

Newsletter 18 27th June 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and enriching fortnight we have had! Several classes have been out on trips (Topaz to Slimbridge, Diamond to Bristol and Ruby went on a local walk); a team of rugby players took part in a tournament at Gloucester Rugby Stadium; our netball team was in action; we had art workshops with two local artists and the Friends ran a highly successful summer festival.

Summer Festival

Thank you to the Friends of AHS for a great summer festival last Friday. The weather was glorious - everyone had a lovely time in the sunshine and raised money for the benefit of our wonderful children. Thank you to everyone who organised and helped to run the event on the day and all the families, who came along to support the event. If you helped us out by taking any of the spare books that we no longer need, please could we ask that you cross out the school name inside so that they don't bounce back to us. Thank you.

Staff allocation for Sept 2025

Class	Year Group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistants (including SEN)
Topaz	R	Mrs Newcombe	Miss Johns & Mrs Joyner
Ruby	Y1	Miss Clark	Miss Maddocks
Jet	Y2	Mrs Dimery (start of the week) Mrs Cleverley (end of the week)	Mrs Barry
Crystal	Y3	Miss Hurford - Terms 1-4 Mrs Grainger - Terms 5 & 6	Mrs Hillier
Diamond	Y4	Miss Edgar	Mrs McAleese, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Helyar
Amethyst	Y5	Mrs Brooks	Mrs Dyer and Mrs Cooke
Pearl	Y6	Miss Williams	Mrs Mason

Mr Feaster (new Deputy Headteacher) will be teaching Year 1, 4 and 5 for a day a week to release teachers.

Uniform

Children are permitted to wear one stud earring (no hoops, or larger earrings) in each ear and a simple (non-smart) watch for telling the time. Children must not wear any other jewellery to school (including necklaces and bracelets).

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 5

Mon 30th June – netball team at tournament
Tues 1st July – Y6 cycle training
Weds 2nd July – rounders tournament
Thurs 3rd July – after school FoAHS toy and book sale

Week 6

Mon 7th July – Yate library assembly
Tues 8th July – Parent Council
Tues 8th & Thurs 10th - Shuffle up to new classes
Tues 8th & Thurs 10th - new reception stay & play
Tues 8th July – Friends of AHS discos (timings below)
Weds 9th July – Friends' crisps and drinks sale
Fri 11th July – Reports come home
Fri 11th July – Y6 leavers' lunch – Y6 parents invited
Fri 11th July – bikeability for Y6 begins (3 groups)

Week 7

Mon 14th July – Y6 bikeability group
Mon 14th July – Y6 performance to parents
Weds 16th July – after school Friends' Lucky Dip

Week 8

Mon 21st July -Cup assembly
Mon 21st July -Friends' Krispy Kreme sale after school
Tues 22nd July – Y6 leavers' assembly to school
Tues 22nd July – non-uniform day – donation to the Friends
Tues 22nd July – end of term and school year

INSET days on the next page >>>

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

This term's Value



Lunch updates & special menus

11th July – Leavers' lunch for Y6 and their parents

New menu has been added to ScoPay for Autumn/Winter 2025/26.

This term we were pleased to welcome back Claire into the kitchen and our new chef, Rosa.

Reminder: please pre-book all meals the day before on Scopay.

District Sports 2025

On Tuesday 24th June, 35 KS2 children took to KLB's track. They took part in a variety of races and showed great teamwork and support throughout. Despite not bringing home the shield this year, the children won on points for the track events! Congratulations to everyone who took part!

It was a pleasure as always to see them all have so much fun and do their best in every race.

Miss Williams, Miss Edgar, Mrs McAleese and Mrs Price



Friends of AHS – 100 club relaunches



We're excited to relaunch the 100 Club as part of our fundraising efforts—giving you the chance to win *big* while supporting a great cause!

Sign up by **11th July** to be in with a chance of winning **£75, £30 or £15** in one of our quarterly draws taking place in **July, October, January and April**.

It's easy to join: Catch us at our upcoming fundraisers to pick your lucky number!

Or email us at committee@friendsofahs.org

Support us—and maybe treat yourself if your number comes up!

INSET days for 2025-26

Monday 1st September

Friday 24th October

Monday 24th November

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January

Chocolate spreads

Please check ingredients on ANY chocolate spread being used for packed lunches, more and more companies are using nuts.

We are a nut free school. Thank you.

