

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



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

Dear Parents/Carers

Harvest Service – On Monday we held our annual Harvest Service at school. Thank you to Mr Frampton from the Charfield Christian Centre for leading the service for us. Each class sang a song or shared poetry along a harvest theme. Thank you for all the generous donations of food items, which have been gratefully received in the local community.

Visit from Olympic gymnast Claudia Fragapane – We were delighted to welcome Claudia to our school. The children were really inspired by their sessions. Thank you to Miss Chloe Williams – PE Lead – for organising. Each class had their photo taken with Claudia – see forthcoming class newsletter- and all children received a signed photo of her to keep – see back page of this newsletter.

Y4 visit from Wotton Silver Band – Y4 took part in a special music day, led by Alan Swain from Wotton Silver Band. The band are hosting a special event at Renishaw Innovation Centre on 14th Oct – see flier below – for any families who are interested.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Weekly tours for prospective Reception parents continue until 12th January.

Term 1 Week 6 –

Black History Month continues.

11th – Individual photos

13th Oct Y6 Road Safety session

13th Oct Friends of AHS Halloween quiz

13th Oct Tag Rugby tournament -Thornbury

Week 7 –

17th&19th Oct Parents eve 4-7pm

17th Oct – Opal Class at KLB

18th Oct – Y6 height & weight NHS visit

19th Oct ESFA tournament - Almondsbury

19th&20th Black History Month workshops

21st Oct Primary Cross Country - Dursley

Autumn half term 23rd -27th October

Term 2 Week 1 -

30th Oct – INSET day – school closed to children

31st Oct – Deadline for Y6 secondary school applications

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

New! Diary Dates for Parents will be emailed on a Friday for the coming week (in the weeks when there is no school newsletter).

Widening Inclusivity in Religious Education (WIRE) Award

This week, we were delighted to be presented with the WIRE award, which recognises excellence in RE in schools throughout Bristol and South Glos.

To gain the award for our school, we achieved the following:

- Mrs Grainger and Miss Ali attended a RE conference/ RE Hub meeting;
- Students in Y2 and Y5 visited a place of worship that is not Christian (Easton Mosque);
- Took part in Inter-Faith Day RE event.

To build on this, we are planning:

- For children in Y2 and 5 each year, to visit the Easton Mosque;
- Explore opportunities to have visitors (or to visit another non-Christian place of worship) in another year group;
- Enter a competition to do with RE, such as [Spirited Arts](#).



House Captains receiving the WIRE Award on behalf of the school



Friends of AHS

Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news! Thank you to everyone for supporting and helping at our fundraisers! Keep up to date via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com

HALLOWEEN QUIZ Only **ONE WEEK** to go! **Friday 13 October from 7pm!** **Book your tickets today at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs** Join us for an evening of spooky brain teasers with a drink and buffet food included in your ticket! Just £10 (£6 for 16/17s) when booked by 11 October.

Rags2Riches collection: Thank you for supporting our clothes collection – we collected 414kg of clothes and that means that £207 was donated to the school! The next collection is on **Thursday 8 February**.

SAVE THE DATE! Our **Christmas Fair** will be on **Friday 1 December** with a non-uniform day collecting donations for the Chocolate Tombola on **Friday 24 November**.

Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!

Harvest Service

Thank you for all the generous harvest donations.

Our new House Captains received the donations on behalf of the school to give to families in our community (including through the Holy Trinity Church food bank).

More than £200
raised this week.
Thank you.



2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

MONDAY 2nd October
THURSDAY 8th February
THURSDAY 13th June

The Friends of Alexander Hosea present

100 CLUB

JOIN TODAY FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE EVERY 3 MONTHS!

Three winners are selected at each draw
The more people play, the bigger the prizes!
Find out how at our page on the school website

You could be a WINNER!

A GRAND AFTERNOON OUT WITH WOTTON SILVER BAND

A FUN CONCERT FOR ALL THE FAMILY
PACKED WITH YOUR FAVOURITE TV & FILM TUNES
YOU CAN EVEN HAVE A GO AT PLAYING A BRASS INSTRUMENT!

