

## Newsletter 15, 9th May 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,  
The summer term is already flying by, with only two weeks left until half term.

### Assessments

Next week our wonderful Year 6 children will be taking their SATs in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS); Reading and Maths. The tests are marked externally and scores provided to the school in July ready for reports. We are very proud of our Year 6 children. They are great ambassadors for the school and show the school values in action every day. We wish them all the best for their SATs.

Before half term, children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be completing their summer term's standardised tests – called Headstart – in Reading, Maths and GPS. Year 2 will complete their SATs (which they call 'Quizzes') in Reading, Maths and GPS. In Y1-5, teachers use these tests to inform their teacher judgements and plan for subsequent learning. End of year outcomes in Reception to Y5 (and for Writing in Y6) are teacher assessed and will be part of the reports to parents in July.

### Reports

The teachers will be starting to draw together their reports after half term. This is a very busy time for teachers as the report writing is on top of an already full work-life. The formats are very similar to last year. Children will receive a judgement for effort as well as whether they have achieved the expected standard across the curriculum. For English and Maths, parents will receive the next termly report by email on the day the paper reports come home. This year, this will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### Sports Day

We are really looking forward to our annual sports morning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (weather permitting). The children have been practicing the races and are getting excited about the team activities and competitive races. Following feedback about the lunch on sports day last year, the catering provider has listened and will be providing a special picnic lunch box instead (see email from today).

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

#### Week 4 – 12<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Grammar, punctuation & spelling SATs  
13<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Reading SATs  
13<sup>th</sup> Netball team match  
14<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Maths papers 1 & 2 SATs  
15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Maths paper 3 SATs  
16<sup>th</sup> – Joe Elliott (author) visiting

#### Week 5 – 19<sup>th</sup> May

21<sup>st</sup> – Sports morning and family picnic  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Non uniform day for sweets for Friends  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – End of term 5

HALF TERM

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

### Author Visit – Joseph Elliott



Next Friday, we have an award-winning author visiting us to run sessions for Years 3-6. Books are available to buy on ScoPay supplied by Cotswold book rooms.

Joseph Elliott is a star of CBeebies' Swashbuckle and CBBC's Big Fat Like.

Thank you to Mrs Hillier for arranging.

## This term's Value



**Special menus (see email from December for more information)**

15<sup>th</sup> May – Eurovision themed menu

6<sup>th</sup> June – National fish and chip day

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

committee@friendsofahs.org  
Shelley & Alice - Chair, Gemma - Treasurer & Tara - Secretary  
**Cake Sale Dates**  
WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY, WEDS 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
KS1 - TOPAZ, RUBY & JET FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - SUMMER FESTIVAL  
OPAL, PEARL & AMETHYST, THURS 17TH JULY



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SELL CAKE**

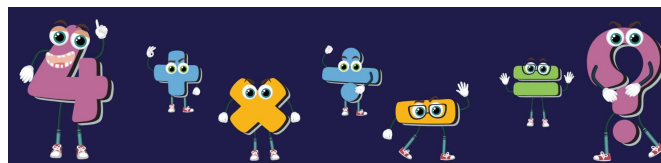
Class donations to be received on the day of the cake sale.  
Please contact the Friends if you can run the cake stall  
(3.20pm - 3.45/3.50pm)

### Named / labelled uniform

Please check your children's uniform and items coming into school for labels and names that may have washed out. We have a large amount of drinking bottles and uniform in lost property.

You can order new labels from Name Tag, where a donation of your order is contributed to Friends.

[www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328](http://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328)



The HFL Education Annual Year 4 Mathematics Challenge.

<https://www.hfleducation.org/school-improvement/primary/maths/annual-mathematics-challenge/year-4>

We are taking part in the National Year 4 maths challenge again this year, entering 2 teams comprising: Ffion, Olivia, Eli, Elijah, Wilf, Rocco, Neeva and Thea. The teams competed against more than 200 other schools. They completed a range of mathematical challenges as a team.

