



Welcome to Alwyn!

Our reception building is fondly referred to as Little Alwyn.

In Little Alwyn there are 3 reception classes.

Elm Class
Mrs White
Head of Year



Ash Class
Mrs Mckeown



Oak Class
Mrs Sakal



Children may be moved into a different class throughout the school year, if we feel it is in their best interest!

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is a play based curriculum. Emphasis is placed on the prime areas of learning. If a child is able to communicate, manage their feelings and make friends, then the academic learning will follow.

3 prime areas

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Self-Regulation
Managing Self
Building Relationships



Communication and Language

Listening and attention
and Understanding
Speaking



Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills
Fine Motor Skills



4 specific areas

Literacy

Comprehension
Word Reading
Writing



Mathematics

Numbers
Numerical Patterns



Understanding the World

Past and Present
People, Culture and Communities
The Natural World



Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials
Being Imaginative and Expressive



Daily Routine

- ▶ Register & carpet time (Phonics)
- ▶ Zone time - Each day children will rotate between the three classrooms. These are set up in Zones. We have a Maths Zone, a Literacy Zone and a Knowledge and Understanding of the World/Creative Zone. In each zone there will be continuous provision (free choice to practice new skills) and adult focused activities. During Zone Time children will also get an opportunity to learn in our garden.
- ▶ Carpet time - Book Focus
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Carpet time (Mathematics)
- ▶ Free flow play with adult focused activities inside and in the garden
- ▶ Carpet time (Phonics revision/PSHE/Music/RE /Story)
- ▶ Home time

Start 8.45am
Finish 3.15pm

Prompt please!
Must be over 16 years of age



Coming into School

- ▶ Please walk to school if you can as parking outside school is very busy. There is an unofficial one way system for vehicles.
- ▶ When you arrive, wait in the playground for the classroom doors to open at 8.45am.
- ▶ At 8.45am bring your child to the classroom door, give him/her their book-bag and water bottle and say goodbye.
- ▶ Wait and hand them over to a member of staff at the door.
Do not leave your child unattended in the playground.



Let's keep our children safe.



Snacks in Reception

We offer a healthy snack each day. This is normally a piece of fruit or a vegetable, and milk is available for children to help themselves to until the age of 5. Milk is available for over 5s should you wish to pay.

Please bring in a full bottle of water every day and please make sure the bottle is clearly labelled.



Lunchtime

- ▶ All children are entitled to a free hot lunch, or they can bring in a packed lunch from home.
- ▶ We have a fantastic team of smiley and patient lunch time staff who know the children well.
- ▶ This is a great opportunity to work on social skills and good manners.
- ▶ Children quickly learn the routines and expectations and it is good to see them enjoy a nutritious meal.
- ▶ We strongly recommend that all children try a school meal and if they are not eating their lunch we will let you know.
- ▶ **All lunches must be ordered via the Parent Pay website/App before 8am on the day of the lunch.** There is no option to order lunches in school. If you have not ordered a school lunch for your child, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.
- ▶ Current menu is on our website.
- ▶ If your child has any food allergies, you will need to complete our caterers, Caterlink's special diet form and provide evidence from a medical professional.



Independence skills

We encourage the children to be independent in school. You can help to prepare them for this by encouraging them to:

- ▶ Put on and zip up their coat, (please avoid buying a coat with a separate fleece, as these are difficult to get on).
- ▶ Use a knife and fork.
- ▶ Turn jumpers the correct way.
- ▶ Dress themselves.
- ▶ Practise fastenings on trousers (where possible buy elasticated trousers, or jogging bottoms).
- ▶ Put on shoes (please only Velcro, no laces) and socks.
- ▶ Put on own gloves.



Toilets



- ▶ Children should be toilet trained before starting school.
- ▶ Toileting can be stressful for children. Please help by teaching them how to wipe themselves and wash their hands afterwards.
- ▶ We do encourage independence but we are prepared for accidents.
- ▶ Send the children into school with a plastic carrier bag containing a change of old clothes, that can stay on their peg, in case they need it. No backpacks!

