

### Newsletter 3, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

The first term is flying by and the children are now well into their autumn term projects. In maths, we start the year with place value and then move onto addition and subtraction in most year groups. In Y1-6, the children do frequent retrieval practice (eg Big Basket Quizzes, Flashback 4 etc) to reinforce their learning and aid recall.

**Harvest** – The children were delightful during the harvest service and praised by the vicar. It was so uplifting to hear their beautiful singing. We were pleased to be able to do the service in church again. Thank you to Miss Edgar and Mrs Brooks for organising and helping the children to learn the whole school songs.

**Parent Council** – Our parent council met for their first meeting this week. There was positive feedback about clubs and enrichment (visitors and trips etc); diary dates on newsletter; meet the teacher and the curriculum information on the website (see item below). Suggestions included: diary dates for events (eg Christmas, Meet the Teacher etc) as soon as possible; opportunities for children to learn about first aid and road safety awareness sessions for children. We are looking for a parent council rep for Topaz class. Please let the admin team know if you are interested.

**Curriculum** – Our curriculum is available to parents on our website.

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=20> For most subjects, there are school-specific curriculum maps for each area of learning for each year group. Where we use schemes of work (eg Language Angels for French; South Glos Syllabus for RE, Val Sabin for PE and Jigsaw for PHSE), we include the overviews.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary:

##### **Week 6 –**

8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Wear something yellow for mental health wk  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET – school closed to children

##### **Week 7 –**

17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 8 -**

21<sup>st</sup> Oct Cup awards assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents' evening  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct – End of Term 1

##### **Term 2 - Week 1**

6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 2**

11-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying week  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti-bullying workshops for children  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 3**

18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 height and weight – NHS  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Council  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

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

**Prospective Parent tours for Reception 2025** – We invite prospective parents to visit the school for a tour with the headteacher. Visit dates are in the diary and tours have already started. Please call to book a place and spread the word. We do have a few places in our current Reception class - if you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

**Pupil premium** – If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may benefit from additional funding through the school. Please complete a short application online <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply> or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

#### **Whole School Assessment Outcomes 2023-24**

We are delighted with the outcomes for our children in all measures. In almost all areas we are well above national (green dots on the data %) or exceptionally excellent (blue dots on the data %). These results are on our website.

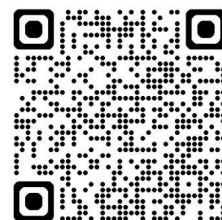
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## This terms' Values



## School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



## Secondary school admissions

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2024 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2025 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the **31 October 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

### Student council

Our new student council representatives have been selected by their classmates and we have had our first meeting. We discussed our role and responsibilities as student council and Mrs Cleverley answered any questions the children had about their very important new role. This week they will be receiving their new student council badges, along with their class note book ready to start collecting questions and suggestions from their classmates. The children were very excited, and they all felt extremely proud of themselves for being nominated.



## Reception 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

At Alexander Hosea, we run weekly tours for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2025. See dates on front page.

If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office. We limit this to a maximum of 3 families, so that there is chance to talk about your child and ask questions.



## Wear something yellow Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

The children are invited to wear something yellow for world mental health day. They can swap an item of uniform to something yellow or wear a yellow accessory.

Please pay a donations of £1 on Scopay. All donations will go to the charity.



Harvest donations at Trinity Church this week

### Are you worried about the cost of living?

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling to pay your bills. You may be entitled to extra support.

To find out what help is available, visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/costofliving)

You can also call the council's freephone helpline on 0800 953 7778 or visit a One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Patchway or Yate.



### Getting enough to eat

Support is available to make sure you are getting enough to eat.

Find out how to get:

Emergency food aid

Healthy Start vouchers

Free school meals and more

Visit <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/for-your-body/eat-well/food-poverty-support>





# Friends of Alexander Hosea School

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## WE NEED YOU!

Thank you to those who attended the recent Friends meeting. We are planning a number of Christmas events but need offers of support to make them happen. Without help, they will not run resulting in the children missing out the enriching experiences that are paid for by the Friends of AHS.

From wrapping presents to running a stall, there are tasks to suit everyone's skills and capacity.

If you can offer any time to support the planning and/or delivery of the following events, please get in touch.

- Christmas Shop
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas coffee morning

Thank you!

## World Teacher Day!



A big shout-out to all the wonderful teachers at AHS as we celebrate World Teachers' Day on October 5th! Let's also take a moment to recognise the amazing support staff who play a crucial role in the school. We appreciate all that you do!

## ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

57 days to go!



£71.45 raised so far!

