

Newsletter 4 17th October 2025

For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Consultation about joining The Leaf Trust

Following on from the work of the Governors in considering and carrying out research into whether to remain as a local authority maintained school or to consider joining an academy trust, the governors have decided that joining The Leaf Trust would be in the best interests for the future of the school. The Leaf Trust is a successful and forward-thinking trust, based in South Gloucestershire, which is solely comprised of primary schools. The consultation period will close on 14th Nov). Please follow the link on the email that was sent on 07.10.25. The consultation only has 4 short questions to respond to.

Reception places for September 2026 -

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2026. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2026**. <https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpW&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

At Alexander Hosea, we are very proud of our caring and inclusive community. Our values – Be kind, be responsible, be resilient, be a team player, be respectful, be curious, be unique – are at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to sharing with you how these shine through in our classrooms, playgrounds, and wider school community. Our tours are a great opportunity to see the school in action and ask any questions you may have. Please use the link below to book your tour.

<https://calendly.com/taralou-price-sgmail/parent-tours-with-alexander-hosea-primary?month=2025-09>

Sport update

Thank you to Miss Williams for organising for our sports teams to take part in sporting events – there have certainly been a lot happening in the past fortnight! Our football team has had 4 matches; a Y6 team took part in dodgeball at Bradley Stoke Community School and a team of Year 4 & 5 girls played tag Rugby at an event at YIA. Thank you to all the parents who went along to support too. We are very proud of the children for representing the school so well. We are delighted to have been rewarded for the most children engaged in school sports in September – see later in newsletter.

Congratulations to Mr Feaster (new Deputy Head) and his wife on the birth of their first child.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 8

20th Oct-Poppies on sale in playground after school until 7/11
20th Oct – Cup assembly
21st Oct – Y2 at St Augustine's Farm
21st Oct – Prospective Reception for 2025 tour
21st Oct – Parents' evening
22nd Oct – Parents' evening
23rd Oct – end of term
23rd Oct – African dance workshops for Y2-6
24th Oct – INSET day

Half Term

31st Oct – Deadline for Y6 applications for secondary school

Week 1

3rd Nov – School nurse visit Y6
5th Nov – Bonfire Night special lunch
6th Nov – Prospective Reception for 2025 tour

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about specific class activities.

Week 2

10th Nov – Odd Socks day (£1 for Children in Need)
10th-14th Nov – Anti-bullying week 'Power for Good'
12th Nov – Y3 parent lunch
12th Nov - Prospective Reception for 2025 tour
13th Nov - Prospective Reception for 2025 tour
14th Nov – Non-uniform day for chocolate for Friends

INSET days for 2025-26

Friday 24th October
Monday 24th November
Friday 28th November
Monday 5th January

This term's Value



Football

We have had lots of football with our team taking part in 4 games in 2 weeks! They have shown great teamwork and kindness in all matches. Thank you to Mr Spill for running the club.



Teacher contact

All emails should be sent to the school inbox AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk This will ensure your email is seen quickly and will be passed to the relevant members of staff. Please ensure any emails have the child's name and class information.



Special menus

5th November – Bonfire night, Bolognese 'n' cheesy mac / Deep filled jacket with beany chilli
2nd December – English breakfast day, sausage / veggie sausage with baked omelette, hash brown and baked beans
17th December – Christmas Lunch, traditional lunch or Quorn nuggets
25th March – Year 2 / Jet class parent lunch
17^h July – Year 6 / Amethyst class parent leavers lunch

Anti-bullying Week – advance notice

We will be engaging with the national anti-bullying week w/c 10th Nov. The children will have activities to help them to think about the theme 'Power for Good'.

Monday 10th Nov – Odd socks day for a donation of £1 for Children in Need.

Fri 14th Nov – children are invited to wear non-uniform for a chocolate (no nuts or alcohol) for Friends of AHS Christmas tombola.

Applications for Year 7 2026 for Year 6 Children

Deadline 31st October 2025

From 8 September 2025, if you live in South Gloucestershire, you will be able to apply for a place online at www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. The online application system is secure and simple to use.

Once you have completed and submitted an online application form you will receive an email to confirm that your application has been received. Amendments can be made to your online application up to the closing date of but it is very important to remember to re-submit your application each time you access the form even if you do not make changes.

