



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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It is sports fortnight!

We have now come to the end of our sports fortnight. The children have had a fantastic time thinking about the different sporting events happening in the world; Euros, Wimbledon and the upcoming Olympics. They have learnt some new skills and sports as well as the importance of teamwork, resilience and competition. Thank you to Mrs Kyle who organised it and the different sports clubs and coaches who supported us.

Basketball Workshop, Mrs MacLeod

We had an amazing taster session trying out basketball with "Magic Hoops". The children started off by dribbling across the hall to collect cones for their team. Then Coach Jay taught them how to shoot in the net! The children really enjoyed the races in teams to shoot as many goals as possible! We had a lot of fun exercising and trying a new sport. Most of them were inspired to play more basketball in the future!



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



Cricket Fun, Miss Frank

On Monday, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a fun cricket workshop where they worked as a team to improve their batting skills and also learnt to increase their running speed to collect and return the balls as quickly as possible for maximum points. The teachers even had a turn and the children were brilliant at supporting one another and cheering each other on!



Dance Fit, Mrs Kyle

What a fantastic end to our sports fortnight! The children took part in an amazing dance fit lesson on Thursday and Friday. Each class engaged in a warm up and a cool down and learnt a whole entire dance in just 45 minutes. The children said that they loved the music and the teacher. What a great way to keep fit!



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.

Reception Sports Event with Grown Ups, Mrs Palmer

Reception had the perfect weather for our sports day and the perfect start with a lovely group of supportive parents out on the field to clap us out and encourage and cheer us on. The children particularly enjoyed the egg and spoon race, "because we got to carry eggs", and having the Courthouse children help them and lead them in some group exercises. We saw the children putting in a lot of effort and they all commented that it made them really happy with someone using the word 'impressive' and it really was. One of the children commented "I really liked it because we saw the mummies and daddies do sport and they could do it!"

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](#).



Street Tag updates

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

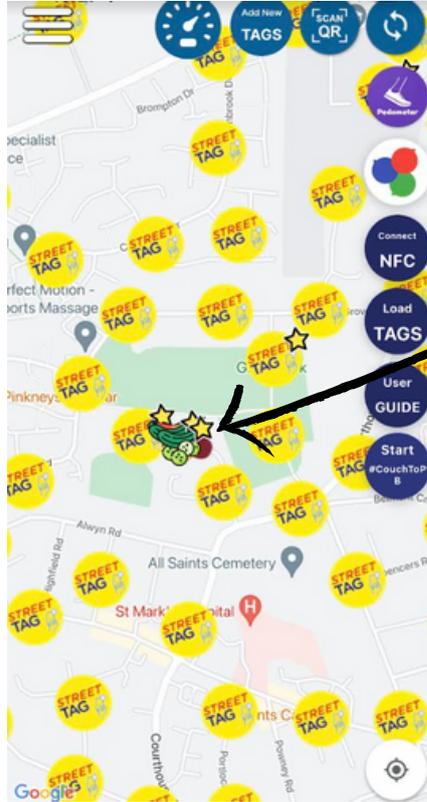
Season 2 - 16th Sept to 7th October 2024

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.



There are lots of tags that could be collected on the walk to and from school so there is no need to travel far to join in the fun.

It's not too late to download the app and start collecting!

Alwyn school is here, shown as a vegetable, just next to the park.

Features of the App

- Leaderboard:** The average leaderboard displays your rank, school team name, and the average score your school has.
- Message Board:** This is your message board where you can view regular updates from Street Tag and important announcements or opportunities. You will receive a notification when a new message has been shared, and an encouragement to check this board regularly.
- Dashboard:** You can see your team's and individual player's scores, individual score covered.
- Playgrounds:** Other app features are listed here, like the power hour, health tag challenge, and others.

We are 9th on the Leaderboard

So far we are 9th on the Leaderboard (12.30pm today)!

Let's all keep finding those tags.

It is not too late to download the app and join in.

Some of us were a little confused as our points weren't being collected. We discovered:

- notifications need to be turned on
- if you have your app set to collect points while offline or in hybrid mode you need to go into the menu and select 'Collect Tags Offline' then sync to collect the points. This must be done each day to collect the points.

if you are not taking part in the challenge, could you please delete your account as the number of players affects our overall score.

Happy street tagging!

Rank	Team	Average/Score
9	Alwyn Infant School Your team	762,115 15,553
	Homer First School	72,160
	2 Players	144,320
	Eton Porny First School	49,666
	83 Players	4,122,240
	Furze Platt Infant School	34,975
	11 Players	384,720
4	Dedworth Green First School	34,804
	11 Players	382,840
5	Eton Wick First School	30,997
	7 Players	216,980
6	Trevelyan Middle School	28,610
	26 Players	743,865
7	Furze Platt Junior School	28,588
	28 Players	800,460
8	Lowbrook Academy	16,590
	1 Players	16,590
9	Alwyn Infant School	15,553
	49 Players	762,115
10	St Edmund Campion Primary School KS2	14,958
	23 Players	344,040



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

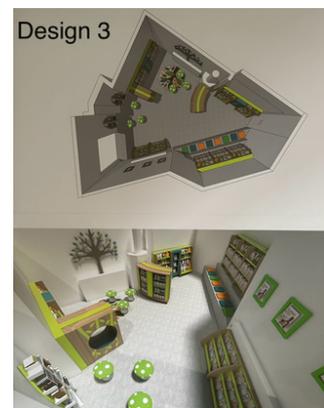
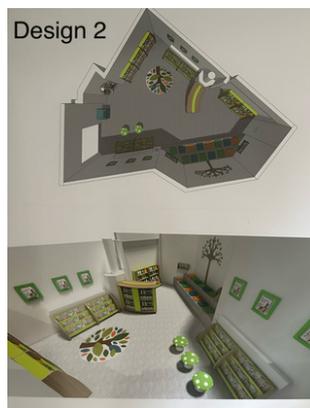
You are automatically part of the PTA as an Alwyn parent/carer. You can support the events by buying tickets, attending events or you could help with the organising and setting up.

