



Alwyn Infant School



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OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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It is sports fortnight!

Olympics Sports Festival, Mrs Sakal

Reception children had a fabulous afternoon on a sunny Wednesday, taking part in a sports festival that Mr Baker our Sports Coach organised for us.

The children had the opportunity to take part in six fun sporting activities that will be in the Olympics. We played tennis, basketball and our ever popular favourite football! We also practiced some relay races and had mini road races on a circuit using the balance bikes which is always so wonderful to watch! We had the chance to try archery which everybody was really good at. It was a brilliantly organised afternoon and the children had such amazing fun and were hard pressed to choose just one favourite activity! Thank you Mr Baker!



Kickboxing Workshop, Mrs Adamcsik

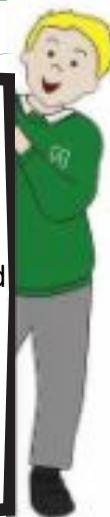
Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to have a kickboxing taster session on Tuesday. We learnt how to stand correctly in a strong position with our feet shoulder-width apart and our hands up in front of our face. No wobbles allowed! We were then taught to throw a jab and a front kick against the pad.

Finally, we all had a turn at throwing a jab to split the brick! It was great fun.

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.

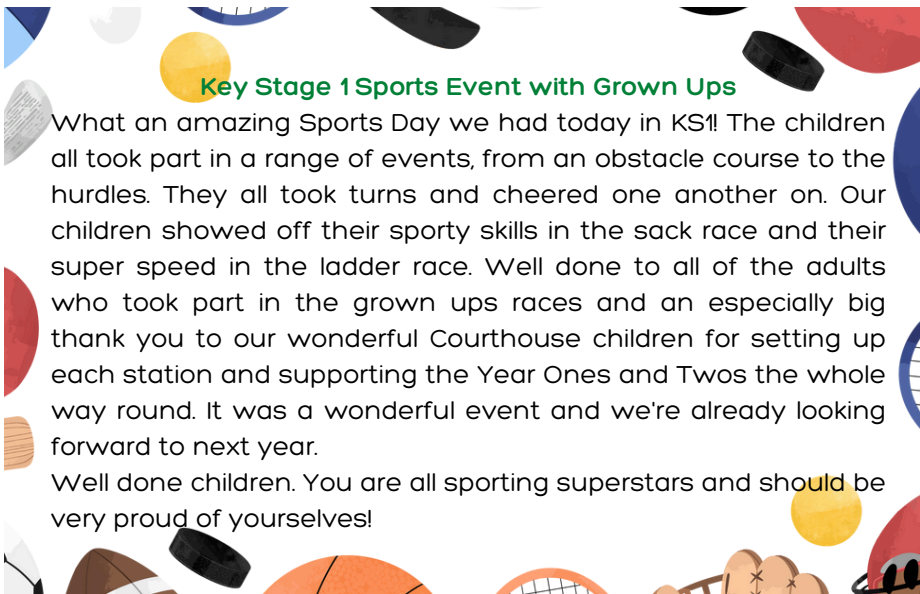


Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).

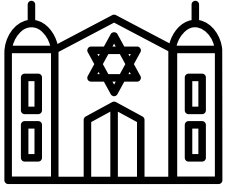
Key Stage 1 Sports Event with Grown Ups

What an amazing Sports Day we had today in KS1! The children all took part in a range of events, from an obstacle course to the hurdles. They all took turns and cheered one another on. Our children showed off their sporty skills in the sack race and their super speed in the ladder race. Well done to all of the adults who took part in the grown ups races and an especially big thank you to our wonderful Courthouse children for setting up each station and supporting the Year Ones and Twos the whole way round. It was a wonderful event and we're already looking forward to next year.

Well done children. You are all sporting superstars and should be very proud of yourselves!



What else has been happening?



