



Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope that all our families have enjoyed their half term break.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating our love of reading with the usual opportunity to dress up for World Book Day on Thurs 5th March. The children are invited to come to school as a character from a book. We hope they will enjoy the day.

Sports update

We are very proud of our team of ks2 children who took part in the monthly Dursley & Wotton District Cross Country events. The children really pushed themselves to achieve their best and we are proud of them for being determined and showing resilience and sportsmanship. A huge congratulations to Annie and Jack in Y4 and Harry in Y6, who all placed 2nd in their categories – an amazing achievement. Congratulations to our Y3/4 boys, who won overall for large schools – a fantastic team effort. Well done to all the children who took part and represented the school.

INSET days 2026-27

Term 1 2026 – 1st September and 23rd October

Term 2 2026 – 27th November

Term 3 – 4th January

Term 4 – 22nd February

NB – if our application to join The Leaf Trust is successful, there will be an additional INSET day.

Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

Dates for your diary

Term 4, Week 2 w/c 2nd March

Mon 2nd – Glos Wildlife Trust visit to ECO club

Tues 3rd – Y5 Maths team taking part in Maths competition

Weds 4th – Y3 djembe drumming lesson

Thurs 5th – World Book Day – dress up

Fri 6th – Y4 ukulele lesson

Week 3 w/c 9th March

Weds 11th – Y3 djembe drumming lesson

Weds 11th – Rugby team match

Fri 13th – Y4 ukulele lesson

Week 4 w/c 16th March

Tues 17th – Friends of AHS discos (Inf 4:15-5pm; ks2 5:15-6:15pm)

Weds 18th – RED Music students perform in assembly

Weds 18th – Y3 djembe drumming performance to parents

Thurs 19th – Y3 trip to We the Curious

Fri 20th – Red Nose Day (wear sparkles or disco clothes)

Fri 20th – Y4 ukulele lesson

Term Dates – South Gloucestershire

2026/2027

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027

This term's Value

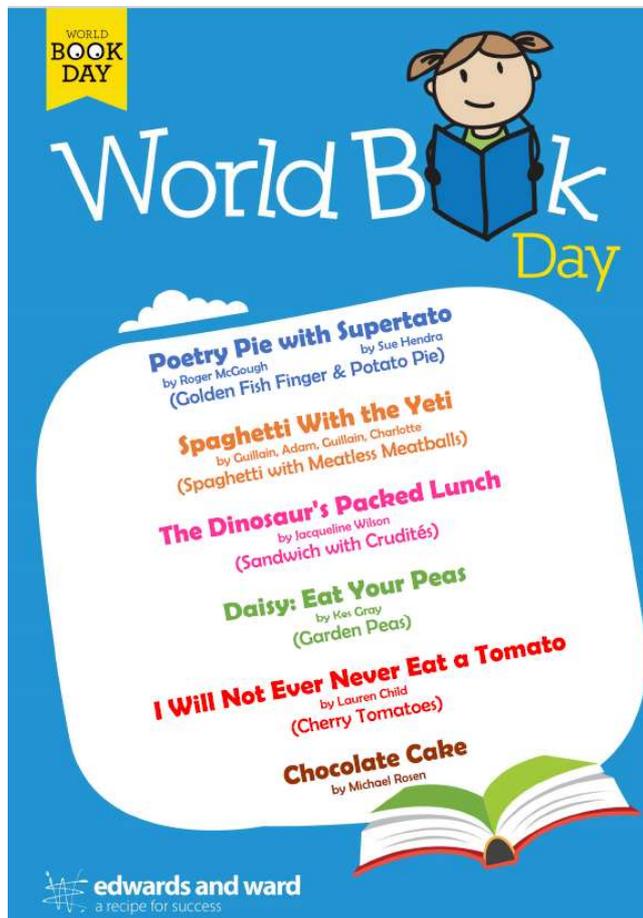


Special menus

5th March – World Book Day menu (no jacket potato this day)

25th March – Year 2 / Jet class parent lunch

17th July – Year 6 / Amethyst class parent leavers lunch



Red Nose Day – Thursday 20th March

We're excited to be supporting Red Nose Day on Thursday 20th March! Children are invited to come to school wearing **sparkles or a disco-ready outfit** in exchange for a **£1 donation**, and to take part in a **sponsored 15-minute Dance-A-Thon** during afternoon break. Sponsorship for the dance-a-thon and £1 donations can be made via our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-alexander-hosea-primary-school>. Let's get dancing and raise lots of money for this fantastic cause!



Snacks for morning break

Children are allowed to have toast or a piece of fruit for morning break. They are not allowed to have packaged items (such as crisps/biscuits from their lunchboxes).