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](#).



TOMBOLA, NEW TOY OR CAKE: OWN CLOTHES DAY- FRIDAY 5 JULY

In return for your child wearing their own clothes we are looking for a donation of either a bottle for the bottle tombola, a new toy for the toy tombola or a cake to be sold at the cafe (please avoid nuts and label what cake it is). All donations can be dropped off with your child in the morning.

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 RAFFLE

**1st Prize - £250 CASH, 2nd Prize - £100 Storia Restaurant Voucher,
3rd Prize - Echo Dot ... plus other prizes.**

Tickets £1 each. Buy now www.alwyncourthousepta.com/raffle



Summer Auction- Bidding Ends Sunday 14th July at 9pm

Fancy a family day out at the BCA Zoo or perhaps wine tasting at the Stanlake Winery is more up your street? Need a sports camp for the summer or may be your little one is meant to be on stage; then we have auction items for you with Magpies in the Community and Stagecoach. Auctions starts 22 June.



HELP! WE DONT SUCCEED WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM PARENTS/CARERS

In order to raise funds we rely on your support at the events we set up. Without your help there would be no library for Alwyn, field renovation for Courthouse or any of the wonderful things PTA funds have enabled over the years.

[Sign up here to help](#)..just an hour makes a difference and you can choose how you help.

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?

We've had lots of fun this week and enjoyed Sports Day and lots of other sporting activities. It's been so hot and we've been remembering to wear our hats and drink lots of water. We've really enjoyed exploring rhyming pairs and rhyming strings.

Ask me to sound out the words 'toad' and 'light'.

Ask me to tell you my favourite activity at Sports Day.

Ask me to tell you what I did in Basketball.

Ask me to tell you what we did in Dance Fit.

Next week we will be revisiting long and short 'oo', in phonics and consolidating and deepening understanding in Maths.

What has been the learning in Year 1?

This week, Year One enjoyed another sporty week. They started the week off with a fantastic cricket lesson followed by some kickboxing on Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday they had their normal PE and gymnastics lessons and finished off sports fortnight with some dance fit. It was lovely to see the children take part in a range of different sports over the two weeks. In maths this week, the children have been learning all about quarters. They found and identified one quarter of a shape and of a quantity. In English this week, the children have begun writing their own version of Katie in London and they are looking forward to showing you their finished stories in a couple of weeks at our open school event. In music, the children have now learned how to play notes A, B and G on the recorder. They are working hard to learn a piece of music which grown ups will be invited in to watch a performance of in the second from last week of term. How exciting!

Ask me what a quarter is.

Ask me how many quarters are in a whole.

Ask me what one quarter of 12 is.

Ask me to tell you what Yom Kippur is and how it is celebrated.

Ask me to show you what I have been doing in computing on Purple Mash.

Ask me to tell you three types of London transport.

Ask me to tell you the difference between being unkind, teasing and bullying.

Ask me to sound out and say these words; orange, hinge, plunge and change

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have had another busy week of sport, singing, dancing and measuring! We enjoyed a cricket workshop, Kickboxing, dance and dance fit! In maths we've been busy measuring capacity, mass and temperature and using the correct units of measurement. We're now experts at reading scales, even those that go up in 5's! We've also been learning about the Big 5 animals in Geography. The Big 5 are animals that are the most elusive and dangerous in many parts of Africa, specifically Kenya. We also learned about national parks and game reserves. Our rehearsing for the end of year show is going well and we now know all 5 songs.

Ask me what the Big 5 animals are

Ask me why they are called the Big 5

Ask me what a game reserve is

Ask me what a national park is

Ask me what unit I would use to measure the following-

Mass, Height, Capacity, Temperature

Ask me how many grams are in a kilogram

Ask me how many milliliters are in a litre

KEY DATES!

2nd July

Children visit new classes

5th July

Non Uniform Day- bring a bottle, toy or cake

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!**

Helpful Information

HWS HEALTH & WELLBEING SLOUGH Slough Healthy Smiles

Effective Toothbrushing for Young Children

Brush your teeth twice a day, before bed and at one other time

Spit don't rinse

Babies and Toddlers (under 3 years)

- Use a toothbrush with a small head and soft bristles
- Use a toothpaste containing at least 1000 ppm of fluoride
- Use a smear of toothpaste
- Brush your baby's teeth as soon as the milk tooth appears

Children aged 3-6 years

- Use a toothbrush with a small head and soft bristles
- Use a toothpaste containing more than 1000 ppm of fluoride
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Brush teeth for 2 minutes
- Use an egg timer, song or app www.brushdj.com

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HWS HEALTH & WELLBEING SLOUGH Slough Healthy Smiles

Effective Toothbrushing for People With Sensory Needs

Brush your teeth twice a day, before bed and at one other time

Spit don't rinse

Toothbrushing

- Use a toothbrush with a small-medium head and soft-medium bristles
- Consider using an electric toothbrush or adapted toothbrush
- Brush in small, circular movements on the outside, biting and inside surfaces of the teeth

Toothpaste

- For children age 6+ and adults use a toothpaste containing at least 1350 ppm of fluoride
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Consider using a non-foaming, unflavoured toothpaste

Visit the dentist regularly, as often as recommended

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