Rabbi Visited Year 1, Miss Harris

On Monday, Year 1 had a visit from a Rabbi. We learnt about the layout of a Synagogue and why Synagogues are important to Jewish people. The children were shown a rabbi's robes and had the opportunity to try on a Kippah (a brimless cap).

We were told stories from the bible. It was very interesting to learn that the Hebrew bible is read from right to left. We looked at an English and Hebrew bible. Our favourite part was when we got to listen to the Rabbi play the Shofar (ram's horn).

Street Tag- We are 10th

We are now coming to the end of the second week of Street Tag. It is a great app based competition to encourage us all to get out and about, exploring local areas and getting fit.

So far we are 10th on the Leaderboard! 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 last week as our points weren't being collected. We discovered that 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. These are then added at the end of the day. Miss Grierson was very confused by this at the start and couldn't understand why her points were collected!

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
10	Alwyn Infant School Your team	412,310 9817
	Eton Porny First School 93 Players	26,769 2,489,495
	Furze Platt Infant School 11 Players	22,252 244,770
	Furze Platt Junior School 27 Players	17,699 477,870
4	Trevelyan Middle School 24 Players	17,470 419,270
5	Eton Wick First School 6 Players	14,242 85,450

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**.

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.

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



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 challenges, and prizes.

7	Dedworth Green First School 21 Players	11,588 243,350
8	Courthouse Junior School 2 Players	10,635 21,270
9	White Waltham C of E Academy 4 Players	10,538 42,150
10	Alwyn Infant School 42 Players	9817 412,310

Staffing Update

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Snapes back to Alwyn this week. Mrs Snapes will be teaching in Beech class, Monday to Wednesday, while Mrs Alston recovers from her medical procedure.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Alston is making a good recovery and we all send her positive, get well wishes. Thank you to Mrs Ignatova, who has covered the class brilliantly and she will continue to work with the class, covering the teachers planning time.

Sunshine and Warmth Has Finally Arrived!

The Met Office has issued a YELLOW Heat Health Alert for the South East starting 9am Monday 24 June until 6pm Thursday 27 June. The weather forecast predicts warm, sunny weather. As the children will be outside taking part in sports and playtimes, please make sure your child comes into school with a sun hat and water bottle every day. You may wish to apply long lasting suncream to your child's exposed skin before school. They can bring suncream into school as long as they can apply it themselves and do not share it with any other child. Please do not send your child into school with sunglasses as they go missing or get broken. A good sunhat will provide the needed eye protection.

Yellow Heat Health Alert

A Yellow Heat Health Alert has been issued for the South East

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead



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

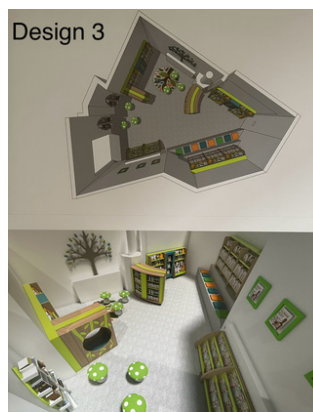
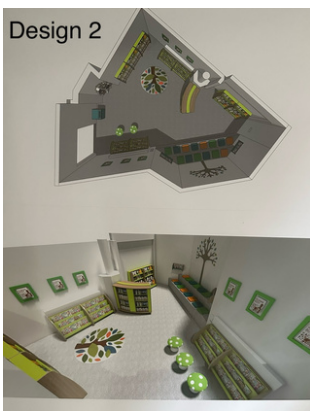
You are automatically part of the PTA as an Alwyn parent/carer. You can support the events by buying tickets, attending events or you could help with the organising and setting up.

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- Cancelled

Unfortunately we had to cancel the upcoming 5-aside tournament due to not enough teams registering to take part. Hopefully the tournament will be back again next year.

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

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Ideas for Learning Chats

What have Reception been learning?

This week we have been trying out different sporting activities including archery, kickboxing and basketball. We have started to recap digraphs in Phonics and have been reading 'Oi Frog!' which involves lots of rhyming.