Reminder – Children should bring water in their water bottle rather than squash, thank you.

Swimming lessons

w/c 23rd March – Y3 will take part in swimming lessons at Yate pool every afternoon. They will be assessed as to whether they can swim 25m unaided.

w/c 30th March – a group of children from Y5/6 will be invited to take part in top up swimming lessons to check that they can swim 25m unaided.



We champion reading for fun. That's because it seriously improves lives.

In fact, it's the biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful future. Today, only one in three children likes reading. By changing this, we'll transform lives.

Young people are more likely to read if they see it as a fun, entertaining and social thing to do. That's what our work is all about; inspiring them to see reading differently.

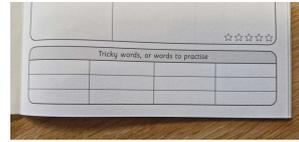
Together, let's help every child enjoy the life-changing benefits of reading for fun.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/>

Reading records

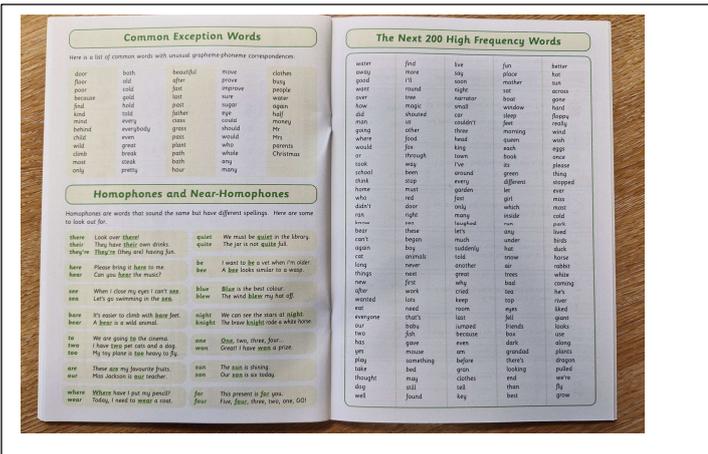
At the recent Parent Council meeting we discussed the reading records.

We use a set of books that move through the year groups, with an Unlocking Letters and Sounds book for Reception; a blue book for Y1; green for Y2; orange for Y3/4 and purple for Y5/6. We are grateful that the children look after these books and remember to bring them in to school every day.



Children should record (or have recorded for them by an adult) their 5 reads each week. When children practice their fluency every day, we see them rapidly improve their reading skills. Reading is essential for them to access the curriculum more easily and they need the skill at every stage of their education.

At the bottom of the page in the Y1-6 books, there is a space for the child/parent to record any words they found tricky.



In the middle of the books, there are information pages for parents and children to refer to. These give the phonics, common exception words or spelling words that children should know for each year group. Parents and children can use these as reference points or to practice at home, if they wish.



Friends of Alexander Hosea

Can you help with the return of the Friday Ice Lolly sale? We need volunteers to help run the ever-popular Friday sales. Please use the sign up form if you can support - volunteersignup.org/3Y9CR

Class cake sales

Amethyst & Pearl - Thursday 23rd April - volunteersignup.org/84QY3

Diamond & Crystal – Thursday 11th June - volunteersignup.org/CPFHB

Ruby, Jet and Topaz – Monday 20th July - volunteersignup.org/4HHF9

Please can classes bring in cake donations to raise money for their environments on the above dates, we will also need volunteer parents from those classes above to help run the cake sale on the day, please use the sign up form linked to your class 😊

Events we are hoping to organise – please contact a committee member if you can help

- Colour run
- Grow a £
- Ice cream sales
- Family disco
- Family quiz

Upcoming events

Easter Disco – 17th March 2026 KS1 4.15pm-5pm KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm

Summer Fair – 3rd July 2026 – we will be opening stalls for parent ran business only, no external providers, please email the Friends on committee@friendsofahs.org if you wish to hire a table to run a stall.

A reminder of who the Friends are:

Co-Chairs: Alice (year 1 & year 4 parent) & Shelley (year 2 & year 4 parent)

Treasurer: Gemma (year 2 parent)

Co-Secretary: Tara (year 2 & year 4 parent – School's SBM) & Becci (year 2 & year 4 parent)

Parent liaison for Friends

Topaz – Kelly (Theo's mum)

Ruby – Becky (Esme's mum)

Jet – Becci S (Alfred's mum)

Crystal – Annette (Mia's mum)

Diamond – Becci S (Hugo D's mum)

Pearl – Sarah (Rocco's mum) Ameer (Neeva's mum)

Amethyst – Gemma (Max's mum)