

**Newsletter 8, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year and welcome back to school to all of our families.

**Cold weather**

We have returned to school with chilly weather. We are keeping the paths at the front of school gritted and will continue to use the playground gate where possible. If the playground is very icy (or the gate lock freezes), we will open the front doors for access. All children need to wrap up warm as they will be continuing to be outside at break and lunchtimes as much as possible.

**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 or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>

**Parent Governors**

We still have two vacancies for parent governor roles and would love more members of the school community to join our team of governors. If you are interested, please take a look at the information emailed on 12<sup>th</sup> December and complete an application form before Monday 13th January 2025.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

**Dates for your diary**

**Week 2 13<sup>th</sup> January**

13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Deadline for applications for Parent Governor  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Choir at Young Voices concert in Birmingham  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan -Prospective parent tours for EYFS Sept 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Deadline for applications for EYFS for Sept 25  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Kids' choice menu – see Scopay

**Week 3 20<sup>th</sup> January**

21<sup>st</sup> Jan – football tournament at KLB  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Kilve information session for Y5 parents

**Week 4 27<sup>th</sup> January**

29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fire safety assembly

**Week 5 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Week 6 10<sup>th</sup> February**

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 in Oxford on trip  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Cup Award assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet workshops (Y4-6)  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Council meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dance festival

Half Term

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

**Reception applications for Sept 2025 – Primary school admissions**

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2025. 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 2025**.

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

**Thank you**

Thank you for all the kind Christmas messages and gifts for staff. They were very much appreciated.

### This term's Value



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

16<sup>th</sup> January – kids' choice: chicken or quorn dippers

4<sup>th</sup> March – Pancake day puddings

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Harry Potter themed menu

31<sup>st</sup> March – Eid Al-Fitr

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

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

Reminder – pre-book on Scopay

### Gloucester Rugby experience

Last term the children in Y3 and 4 had a block of coaching from Gloucester Rugby. The children (and staff) really enjoyed the sessions and gained a lot of good new skills. At the end of the programme, Gloucester Rugby gave free tickets to the children to see a match on 4<sup>th</sup> January at their stadium.

The coach said that our school had the biggest representation of all the schools they had worked with last term, despite us being the furthest away. He also added:

'I just wanted to get in touch following the game at the weekend here that LOADS of the Y3/4 children attended with our free tickets gift.

Separate to watching the game, 10 of the children also got to be a part of the pre-game pitch parade as well as guard of honour (as the players ran onto the pitch) and their behaviour was fantastic! I hope that they all had a fantastic day and have made some brilliant memories'.



