



Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Choices

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

Remembrance Day- 11th November

In classes, the children talked about the importance of Remembrance Day and took part in the 2 minute silence. They were all very interested to learn about the significance of the poppy as a way of remembering. Many of our children from Squirrels, Rainbows and other organisations told their friends about the parade on Remembrance Sunday. We were very proud of them for taking part. Here is [a link](#) to a lovely video we have used in school that you may want to watch at home and use as a bit of a talking point to help understanding or a chat. The children should also have come home with their own poppy symbol.



Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks

This week we have focused on choices and taken part in many activities for Anti-Bullying Week. On Tuesday, many people came into school wearing odd socks!



It was a great way to introduce and celebrate the things that can make us unique individuals but still be part of the Alwyn family. It also helps to learn about bullying and its affects as well as the steps we can all take together to stop it. Further information for parents can be found on the [Anti-bullying Alliance website](#).

Diabetes Awareness Day

It was great to see so many of our families wearing blue for diabetes. A few of our children told their friends about families members who had this condition and the different ways they manage it. For further information you can visit [Diabetes UK](#).



Children in Need - Be Stripetastic or Spotacular

Thank you for your donations to this fantastic cause which helps to make a difference to the lives of children who need some support. It is a fun way to help us understand that some people are less fortunate than others and have different live experiences. It also teaches us the importance of helping others and being kind.



Please avoid nutty foods

We have quite a few children with nut allergies, some are very severe. Please avoid sending in any food items containing nuts, including nutella and nutty chocolate.



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!

All hot dinners must be pre-ordered in advance. The deadline for ordering lunches is 8am on the day.

If your child does not have a packed lunch or ordered a school lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with baked beans.

Please talk about the menu with your child and that they are happy with their lunch choice as we are unable to change it on the day. The menu has changed to the Autumn/Winter menu. The full menu is on our website.

School lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them. They are yummy!

School Applications for Year 3 or Reception

The application portal is open between 11th November and 15th January. It is extremely important that you complete the form during this time to secure a school place. If you log onto the [RBWM](#) site or look in the Schools and Education section, you will find all the information you need. If you need any help with the application process, contact the school office. You will then be informed of the school offer on 16th April 2025. Further information can be [found here](#).



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#) or new [instagram account](#) @alwyninfantschool. If you haven't already, give us a like and a follow.



Our Fabulous Parent Teacher Association

Remember as a member of the school community, you are automatically part of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

They run brilliant events throughout the year but need your help. Please get in touch with them if you wish to take part or have some great ideas to share.



Thank you to all the children for their careful, bright and creative colouring for the Diwali Colouring Competition. They brightened up our weekend while we enjoyed looking at them and judging them. In addition, a huge thanks to the families who kindly scanned the QR code given out with the colouring sheet and donated to the PTA to support the schools. We have selected a winner from each class and these were announced in the Golden Book Assembly. As a prize for their efforts each winner received a pack of felt pens and two Rangoli pattern magnets to colour and keep.



Elfridges

It's back, the Kids Only Christmas Shop! Children select from a range of presents perfect for Mum, Dad, Granny or even Aunty Sue, then wrap them ready to hide under the tree for Christmas Day.

[Click here for more details.](#)



We need your help!

For these fabulous events to happen, the PTA need volunteers to help them set up, run stalls and clean up. Just an hour of your time will make a huge difference.

To sign up to help, [click this link.](#)

Please sign up to help at the Christmas Fair.



Asda Shopping

We've joined the Asda Rewards Cashpot for schools that has been advertise on television. If you shop at Asda, download the app, select Alwyn Infant School and raise funds for our school every time you shop.

There are many events planned for this term. Keep an eye for these on the PTA facebook page, website and this newsletter.



Copas Farm Shop | UK Delivery
Christmas Turkey Code: ALWS24PTA
It's never too early to start planning for Christmas!

By getting a head start, you can enjoy a stress-free holiday season.

Plus, when you use the code ALWS24PTA, the PTA will receive a 5% donation from each turkey sold.

Happy planning and happy holidays!

<https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/promotions/>

What have Reception been learning this week?

What a busy week we have had in Reception. We have continued with our PE lessons with Mr Baker which we are really enjoying. We have worn odd socks to consolidate anti-bullying week and that it is great to be different. We have worn blue for diabetes, and spots and stripes for Children in Need. We started the week learning about Remembrance Day and why people wear poppies. We have also been learning about nocturnal animals and reading Owl Babies as part of our topic on Light and Dark.

Ask me to tell you a word that starts with r and a word that has u in it
Ask me to tell you some of the parts of my body that make up the whole me

Ask me to tell you the story of Owl Babies

Ask me to tell you a nocturnal animal

Ask me to tell you why people wear poppies

Next week in reception we will be learning the sounds h and b. In Maths we will be investigating the numbers 3, 4, and 5 in depth and consolidating our understanding of a whole being made up of parts.

What have Year 1 been learning this week?

It was a very busy week this week for Year One. On Monday, the children took part in a 2 minute silence and created a wonderful poppy collage as part of Remembrance Day commemoration across the school. On Tuesday the children wore colourful socks to celebrate Odd Socks Day, on Thursday the children wore blue for Diabetes Day and on Friday they wore stripes and spots for Children In Need. This week was also Anti-Bullying week and over the course of the week the children were learning about what bullying is, how to stop it from happening and the long lasting impact it can have. In their learning this week, the children in Year One have been thinking all about pets. In English, they wrote sentences to describe their perfect pet based on the book Dear Zoo and in Maths, the children were introduced to the minus sign and explored finding the missing part in a part whole model. What a wonderful second week back! Well done Year One.