Ask me to give you a string of words that rhyme with 'cat'.

Ask me to tell you all about our Sports Festival.

Ask me to tell you about my favourite sport activity of the week.

Ask me to tell you how to stay safe in the hot weather.

Next week, we will be revisiting 'igh' and 'oa' in Phonics and consolidating number skills in Maths. We'll be having our Sports Day on Thursday morning and taking part in more sports taster sessions.

What has been the learning in Year 1?

This week, year one have been learning all about London. They explored the sights in their geography lessons and enjoyed listening to the new class text "Katie in London". The children shared their experiences with each other and discussed if they had visited any of the sights from the book. This week Year 1 also had a fantastic first week of sports fortnight. On Wednesday, they enjoyed a sports festival with Mr Baker where they demonstrated all the skills they have learned this year. On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed an exciting and energetic basketball hoops lesson. It was lovely to see them cheering for their friends and celebrating their achievements. Finally on Friday, the grown ups were treated to a sensational sports day! Well done everyone who took part on the day.

Ask me what a half is.

Ask me how many halves are in a whole.

Ask me to describe the location of London on a map (South East).

Ask me to tell you the four capital cities of the United Kingdom.

Ask me to show you where Maidenhead is on a map.

Ask me to retell the story of Katie in London.

Ask me to tell you what sights Katie and Jack visited.

Ask me to tell you which other London landmarks we have looked at this week

What have Year 2 been learning this week?

This week in english we have been learning about the Olympics. We have looked at the history of the Olympics and the Olympic events. We also learnt that the Olympics have been cancelled three times and postponed once! In maths, we have been learning about measures. We have been rotating the resources to allow us to explore capacity, temperature and mass practically. As geographers, we are continuing to explore Kenya. This week we have compared the lives of a child in Kenya with a child in the UK. In addition to all this work in the classroom, we are also continuing to practise our performances for the Year 2 concert.

Ask me why the Olympics were cancelled three times.

Ask me why the Olympics were postponed once.

Ask me what units we use to measure mass.

Ask me what units we use to measure capacity.

Ask me to name the 4 stages in the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Ask me to name 2 animals whose lifecycles begin with an egg.

KEY DATES!

17th- 28th June

Sports Fortnight with lots of sporty workshops

24th June, 6pm

New Reception Parents' Meeting

27th June, 9.15am start

Reception sports morning with parents

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

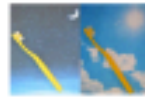
A huge **well done** to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their achievements this week. **We are very proud of you!**



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)**



**Children
aged 3-6 years**

**Use a toothbrush
with a small head
and soft bristles**



**Use a toothbrush
with a small head
and soft bristles**



**Use a toothpaste
containing at
least 1000 ppm of
fluoride**



**Use a toothpaste
containing more
than 1000 ppm of
fluoride**



**Use a smear of
toothpaste**



**Use a pea-sized
amount of
toothpaste**



**Brush your baby's
teeth as soon as
the milk tooth
appears**



**Brush teeth for 2
minutes
Use an egg timer,
song or app
www.brushdj.com**



Community Pages

Pop Up Play VILLAGE **A B C**

New School Play Sessions

Here at Pop Up Play we recognise how nervous you and your child might be starting school so why not come and join us at one of our New School starter sessions ?

All sessions are being held at Cox Green Scout Hut

Friday 28th June	Friday 12th July
Lowbrook 10am-11am	Oldfield 10-11am
Furze Platt 11.30-12.30	Holyport 11.30-12.30
Alwyn 1.30-2.30	Cookham 1.30-2.30

If you have any questions please email Maidenhead@popupplayvillage.co.uk if you can't see your school I can add them or book via Facebook page

HWS HEALTH & WELLBEING SLOUGH **Effective Toothbrushing for People With Sensory Needs** Slough Healthy Smiles

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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GEMS Autism & ADHD Support Service East Berkshire

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

*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

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

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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

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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.

Summer Holiday Activity Clubs



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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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