

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>

From the Headteacher...

It looks like spring has finally arrived. As the good weather is just around the corner, please make sure that the children have a bottle of water each day. I hope that everyone enjoys the sunshine forecast for bank holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 8th May.

What else has happened over the past fortnight?

- Staff have reviewed the current school report format and tweaked it in light of feedback from Parent Council and other reflections. The school reports will come home on 12th July.
- We have shown around new prospective families for Reception in September and some other year groups. We look forward to welcoming the new children and their families to our school.
- Aardman visited to run modelling workshops for all children. They loved the sessions and each child has a model to animate. Miss Edgar (Computing Leader) has sent a letter about how families might get involved in a challenge at home too.
- Our Y6 children have been preparing for their end of year assessments (including SATs exams in week commencing 14th May). They are a highly motivated group of children who always throw themselves into their learning. I am really proud of them all.

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on the following dates: Friday 13th July 2018.



Aardman workshops

The children have had a fantastic time making familiar characters from 'Wallace and Grommit', 'Shaun the Sheep' and 'Early Man' with a model maker from Aardman. They will be using their models to make an animation in class.

A photographer from the Gazette visited on Wednesday morning to create a short video and take photos of the event. We hope to see it on the Gazette website and in the paper very soon.

Thank you, Wickwar Education Foundation for funding this special project!

Did you know?

Wickwar Education Foundation can help with educational funding for pupils of Alexander Hosea Primary School.

Applications (e.g. for Kilve - Y5 and Morfa Bay -Y6) need to be submitted by Dec each year for consideration at the annual meeting in January.

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Thank you and requests for help!

- Thank you to Mrs Gregory for giving some of her weekend time to fill the class vegetable plots in Shaun's Garden with top soil.
- Thank you to our dog owners for respecting our rule not to bring your dogs into the school grounds. Can we also ask that you are mindful of where you wait on the roundabout at drop off and pick up as we do sometimes get some congestion about the top pedestrian gate?
- Thank you to the members of the Catering Working Party for their contribution to the team this year. The final meeting will be on Friday 11th May 9-10am.



Special Lunch for the Royal Wedding

The catering team have tweaked the menu for 17th and 18th May to link in with the Royal Wedding. Fish fingers and chips will be provided on Thursday 17th and a picnic box lunch for children on Friday 18th.

INSET days for 2018-19 academic year

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Friday 26th October 2018
- Friday 21st December 2018
- Tuesday 23rd April 2019
- Monday 8th July 2019

We have provided these dates early to assist parents when booking holidays.

Wickwar Out of School Club VACANCY

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is based in The Olive Pollard Community Rooms adjacent to the Alexander Hosea School in Wickwar and is open from 7.45 am until 9.00 am and 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm weekdays. We also offer some holiday care from 8.00 am till 6 pm according to demand.

We currently have a vacancy for a Play Assistant (Bank Staff)

The starting salary is dependent on age/experience, details on application.

You will need:

- To be a minimum of 17 years old.
- to be available to cover morning and/or afternoon sessions at short notice because of sickness/holiday during term-time and Holiday Club .
- To have an interest in working with children aged 4-12 years.
- To be able to provide and facilitate safe, creative play.

We provide flexible working conditions, the opportunity to work as part of a team, training and support. Application packs may be requested via our email address woosc@hotmail.co.uk or by calling Emma James on [07815 561783](tel:07815561783) outside of club hours.

Free school meals ('Pupil Premium')

The funding (£1320) per child p/a follows the child for the whole of their primary education and can be used for a range of helpful reasons (e.g. free school meals in KS2, additional adults in school, school uniform, subsidising school trips/residential, paying for music lessons, after school clubs etc).

You can claim for children in Reception to Year 6.

Who qualifies for free school meals?

Under current rules, your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please use the following link to apply

www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

Current availability of Wickwar Out of School Club Sessions (Term 5)

If you require a casual session, please call or email WOOSC to check for cancellations (07815 561783 or woosc@hotmail.co.uk). Regular sessions for Term 6 can be booked by contacting Emma James on our email address.

Current availability is as follows:

Day	Morning Session (07:45 - 09:00)	Afternoon Session (15:30 - 18:00)
Monday	Fully Booked	Fully Booked
Tuesday	Fully Booked	Fully Booked
Wednesday	Fully Booked	Places available
Thursday	Fully Booked	Fully Booked
Friday	Fully Booked	Places available

Grass cutting

Due to the wet weather our first grass cut of the year has been delayed (hence why the dandelions are going berserk). The grounds company is hoping to be out as soon as possible.

Key dates for remainder of Term 5

14th-17th May – KS2 SATS

Throughout May – KS1 assessments

25th May – end of Term 5

The club timetable can be viewed on the school website on the 'News and Events' page (see link below)

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3>



**Every Monday
after Easter**

**Meet at the school,
gates after drop off.**