Both teams did very well in the regional competition this week and scored above the average score.

We are delighted that one of our teams achieved in the top 20 teams and are now going forward into the national final.

Congratulations to all the children who are taking part. They are representing the school well and showing great teamwork. Thank you to Miss Edgar for organising.

Friends of AHS

# SUMMER TOY SALE



**Donations needed for  
summer festival toy sale**

Please bring donations to the school office

**South Gloucestershire**  
Delivering for you

**WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?**

**If you're on a qualifying benefit, applying for free school meals makes sense for your child, your finances and your school!**

**Find out now if your family qualifies for free school meals.**

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on a saving over £400 each year, per child.

Your child will get a hot, healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime. Their school will have full menu details including dietary requirements.

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them.

However, you need to apply to receive benefits-related free school meals and the extra help they offer, including funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

Plus, you'll be helping your child's school – they will receive extra funding to improve educational outcomes.

**Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:**

- Universal Credit (with income of less than £7400)
- Child Tax credit (income of no more than £16,190)
- Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The 'guaranteed element' of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**The schools who apply to be part of a free school meal must apply online.**

**For full details of eligibility and to apply online.**

Call our Contact Centre on 01454 868008 if you need help to apply or visit your nearest One Stop Shop.

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw>

**Qualifying for free school meals will give your child pupil premium status.**

**Pupil premium is so much more than just a free school lunch!**

Half term supermarket vouchers for your family.



The school receives **extra funding** for every eligible child who is registered



If your child prefers a packed lunch you can still apply.

#### Benefits for your child:

- Extra curricular clubs like gymnastics, karate, swimming and more.
- Music lessons
- Toast at morning playtime from Y1
- Help with school trips
- Uniform help including shoes, coats etc.
- Extra support in class if needed



### The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

We are pleased to announce we have booked tickets for (next academic year groups) Years 3-6 to watch The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 14.00

Thank you to, Friends of AHS for funding this trip. There will be a consent form on Scopay in due course for completion along with a donation to Friends for the trip, we suggest a minimum donation of £5.

Children are welcome to bring drink (no pop or fizzy please) and a suitable snack. The coach will leave during school time to attend the theatre, however, will arrive later than the school day, estimated around 5.45pm.



#### Netball match

Last week, our netball team took part in match against St John's Mead. Despite the heat, the children were very enthusiastic and played really well as a team. The match was much closer than the 2-7 score line suggested. We are proud of them for being responsible and great team players.



5k or 10k

One of the schools in our cluster Trinity CE Primary in Acton Turville is involved in organising a race on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. I know we have a lot of keen runners within our school and village community, so please pass the information on if you know someone who may be interested.

<https://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/the-bolt-at-badminton-estate-saturday-17th-may-2025>

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/the-bolt/the-bolt-at-badminton-estate-2025?preview=1&submit=1>





## Friends of Alexander Hosea

### *Friends of Alexander Hosea Committee Update*

**Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**, we will be running a crèche with Mrs Hillier should you need to bring your littles. If you cannot make it but would still like your thoughts heard, please email us.

**Cake sale** – Whole school – Sports Day, please bring donations Tuesday pick up to the main office, or Wednesday morning straight to the playground to the Friends refreshment table.

**Ice cream sales** – we aim to hold every Friday, weather permitting.

**Disco** – 8<sup>th</sup> July KS1 4.15pm – 5pm, KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm. £5 entry will include; drink, snacks & light up toy, available to prebook <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98627>

**Summer festival** – 20th June 4pm – 6pm, please contact if you wish to help volunteer or hold a stall.

We cannot hold these events without the much-needed support of parent volunteers, please look out on our socials for links to sign up. These are also below.

<https://signup.com/go/angfOXX> - Sports day volunteers

<https://signup.com/go/KuyjCVE> - Ice cream sale volunteers

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

✉ [committee@friendsofahs.org](mailto:committee@friendsofahs.org)

📱 Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members on the numbers above if you wish to be added)

\* Friends Facebook page