

Newsletter 1, 4th September 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope that all our families had a great summer, making memories and enjoying time together. We are so proud of how the children have returned to school and responded well to their early days in their new year groups.



<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Little+Gems+Nursery&pid=385>

We are delighted that our new nursery and the associated works are now complete (see picture below). Our first group of 3-year-olds are making history in launching our new provision. They are warmly welcomed by the new nursery team – Mr Feaster, Ms O'Neil and Miss Kingswood, who are excited to get to know our new children and help them to thrive.

It has been a labour of love to get the nursery set up and I am grateful, in particular, to Mr Feaster and Mrs Price for their relentless and sustained efforts over the past year to make it happen. Mr Skuse gave his time and services free of charge to help with the plans. Many staff came in to school during their annual leave in the summer holidays to make the dream a reality and oversee building works. Last week, a team of Admin staff, teachers, TAs and Lunch break supervisors; parents (Mrs Ryall, Miss Spreadbury, Mr Gavrilova and Mr Hillier); Miss Smith & her daughter Rae (Catering Manager) and a team of volunteer project managers from the Bristol branch of Turner & Townsend, came on site to build flat pack furniture and outdoor play equipment, move furniture and resources into the EYFS unit and paint fences. We are grateful to everyone who was able to give their time and energy. We wouldn't have been ready on time without your help. We are awaiting the last of our larger items for the outside environment so that this can be completed to the same high standard as the new classrooms. Watch this space!

Ferson (contractors) have done an amazing job and the project is transformational for the school, our children and our Wickwar Community. We cannot wait to show around and welcome in our new children this year and in the future. If you know of any families with 3-year-olds looking for great nursery provision in a thriving community school, please signpost them to Little Gems, Wickwar.

Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

This term's Value



Hall

We were so pleased to have a hall picnic today now that it is repaired and ready to use.



INSET days

Please note that we have 6 INSET days from this year, as we will be joining The Leaf Trust on 1st November 2026

Tues 1st Sept 2026
Fri 23rd Oct 2026
Fri 27th Nov 2026
Mon 4th Jan 2027
Mon 22nd Feb 2027
Mon 12th April 2027

Parent Council dates:

Term 1 – Tues 29th Sept 2026
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

Thank you

Your children have all been amazing in the past 6 months since the flood changed much of our day-to-day offer. They have shown resilience and patience and adapted to changes in provision, with assemblies and special events outside; eating in classrooms and using different areas of the school to usual.

All our wonderful Alexander Hosea staff have modelled these behaviours and shown their superb team-work in making things happen with in as seamless a way as possible, so that the children have been well-looked after and supported through the changes.

Flood repair works

Since the flood in April 2026 school holidays, in the Community Centre, school kitchen, school hall and nearby office and corridors, works have been in place to address the damage. I am very pleased to say, that we are now in the final stages of the works. It has been a long journey!

The school hall has been dried, redecorated and has a new shiny floor. Happily, the children have been able to start to use it again for PE and once the chairs arrive back from storage next week (we have also purchased new dining tables), we will be able to eat in there at lunchtime again. Today and early next week, we have invited the children to have picnic lunches in the hall, as a special treat.

By Monday, WOOSC will be able to begin to move back into the Olive Pollard Room. Parents will still need to drop off and pick up at the school lobby for now. I would like to extend our gratitude to managers Hillary and Tracey and the whole Woosc team for working with us so well, being adaptable and child and family-centred to continue without pause to offer the breakfast and afterschool service to our families. We understand how important this service is to our working families.

Works continue behind closed doors in the Community Centre toilets and to the school kitchen, which is having an electrical rewire, new ceiling and redecoration. Once ready, the kitchen appliances and resources will start to return from storage and Edwards & Wards will prepare to restart service from the school kitchen (we hope this will be by the end of this term). In the meantime, the team will continue to use the catering unit in the staff car park. The Catering Team, Claire and Antonia, have shown dedication and resilience in the most difficult situation and never wavered in their positivity.

The Olive Pollard Room (classroom-sized Community Centre room) is having a face-lift too and has been newly decorated and has a brand-new floor. The toilets that serve this room have also been renovated as the flood started in the ceiling above these areas.

Once the Community Centre is fully functional, Alexander Hosea will be taking over the running of lettings in this area of the building. Mrs Price is in the process of setting up a bookings site for the Community Centre and availability for lettings will be advertised widely.

If you know of a club that would like to hire the hall or smaller Olive Pollard Room between 6-9pm on school days, at weekends until midnight or in the holidays, please signpost them to the school office.

The Olive Pollard Room is also available to hire from 9:15-11:15am and 1:15-2:45pm on school days, as this is separate from the school during these times. We are especially interested in bookings from health-related clubs or those catering to babies and toddlers or the elderly during these times. Please spread the word!

The light is definitely at the end of the tunnel now. I would like to thank Mrs Price for her professionalism and efficiency in overseeing the works for the school and for the excellent communication she has shown with South Glos Council, insurance professionals, 3 contractors etc to make sure the job has been done to the best standard for the years to come.

Start of year reminders

- Children need a water bottle in school every day. This must contain water only. No squash or juice please.
- Please name ALL of your child's uniform, bags, bottles, lunchboxes and other belongings, so that we can return these to them in the event they leave them somewhere unexpected!
- During the autumn term, we will be offering tours to prospective Reception parents for next September. 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 open on 7th September and close mid-January 2027.
- If your child is in Y6, please look out for the open days at local secondary schools and these usually happen in September. Applications open on 7th September and the deadline for applying for Y7 places is 31st October.
- All correspondence with teachers and staff must go through the school admin team via AlexanderHoseaPrimary@gmail.org.uk.

Lettings for sports clubs - Field

Exciting news! We are almost ready to start letting out the school field, with our new toilets for sporting clubs.

This is the first time we have been able to do this and is possible due to the summer re-development of the Blue Room (no longer blue and no longer 1 room!), which is now divided into 3 areas including 3 new toilets for our younger children.

Please contact the school office for more information. All clubs will need to have their own £1 million insurance and safeguarding policies and procedures.

Dates for your diary

Term 1 - Week 2

Mon 7th – Crystal Class (Y3) Wow Day

Mon 7th – Jet Class (Y2) local walk

Mon 7th - Amethyst Class (Y6) Meet the Teacher

Tues 8th – Pearl Class (Y5) Meet the Teacher

Fri 11th – Class newsletters

Week 3

Mon 14th – Diamond Class (Y4) Meet the Teacher

Tues 15th – Jonathan's Jungle visit in Diamond

Tues 15th – Crystal Class (Y3) Meet the Teacher

Thurs 17th – Prospective parent tours for Reception 2027

Thurs 17th – Basketball tournament – Yate International

Fri 18th – School newsletter

Week 4

Tues 22nd – Cricket tournament at KLB

Weds 23rd – Prospective parent tours for Reception 2027

Fri 18th – Class newsletters

Week 5

Harvest service at church – date tbc

Tues 29th – Parent Council

Fri 2nd Oct – School newsletter

Fri 2nd - Prospective parent tours for Reception 2027



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

If you would like to find out more or become involved with Friends contact us at committee@friendsofahs.org