Ask me to tell you what Remembrance Day is.

Ask me to tell you what Anti-Bullying means.

Ask me to show you the correct formation of the letters r, b, h and n.

Ask me to show you the minus symbol with my arms.

Ask me what the minus symbol means.

Ask me to tell you what $10 - 6$ is.

Ask me to tell you what $5 - 2$ is.

Next week, we will be learning how to write a description of an animal in English and continuing to practise fact families and subtraction in maths.

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2 2024-2025

27th November

No Pens Day

Year 1 trip to the park

28th & 29th November

PTA Elfridges

29th November

Non uniform day for a tombola gift

30th November

PTA Christmas Fair

3rd December @9am

Parents/carers/helpers coffee morning with school leaders

10th December @9.30am

Reception performance for Ash class parents/carers

11th December @9.30am

Reception performance for Oak class parents/carers

12th December @9.30am

Reception performance for Elm class parents/carers

12th December

Festive or own jumper day
Christmas Lunch

16th, 17th, 18th December, 9.30am

Year 1 Christmas Performance

18th December, 2.30pm

Year 2 Festive Songs with
Parents/Carers

19th December, 3.30pm

Carols in Courthouse playground

20th December

End of term, 1.30pm finish

KEY DATES!

School Year 2024-2025

END OF TERM

23rd December- 3rd January
School closed

6th January
INSET Day (no children in school)

7th January
Children back to school

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

Year 2 have started a new story in English called Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. We have enjoyed creating a story map with symbols and actions to help us remember it. We have also identified nouns, adjectives, verbs, conjunctions and punctuation in the text.

In science we have been learning about teeth, we carried out an investigation to find out if the oldest children have the most teeth, our conclusion was - not necessarily!

Ask me to work out the following subtraction equations- don't forget to exchange!

12-4

21-16

78-39

35-28

Ask me to name you the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom

Ask me to name the 4 capital cities of those 4 countries

Ask me to show you the actions for the following words from Kassim and the Greedy Dragon

Once upon a time

Who

Early one frosty morning

Before

Next week we will be starting a new topic on Materials. Look at your vocabulary sheets!

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2.

In Little Alwyn, they love to have their special stickers 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!**

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](#)



Providing Children's Services for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead




[Link to the attendance page on the Alwyn website.](#)



Winter HOLIDAY CAMPS



 **BOOK NOW**



Multi-activity

Football



Holiday Camps run from 9am-3pm*, Ages 5-12 years old.
Week 1: 23rd December, Week 2: 2nd & 3rd January, Inset day camp: 6th Jan*

MULTI-ACTIVITY FOOTBALL

Reading:
Calcot Junior School

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Maidenhead:
Alwyn Infants School

Newbury:
Winchcombe School

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Winchcombe School

DISCOUNT CODE: SNOW15 15% OFF

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Discount offer ends 1st December
Extended day 8:30am-5pm & Inset day camp* Newbury Camp only
Christmas Party day 23rd December at ALL venues
For Holiday Camp enquiries- email holldaycamps@mnrcoaching.com

funded spaces available

Community Pages

What is happening in our local area?



Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

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

Monday 18th November - Bingo Fun - Bracknell

Monday 2nd December - Christmas Quiz - Online

Monday 16th December - Big on Bouncing - Slough - Small fee applicable

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration: Criteria:
Gems.4Health@nhs.net Children with or likely to have ADHD
0800 999 1342 and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com



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OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Come and find out more about our wonderful school and hear from Senior Leaders, Parent Teacher Associates, Governors and our amazing pupils

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
At 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

COURTHOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOL
Blenheim Rd, Maidenhead SL6 5HE

MORE INFORMATION

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www.courthousejunior.co.uk



STAY TRUE TO YOU

Free online training sessions for parents, carers and wider family or community members

Tuesday 12 November, 6.30pm-8.30pm (online) → register in advance
Thursday 21 November, 6.30pm-8.30pm (online) → register in advance

Course content:

Everyone is worried about the levels of violence in our community, particularly knife crime involving young people.

The Stay True to You campaign aims to prevent violence by taking a positive approach to supporting young people to help them build confidence and make the right decisions.

Open to all parents, carers and wider family members, these sessions are an opportunity to better understand the facts, including:

- Risk factors to crime and violence
- Exploitation and county drug lines
- Online harm
- How fear drives weapon carrying
- Legal consequences
- How to have those difficult conversations and create trusted relationships
- Sources of help and support

Tuesday 12 November 6.30pm-8.30pm (online)
Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-12nov2024

Thursday 21 November 6.30pm-8.30pm (online)
Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-21nov2024

On visit the training page on the website: staytruetoyou.co.uk/upcoming-training-dates-parents/

Contact
info@staytruetoyou.co.uk



NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T

Don't be a disappearing act this winter



Your bike should have:

- a white light on the front, with a white reflector
- a red light on the back, with a red reflector
- amber reflectors on each pedal (spoke reflectors also helpful)

Wearing bright, high vis and reflective clothing will make you more visible on the road

More info



shg.fyi/WMUGTC

**It is a legal requirement to make sure you ride with
the correct lights when it is dark**

CATERLINK WOULD LIKE
TO INVITE YOU TO A
CAREERS FAIR

Thursday 21st November 2024

From 1pm till 3pm

This event will be held at
Costa Coffee, Sutton Business Park,
Earley, RG6 1AZ

Come along with your CV and meet
us.

If you require any further
information, please contact Sam on
07554 431 722



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