

Newsletter 4, 16th October 2026

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



Dear Parents/Carers



Conversion to join The Leaf Trust

We are excited to join The Leaf Trust family of **unique schools, growing together** on 1st November 2026. Please follow the link to find out more about the trust <https://leafttrust.co.uk/>. At the start of the new term, The CEO will visit the school and lead an assembly for all of our children to welcome them to the trust, answer any questions they may have had and talk about what they can expect from being part of this new 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.alexanderhoseaprimay.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

We have started to launch our new handwriting font (Letter Join Plus). The information about this have been shared in the last newsletter, for parents' information. Staff and children have enjoyed getting started and challenge themselves.

This is the new font:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Flood repair works

All our equipment, including the kitchen appliances and resources, has now returned from storage. Unfortunately, there has been an unforeseen delay to the refitting, deep clean and testing of the kitchen appliances, so we will need to continue to use the catering unit for a few more weeks. The end is in sight now!

The Community Centre, toilets and hall will be available to hire from 2nd November 2026. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a booking. It is available for clubs and children's birthday parties etc.

INSET days

Fri 23rd Oct 2026
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



**Alexander Hosea
Primary School**

Notices and reminders

- **WATER BOTTLES:** We have noticed that some children are bringing squash into school. Please bring water only.
- **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).**
- **Transition to Secondary School** - If your child is in Y6, please go online and apply for your child's secondary school place. The deadline for applying for Y7 places is **31st October 2026**.
- **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.

South Gloucestershire Digital Inclusion questionnaire

What does digital inclusion look like in households with children?

Digital Inclusion means that everyone can access the internet, has the right equipment and is able to use it properly. It also means having the skills and knowledge to communicate, connect, and take part in opportunities online safely and with confidence.

Some evidence shows that households with children are more likely to be digitally excluded. We are keen to understand this in more detail, so that we can work towards reducing the barriers that families may face.

Scan the QR Code to complete our short survey to share your experience.



In recognition of your time, and to say thank you, you can enter a prize draw for a chance to win one of five £ shopping vouchers

Deadline 16th October 26

Author visit

Fleur Hitchcock visited our key stage 2 children on 5th October. The children enjoyed the presentation and liked meeting a real author. There was much excitement about purchasing a signed copy of her Malory Towers book.

We still have a handful of books left to purchase at the reduced price of £4.40 (approx. half the price of RRP). When they are gone they are gone! Maybe a good Christmas present for a child aged 7-11?

Parking

Gentle reminder to please not park in disabled bays and keep clear lines on the school roundabout and respect our neighbours. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Week 8

Sun 18th Oct – Cross Country at KLB
Mon 19th – Prospective Parent tour Reception 2027
Tues 20th – Jet class at St Augustines' Farm
Tues 20th – Parents' evening
Weds 21st – Parents' evening
Weds 21st – Y5/6 Come and try rugby at Yate Academy
Weds 21st – Krispy Kreme donut sale (Friends of AHS)
Thurs 22nd – End of term for children
Thurs 22nd – Class newsletters
Thurs 22nd – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations (Friends)
Fri 23rd – INSET day for staff

HALF TERM

Sat 31st Oct – Deadline for Y6 applications for secondary school

Term 2, Week 1

Sunday 1st Nov – Conversion to join The Leaf Trust
Mon 2nd – Leaf Trust assembly for children
Tues 3rd Prospective Parent Tour Reception 2027
Thurs 5th – Prospective Parent Tour Reception 2027
Fri 6th - Newsletter

Week 2

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

Push notifications on Arbor

In response to a Y6 Parent Council query:

Sometimes, parents may stop receiving push notifications to their phones. Even though they may have enabled push notifications on their phones, iOS devices occasionally block push notifications if the phone is receiving a lot of them.

If they do stop receiving messages, they can complete the below steps to enable them again:

1. Close the Parent App (make sure that it's not running at the background - see [this video](#) on how to do this)
2. Go to your settings and switch OFF push notifications for the Parent App.
3. Restart your phone.
4. Go to the settings and switch ON push notification for the Parent App.
5. Restart your phone again.
6. You should then be able to receive push notifications again.



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 21st October** - Krispy Kreme Sale (Front of School 3:20pm - 4pm)
2. **Thursday 22nd October** - Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donations **NO NUTS**)
3. **Wednesday 2nd December** - Christmas Elf Gift Shop
4. **Friday 4th December** - Christmas Fair (4pm - 6pm)
5. **Tuesday 15th December** - Christmas Disco (4:15pm - 5pm Infants / 5:15pm - 6:15pm Juniors)
6. **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