Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Conversion to join The Leaf Trust

We are delighted to have successfully transitioned to join the Leaf Trust this week. Three senior members of the central team visited the school on Monday to lead a welcome assembly. The children were excited to have their questions answered and hear more about what they can expect from working with a family of schools.

Little Gems Nursery places – Our new nursery is up and running and the children and staff are thriving in the setting. We are very proud of our new provision. Every day is an open day for prospective parents. The application window is now open for places for 3 year olds from January 2027; September 2027 and January 2028. Please submit applications through the school email FAO Mr Dan Feaster
https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Little+Gems+Nursery&pid=385

Prospective Reception tours for Sept 27 – We are now booking tours for prospective parents of children who are due to start in Reception in September 2027. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September, please do encourage them to come and see our fantastic school for themselves. Applications are now open and will close on **15th January 2027.** Please spread the word and contact the school office to book your tour.
https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw

Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

This term's Value



New handwriting font

The children and staff are developing their skills in using the new handwriting font. We can already see green shoots of improvements in handwriting, which is lovely to see.

We will be drafting our new handwriting framework, which we will share with parents when it is ready.

Teachers now have this font on their Powerpoint and Word packages and have started to model it for in their teaching, learning walls and teaching resources.

Flood repair works

The Community centre works have now been completed and WOOSC will be operating from their Community Centre entrance from Monday 9th November. Thank you very much to all the WOOSC staff and parents for being flexible and patient during the necessary repair works.

The final stages of the works are now in progress. Unfortunately, some of the kitchen equipment has been written off, so replacements have been ordered. Thank you to the Edwards & Wards team for being so resilient over the past 6 months. They are looking forward to coming back in the building after many months in the catering unit in the car park.

INSET days

Fri 27th Nov 2026
Mon 4th Jan 2027
Mon 22nd Feb 2027
Mon 12th April 2027

Parent Council dates:

Term 2 Weds 18th Nov 2026
Term 3 Tues 9th Feb 2027
Term 4 – No meeting – short term
Term 5 -Tues 20th April 2027
Term 6 Tues 6th July 2027

As you may have seen in the news, Bristol Trading with Schools has been affected by a cyber attack. Please be assured that this incident has not affected any of our South Gloucestershire schools. Our IT providers continue to work with us to keep our school systems as secure as possible.

Notices and reminders

- **Nuts** – please do not send your child in with any items containing nuts (including Nutella), as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.
- **WATER BOTTLES**: Water only please.
- **EMAILS** - All email correspondence with teachers and staff must go through the school admin team via AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk .
- **ATTENDANCE** – Good attendance is very important to your child's education. Please make sure that your child is in school every day and arrives on time. The gate closes at 8:59am. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice (fine). Fine notices may take up to 3 months to be sent by South Glos.**
- **Illness -** If your child has a temperature, they should not come into school. If they have sickness or diarrhoea, they should stay off school until 48 hours after the final bout. If children have general illness (eg colds) they should continue to come to school.

Parking reminder-please can parents not park in staff car park. This area should only be used by staff. Thank you



We will be taking part in the national annual Anti-bullying week next week. This is part of our anti-bullying provision. During the week we help the children to understand about what bullying is (and what isn't), what to do if they are worried about bullying and how the adults who help them in school can support them.

At this time of year, we also update our Anti-bullying policy (this will be a personalised version of the Leaf Trust policy) and the School Council's Anti-bullying Charter.

Mon 9th Nov – Wear odd socks for £1 donation to charity

Remembrance



We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A team of Y6 children will be selling poppy items in the playground (outside Y6 classroom) every day from now to 11th November at the end of the school day. Cash only please.

We will be observing 2 minutes of silence on Weds 11th at 11am in respect to those men and women who serve our country.

Our children are welcome to wear their scout/club/beaver or rainbows/brownie/guide community outfits on Weds 11th.

Dates for your diary

Week 2
Mon-Fri – Anti-bullying week
Mon 9th – Odd socks day £1 to charity
Weds 11th – Prospective Parent Tour Reception 2027
Weds 11th – Remembrance
Fri 13th – Sponsored run for Children in Need charity
Fri 13th - Y6 at Lifeskills Centre
Fri 13th YR Westonbirt
Fri 13th - Class newsletters

Week 3
Sun 15th Nov – Cross country at KLB
Tues 17th – Rags to Riches collection
Weds 18th – Parent Council
Fri 20th – Y5 at Techniquest
Fri 20th – Prospective Parent Tour Reception 2027
Fri 20th - Newsletter

Week 4
Tues 24th – Prospective Parent Tour Reception 2027
Thurs 26th – non-uniform day for chocolate donations
Thurs 26th Class newsletters
Fri 27th – Staff training day (INSET) – school closed to children.

Week 5
See Christmas events opposite

Week 6
See Christmas events opposite
Sun 6th Dec – Cross country at KLB

Week 7
See Christmas events opposite
Mon 14th Dec – Cup Assembly

Christmas events

Tues 2nd Dec – Friends' -Elf Christmas Shop

Friday 4th Dec – Friends of AHS - Christmas Fair

Tues 15th Dec – Friends' Christmas Discos

Topaz Class

Nativity and coffee am – Mon 14th Dec 9-10am

Ruby and Jet Classes

Tues 8th Dec 2:30pm & Thurs 10th Dec 9:30am - performance to parents

Crystal & Diamond Classes

Tues 8th Dec 9:30am & Thurs 10th Dec 2:15pm – performance to parents

Pearl & Amethyst Classes

Mon 14th Dec 6pm and Tues 15th Dec 2pm – Service at Holy Trinity Church

Christmas meal for children – Weds 16th Dec

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

- Colour run
- Grow a £
- Discos for the children
- Family quiz

Friends of AHS – Upcoming Events

1. **Wednesday 2nd December** - Christmas Elf Gift Shop
2. **Friday 4th December** - Christmas Fair (4pm - 6pm)
3. **Tuesday 15th December** - Christmas Disco (4:15pm - 5pm Infants / 5:15pm - 6:15pm Juniors)
4. **Friday 18th December** - Christmas Coffee and Carols (Raffle donations needed please)

A reminder of who the friends are:

Co-Chairs: Alice (year 2 & year 5 parent) & Shelley (year 3 & year 5 parent)

Treasurer: Gemma S (Nursery & year 3 parent)

Secretary: Becci S (year 3 & year 5 parent)

Parent Liaison for Friends

Nursery - TBC

Topaz - TBC

Ruby - Kelly (Theo's mum)

Jet - Becky (Esme's mum)

Crystal - Becci S (Alfred's mum)

Diamond - Annette (Mia's mum)

Pearl - Becci S (Hugo's mum)

Amethyst - Sarah (Rocco's mum) Amee (Neeva's mum)

If you would like to find out more or become involved with Friends contact us at

committee@friendsofahs.org