawing - Online
Friday 20th September - Bingo Fun - Bracknell

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Duck Derby & Family Fun Day

Sunday 16th June, 12pm to 5pm
 Ray Mill Island, Maidenhead

FREE ADMISSION

Train rides, Stalls,
 Children's entertainment and more






Duck Race: 4.30pm (1st place WINS £250)

Summer Holiday Activity Clubs



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 Offer ends 23rd June

Activities: Inflatables, Farm Visits, Colour run, Water games & slide

Holiday Camps run from 9am-3pm*, 29th July- 30th August. Ages 5-12 years old.
 Visit our Booking Website for full dates and more information.

MULTI-ACTIVITY	FOOTBALL
Hungerford: Lambourn Primary School	Reading: Calcot Junior School
Newbury: Winchcombe School	Newbury: Winchcombe School
Reading: Calcot Junior School	Maidenhead: Courthouse Junior School

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HAF
 Funded spaces available. Lunch included with all multi-activity and HAF bookings*
 For Holiday Camp Enquiries- email holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com

Extended day 8:30am-5pm* Newbury Camp only

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MAIDENHEAD TOWN SHOW - SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024

Craft Coop is a community interest company (CIC), a social enterprise business set up specifically to benefit the community. All of our activities support the community and any extra profit goes back to the community.

On Sunday 13 October, as part of our CIC mission, we will be hosting the 11th Maidenhead Town Show - a day that celebrates local creativity and family fun of all sorts - making, cooking, barking, crafting, singing, dancing and general merriment!

For our 10th annual show in 2023, we raised nearly £2000 for children-based charities Family Friends RBWM and GOSH as part of One Great Day. In addition, the Nicholsons Centre enjoyed its third highest footfall day for 2023 and we loved hearing comments like 'it's the best day I have ever had in Maidenhead town centre!'

Therefore, this year, we'd like to make it even bigger and better! We'll be holding it on a Sunday - to overcome some of the town's parking issues whilst also allowing us to have the run of the High Street (we've already booked some funfair rides and a petting zoo). This year's local charity is the immensely popular Thames Valley Adventure Playground (TVAP) who we look forward to working with closely again, along with other local support groups. We're also increasing the range of workshops and free children's activities, along with loads of stalls to browse, craft demonstrations, live music, dance and drama, crafting and cooking competitions for everyone to enter, not to forget the very popular dog show!

The event is free to attend.