School Uniform

- ▶ We have some small jumpers (£10), cardigans (£11) along with book bags (£6). CARD PAYMENTS ONLY. Uniform may also be purchased at Goyals or School Days Direct.
- ▶ We also have some second hand uniform at £1.00 an item.
- ▶ Grey elasticated trousers/jogging bottoms or skirt/pinafore dress. Girls are welcome to wear trousers. (In cold weather trousers are often easier to manage than tights)
- ▶ Polo shirts are best (long sleeved shirts get wet in the water tray)
- ▶ Suitable shoes - we prefer Velcro (young children cannot tie up shoe laces)
- ▶ Tops may become stained in school - a stained top is acceptable
- ▶ No PE kit required
- ▶ Book bags are essential. Please do not buy a back pack!



Uniform Extras

- ▶ We go outside every day.
- ▶ Coats/sun hats (no sunglasses).
- ▶ No jewellery/no hoop earrings.
- ▶ We discourage toys from home.
- ▶ Bring a spare set of clothes and leave on their peg in a clearly labelled plastic bag
- ▶ Our PTA earn commission on name labels ordered from Label Planet; www.stikins.co.uk. Please use our fundraising number, 552, when ordering. Thank you.
- ▶ **LABEL EVERYTHING!**



Transition

In September we will be organising special “getting to know your child” sessions, in school, where you and your child will be allocated a 20 minute slot at school.

During these sessions, you will have the opportunity to talk to your child’s class teacher and your child will spend this time in their new class environment. They can see their cloakroom peg, tray etc.

It will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and buy school uniform and book-bags. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of these meetings.

The meetings will happen on the following dates and you will be informed of your time slot by the end of the academic year:

Wednesday 4th September

Thursday 5th September

Friday 6th September

Starting school

Your child's first morning at school will be Monday 9th September. We start the children with three half days to help them transition into school.

Half Days

Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September 2024

Children will start at 8.45am and stay for lunch.

They must be collected between 1.20pm and 1.30pm.



Full Time - Thursday 12th September 2024

Children will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Please be aware that we cannot allow parents into the classroom with the children as the classroom would become crowded and unsettling for the children.

Please prepare your child, during the holiday, so they can say goodbye to you at the door and walk into the classroom independently.

Should your child become upset please move to a quieter part of the playground, until a member of staff can join and help you.

Supporting at home

We will ask you to spend time with your child:

- ▶ Twice weekly phonic sheet to reinforce the sounds being taught in school.
- ▶ Reading- this may be a photocopied sentence with the focus sounds or a book.
- ▶ Learn key words that are sent home.
- ▶ ‘Ask me’ statements are included in the weekly newsletter
- ▶ Share interests from home.



Parent Helpers

- ▶ We would love to have you helping in the classrooms.
- ▶ You can come in occasionally or every week.
- ▶ Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to do this.
- ▶ All helpers will need a DBS check as part of our safeguarding policy.



Attendance and punctuality

- ▶ We expect all children to attend school everyday and to be on time.
- ▶ This benefits the child socially and academically. It increases their confidence and builds healthy habits for the future.
- ▶ If your child is ill, please phone before the start of the school day and on each morning of absence, stating the reason.
- ▶ Any unauthorised absence taken in term time may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine. We do not authorise holidays in term time.
- ▶ Please notify the school as soon as possible with any medical / dental appointments. These should be arranged out of school time whenever possible.
- ▶ Prompt drop off and collection. The gates are open from 8.40am and locked at 8.55am and in the afternoons, open at 3.10pm and closed at 3.30pm.
- ▶ If you arrive after 8.55am you will need to come to the school office and your child will be marked in as late.

Should you have any questions regarding your child starting school please email

▶ newparents@alwyn.org.uk

We hope that you have a
wonderful summer.

We can't wait to see you all
in September!