Artist workshops

We have been extremely lucky this term to have been visited by two wonderful artists Jo Beal and Rachel Hathaway. Jo went into KS2 to carry out sketching and drawing workshops with the children. The children were taught a variety of drawing skills including creating 3 dimensions, exploring mark making, developing observation skills and experimentation and drawing in different ways. In KS1 the children focused on observational drawings of special objects looking at proportion, shape and lines. Some of these drawings are going to be painted onto the school's new friendship bench. The children thoroughly enjoyed their art workshops. A big thank you to both our artists and to Mr Bateman for building us a new friendship bench.

Mrs Cleverley – Art & Design Leader



Friends of Alexander Hosea

Wow, what a Summer Festival we had! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make this event happen, without the staff of AHS and parent helpers it couldn't have gone ahead. We are really pleased to announce that we took over £2,000 on the day, raising much needed funds for our school. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did.

Thank you to all the organisations who helped us on the (very hot!) day, JoJo's face painting, The One Pizza Van and Dursley bouncy castles.

Well done MR in Diamond who won Pikachu!

Our next meeting is 9th September 2025 at 6pm in the school library, please do come along.

Upcoming events:

After school sales – 3rd July: Toy & book sale (donations)

9th July: Crisps & drinks sale (50p for crisps £1 for drinks)

16th July: Luck dip (£1)

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

Disco – 8th 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>

Krispy Kreme donuts – 21st July, pre orders and on the day sales

Non-school uniform – 22nd July – in return for a donation to Friends

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/KuyjCVE> - Ice cream sale volunteers

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

✉ committee@friendsofahs.org

📱 Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members to be added)

* Friends Facebook page

Future event ideas

Please let us know if you would be interested in running one of the events below or if you have an event you would like to bring forward.

- Halloween quiz
- Family disco
- Colour run
- Christmas disco
- Adult bingo night
- Crisp sales
- Smarties tube change
- Grow a pound

Summer holidays planning

Some families find it helpful to plan out the summer holidays with their children, as it gives a structure for the children and helps them to see what is coming up. Compass Early Help from South Glos shared a planner that parents might like.



SUMMER Holiday Planner



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							

Netball match

Our netball team played at the Ridge Primary last week and won! Congratulations to Ellis, Amily, Sophie H, Molly, Lexy, Emily, Remy and Willow. Thank you to Mrs Smith & Mrs Ryall for organising and taking the children.



Clubs for next term

Please see information about clubs in a recent email from Mrs Packer – Admin.

The schedule for next term will be posted in the News and Events section of the website soon

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

Thank you to everyone who has run clubs for our wonderful children this year.

Books – please help by taking some!

We still have a mountain of books in the Blue Room that we would like rehomed. If you would like any, or know a charity that would take some, please speak to Mrs Williams on the gate. We have about 20 boxes/bags of fiction and non-fiction books. Please cross out the school name if you take any, so that they do not boomerang back to us!

Wickwar Church Clean & Churchyard Clearing Up - Sat 12 Jul from 10.00-12.00

Hi all,

I am sure you will have already heard that we have **The Revd Catherine Coomber** being 'Licenced and Installed' as our new Priest-in-Charge for the Wickwar Benefice, at a Service at **7pm on Monday 14th July at Holy Trinity Church, Wickwar**. The **Rt Reverend Robert Springett** (Bishop of Tewkesbury) will be in attendance and like any church service, everyone is very welcome to attend.

To ensure our church looks its very best, The Wickwar Parochial Church Council would really appreciate some assistance in a 'super-clean and polish' of the church plus 'clearing and tidying' the churchyard, The Stank, Church Lane access and the Car Park, cutting back low branches and hedges, removing debris, weeding and sweeping the paths – grass cutting is routinely done by the Council - however there may be some strimming required as well.

So, any assistance in making that possible on **Saturday 12th July from 10.00** would be greatly appreciated; if we get the numbers we should be finished by midday at the very latest!

If you can spare an hour or two to assist, I look forward to seeing you there in appropriate clothing for the weather.

If you prefer to clean inside, please bring your preferred cleaning materials and furniture polish etc. as we may not have enough for everybody.

For those working outside, please bring gloves and any suitable garden tools – rakes, hoes, brooms, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, strimmers, dumpy bags etc.

Refreshments:

Refreshments will be available in the Church Room, so if anyone would like to volunteer to help Buffy &/or supply cake & biscuits I know that would be really appreciated by those clearing up.

Thank you very much in anticipation for any support you can provide.

Wickwar PCC

Hot weather alert

There is another amber health warning for heat in place from 12pm today (Friday 27th June) until Tuesday 1st July. Please make sure children have suncream applied before coming to school; they wear a named hat; and bring a named water bottle.

We will risk assess each day ensuring air flow in the building and children will be encouraged to drink plenty.