SATURDAY 14TH OCT 3PM	TICKETS ADULT £5 CHILD FREE	RENISHAW INNOVATION CENTRE
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TICKETS AVAILABLE USING THE QR CODE OR FROM WOTTONSILVERBAND.CO.UK

Primary schools' admissions

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](#) 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&fa>

Nasal Flu Immunisations- Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>



Secondary school admissions

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2024 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=12VIUCdFLs&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 2023**.

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Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password.

You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents



KLB Taster days for Y5

All Y5 children have been invited to visit KLB to experience a day in a secondary school.

Pearl visited this week.

Opal – Tuesday 17th Oct

During the day, the children will be having taster sessions of Science, Languages, Art and PE.

Parents will need to drop children off in the main car park at 8:30am, where they will be met by their class teacher. They will need to be collected from the same place at 2:30pm. Please arrive promptly as the car parks do get busy.

Please can parents consent to the trip on Scopay by Wednesday 27th September.

We hope that the children will enjoy the experience and have a window into life in a day at secondary school.

Children need to wear their school PE uniform.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

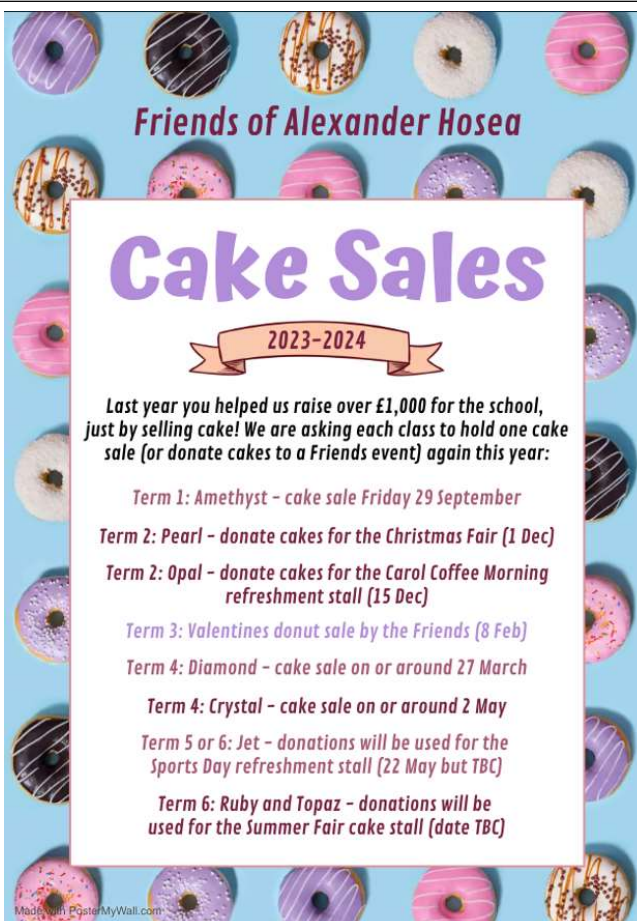
COLLECTING FROM MONDAY 2 OCTOBER!

THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDER HOSEA SCHOOL WILL BE COLLECTING ADULT AND CHILD PRELOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.

THERE WILL BE A BOX IN RECEPTION FOR DONATIONS FROM TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER. THEN, CHOOSE YOUR NEW CHRISTMAS JUMPER (PRELOVED) AT OUR SCHOOL EVENT (Details to follow soon)

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Friends of Alexander Hosea

Cake Sales


2023-2024

Last year you helped us raise over £1,000 for the school, just by selling cake! We are asking each class to hold one cake sale (or donate cakes to a Friends event) again this year:

- Term 1: Amethyst - cake sale Friday 29 September
- Term 2: Pearl - donate cakes for the Christmas Fair (1 Dec)
- Term 2: Opal - donate cakes for the Carol Coffee Morning refreshment stall (15 Dec)
- Term 3: Valentines donut sale by the Friends (8 Feb)
- Term 4: Diamond - cake sale on or around 27 March
- Term 4: Crystal - cake sale on or around 2 May
- Term 5 or 6: Jet - donations will be used for the Sports Day refreshment stall (22 May but TBC)
- Term 6: Ruby and Topaz - donations will be used for the Summer Fair cake stall (date TBC)

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