Monkhouse uniform issues

Mrs Price has been investigating the issues with Monkhouse Jumpers, thank you to those who sent evidence to support the case. Please see the response below from Monkhouse and action as requested.

"I have asked our team to investigate this issue for you.

We have located the incorrect batch and are in the process of reprinting these sweatshirts to rectify the issue. Most of our stock is without this issue and most of the stock sold over the summer ought to have been unaffected.

I would encourage any parents who have experienced this issue to return their items for a replacement to our Yate store if purchased in store, or via post if purchased online.

Please accept my sincere apologies for this issue and for any inconvenience it has caused you and your school community."

We are delighted to have been awarded the Yate Academy School Sports' award for excellent engagement in sports.



African Dance workshops

Miss Williams has arranged for all Y2-6 children to take part in African dancing workshops on 23rd October as part of Black History month.

Please can all children in Y2-6 wear PE kits to school on this day.

We hope everyone has fun!

Safeguarding Issue

It has been reported that some books from the popular 'Spy Dog' series by Andrew Cope contain a link that may lead to inappropriate or harmful content.

For more detailed information about this issue, please refer to the BBC news article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn7631z8343o.amp>

We have checked the library and asked teachers to check their book cases and dispose of any copies. If your child has borrowed a copy from school, please dispose of it and do not return it to school, thank you.

Mathletics login

You may have noticed that the home screen for Mathletics login has changed if using the QR code in children's reading logs. We have investigated this and can confirm the link is genuine.

A screenshot of the Mathletics login page. At the top, there are logos for 'Reading Eggs', 'reading eggspass', and 'Mathseeds'. Below these is a 'Log In' section. It has a label 'Email or Username' above a text input field. Below that is a label 'Password' above another text input field. To the right of the password field is a link that says 'Forgot?'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me'. At the bottom of the login section is a large purple button that says 'Log in'. At the very bottom of the page, the URL 'id.3plearning.com' is visible.

Morning drop-off

Please note, unless your child has walk alone permission (Yr5/6 only) all children should be safely walked into school grounds and be monitored until the gate is open and they have entered school safely through the gate.

Car parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours. The drop off zone should be used by year 5 & 6 parents who are pulling in to drop their children off safely, this area should not be used for parking. Please ensure you are parked legally and not on dropped curbs or in no parking zones. The staff car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.



Friends of Alexander Hosea

We are next meeting Monday 10th November 5-6pm at school, please do join us!

The meetings are a time to discuss fundraising ideas & plan exciting events for our children.

We had the best turn out for our meeting that we have had in a long while, thank you to everyone that came and for all the volunteer support we received, we really can't do the events without you all!

We were pleased to be able to approve the following funding for school; Handwriting pens for years 3 & 5, books for Topaz children for home visits, KS1 theatre performance in school, JIGSAW package, Christmas tree for the hall, Christmas crackers and tablecloths for children's Christmas lunch, Digimaps & Times Table Rockstars.

If you would be able to run a stall at our Christmas Fair to help raise much needed funds for the school, please contact a member of the committee.

Upcoming events

21st October – Rags2Riches collection

22nd October – Krispy Kreme donut sales, pre orders with limited sales on the day

14th November – non-school uniform in return for a chocolate donation for the tombola – NOT NUTS!

3rd December – The return of The Elf Christmas shop

5th December – Christmas Fair

16th December – Winter disco – KS1 4.15-5pm KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm

19th December – Coffee & Carol morning – please bring donations for the raffle to the main office

Events we are hoping to organise – please contact a committee member if you can help

- Colour run
- Grow a £
- Summer fair
- Ice cream sales

A reminder of who the Friends are:

Co-Chairs: Alice (year 1 & year 4 parent) & Shelley (year 2 & year 4 parent)

Treasurer: Gemma (year 2 parent)

Co-Secretary: Tara (year 2 & year 4 parent – School's SBM & Becci year 2 & year 4 parent)

Parent liaison for Friends

Topaz – Kelly (Theo's mum)

Ruby – TBC please contact a member of the committee if you can help us with communications to your class WhatsApp group

Jet – Becci S (Alfred's mum)

Crystal – Annette (Mia's mum)

Diamond – Becci S (Hugo D's mum)

Pearl – Sarah (Rocco's mum) Amee (Neeva's mum)

Amethyst – Gemma (Max's mum)