

Newsletter 17 13th June 2025For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Dear Parents/Carers,

The final term of the year is well underway now and we are in the process of finalising our staff deployment plan for September. Except for Mrs Windmill, who is retiring in July, we are delighted that all of our teachers will be remaining on the team. We will let parents know where the teaching team will be allocated in the next newsletter. As our largest (double class) cohort will be leaving us at the end of Year 6, we will reduce to our normal size of 7 classes (one class per year group).

Assessment

All of our end of year assessments are being drawn together and finalised over the coming fortnight. These will be shared with parents in the end of year reports, which the teachers are busy beaver away on behind the scenes.

Transition

Our Wellbeing Team meets termly to discuss additional support (including ELSA) for the coming term. This term the focus is on transition support for children to may need it. These sessions have now started. Our value this term is resilience and we are focusing 'Be resilient' in assemblies and in classes. We also focus on 'Changing Me' from the Jigsaw programme in PHSE lessons. We talk a lot about change being part of life and learning from past experiences to help us to manage our next steps. We have also been learning breathing techniques to help us to stay calm. Y6 took part in a moving on session with Kooth and will be visiting their new secondary schools soon.

Academisation

As you will be aware, we are a local authority-maintained school with South Glos Council. Over recent years, many local schools have moved from this into an academy trust (eg Charfield to CSET). As more and more schools migrate to academies, the services provided by South Glos have been shrinking and many are no longer provided by the council (eg HR, health and safety, catering, GDPR etc). With this in mind, our Governors have set up a working party to consider our options in relation to academisation. For the past two years, we have been engaging in some aspects of the high-quality leadership professional development offer by a local multi-academy trust (MAT), called The LEAF Trust, which is based in South Glos. We also continue to engage with the South Glos Alliance school improvement offer for locally maintained schools. The Governors have not yet decided whether or not we might consider joining a MAT, but decided that it would be prudent to consider what may be best for the school in the years to come.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary**Week 3**

Thurs 19th June – Topaz trip to Slimbridge
Thurs 19th June – Y1 local trip
Thurs 19th June – Y3/4 rugby team in Gloucester
Frid 20th June-Y4 Diamond trip to Bristol
Fri 20th June – Friends' Summer Festival 4-6pm

Week 4

Thurs 26th June – Y3 river walk

Week 5

Mon 30th June – netball team at tournament
Tues 1st July – Y6 cycle training
Weds 2nd July – rounders tournament

INSET days for 2025-26:

Monday 1st Sept
Monday 24th Nov

*Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more***Library development**

We are fortunate to have a beautiful library in school. Over the years since it was renovated we have accumulated more and more books (many that have been donated, as well as purchased). For two days this week, Gloucestershire Library Service visited the school and reviewed every fiction and non-fiction book in the library.

They have done an amazing job and cleared out duplicate books and any that may be too well-loved or are past their prime. We now have lovely well-organised shelves that are no longer bulging at the seams. The books that we no longer need, will be set up on a table at the summer festival on 20th June (next week), for families to take for a small donation to the Friends. Anything left over will be donated to a local charity. Please do come and have a browse and take whatever you can use.

This term's Value



Special menus (see email from December for more information)

11th July - Leavers lunch for Y6 and their parents

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

Uniform reminder

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).

Named / labelled uniform

Please check your children's uniform and items coming into school for labels and names that may have washed out. We have a large amount of drinking bottles and uniform in lost property.

You can order new labels from Name Tag, where a donation of your order is contributed to Friends.

www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328

Artist workshops

Mrs Cleverley has organised artist workshops for all children (taking place today). We will share more about this in the next newsletter. Part of this will be to gather ideas for decorating our new buddy bench which has been lovingly made by grandparent of Grace C in Year 3.

Morfa Bay

The Year 6 children had an amazing week at Morfa Bay Adventure, Pendine.

They enjoyed a full range of activities : Mud Assault course, body boarding, abseiling, rocky shore study to name but a few!

Thank you to Mrs Brooks, Miss Williams, Mrs Mason and Mrs Gee for giving up their time to take the children and for making fantastic memories with them.



Musician visitors

This week, our eardrums were treated to an amazing musical performance from classically trained musicians Emily Andrews and Francisco Correa. Our children really enjoyed the experience and we are grateful to the outreach team from Rockhampton Folk Festival for arranging for us. The festival is happening tomorrow Saturday 14th June.

<https://www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk/>



Friends of Alexander Hosea

Friends of Alexander Hosea Committee Update

The committee are busy bee's preparing for the summer festival event on Friday 20th June 4-6pm.

Cake sale – Next cake sale is hosted by KS1 (Topaz, Ruby & Jet) for our summer festival on the 20th June, please bring cakes to the main office.

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>

Summer festival – 20th June 4pm – 6pm

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:

volunteersignup.org/W9BXR – SUMMER FESTIVAL, we cannot run this event without much needed volunteer support, thank you so much to the AHS staff and parents who have already volunteered their time.

✉ committee@friendsofahs.org

📱 Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members on the numbers above if you wish 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.

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