

## Newsletter 2 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Consultation about joining The Leaf Trust

Following on from the work of the Governors in considering and carrying out research into whether to remain as a local authority maintained school or to consider joining an academy trust, the governors have decided that joining The Leaf Trust would be in the best interests for the future of the school. The Leaf Trust is a successful and forward-thinking trust, based in South Gloucestershire, which is solely comprised of primary schools. We have engaged in some partnership working with them in the past 18 months, which Mrs Windmill and myself have really valued. With this in mind, we are about to enter a period of consultation with staff and parents. This will open on 6<sup>th</sup> October. An email will be sent to all parents today.

### Visitors and trips

What a busy start to the term! We have enjoyed visits from Jonathon's Jungle (Y4), Climate and Energy workshops for the Eco Club and Y5; a talk about Parliament for Y6 and a visit from the new vicar of Holy Trinity, Wickwar - Rev'd Catherine Coomber. Y2 went out on a walk around Wickwar and the children in Ks2 went to Bristol Hippodrome to watch 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. In all of these events, our children have represented the school well, showing respect, teamwork and curiosity. We often receive praise from members of the public about our children's conduct and this makes us all very proud.

### House Captains

Our Y6 children have shown bravery and responsibility in putting themselves forward for the coveted roles as House Captains. We are very proud of all the children who took the time to prepare their presentations and share these with the children in their house for the elections. Our new house captains, who received the most votes from their peers, are:

**Weavers** – Mila and Molly

**Brewers** – Olivia and Max

**Potters** – Mylo and Immy

**Archers** – Arwen and Henry

**Reception places for September 2026** - We are hosting weekly tours between now and the January deadline for prospective parents to visit and find out more about what our wonderful school has to offer. If you know anyone who may be interested, please do pass on our contact details (at the top of this newsletter). Please see information and a link to the booking system in this newsletter.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

#### Week 4

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Friends' Meeting 5-6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Parliament workshop for Y6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Prospective Reception for 2025 tour
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Football 7 a side team tournament at KLB
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Parent school meals taster session in the hall 3pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Girls' tag rugby team tournament at Yate Academy

#### Week 5

- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y6 sports leader training
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest service for Y1-6 at Holy Trinity Church - please can children bring can/packet food donation
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Parent Council meeting 2:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Prospective Reception for 2025 tour

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

#### INSET days for 2025-26

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Current vacancies

#### SEN TA

We are looking for an experienced Teaching Assistant to support a child with an EHCP in the infants, 12.5 hours per week. Please see eteach for applications.  
<https://www.eteach.com/job/sen-teaching-assistant-1507690>

#### Caretaker

Following the retirement of Mr Walters, we are seeking a new Caretaker to work 19 hours per week, term time only plus 2 weeks over half terms/summer. Please see eteach for applications.  
<https://www.eteach.com/job/caretaker-1507701>

### This term's Value

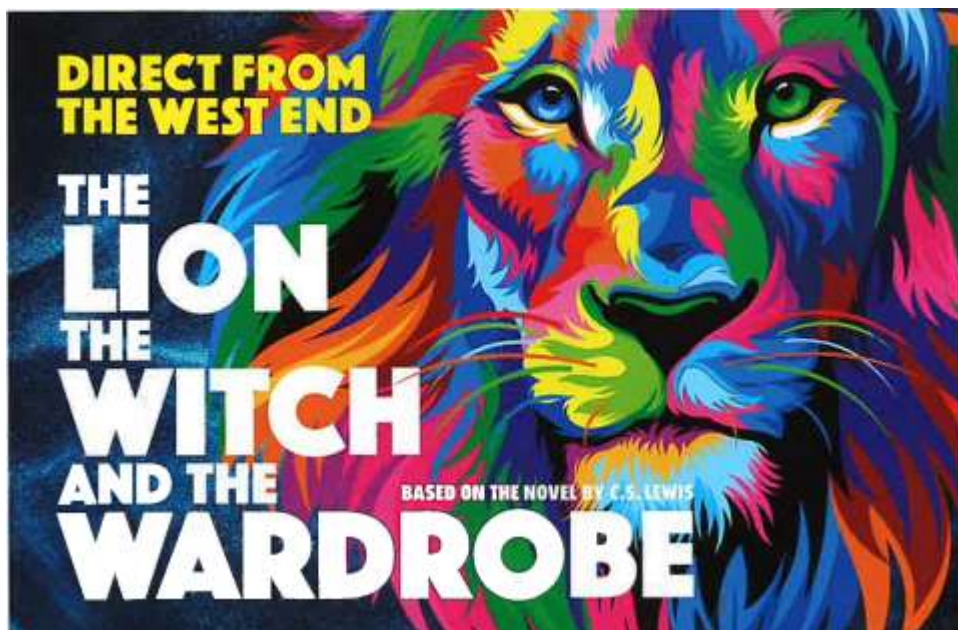


### Special menus

2nd October – Kids choice menu, Beef or Veggie burger

6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival, Chicken Pie / Roasted butternut squash loaded Yorkshire pudding

5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire night, Bolognese 'n' cheesy mac / Deep filled jacket with beany chilli



Thank you so much to the Friends of AHS for funding the Ks2 trip to watch The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' this week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school very well.

We are now looking into organising for a theatre group to do a show in school for the infants later in the year.

### **Applications for Year 7 2026 for Year 6 Children**

**Deadline 31st October 2025**

From 8 September 2025, if you live in South Gloucestershire, you will be able to apply for a place online at [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions). The online application system is secure and simple to use.

Once you have completed and submitted an online application form you will receive an email to confirm that your application has been received. Amendments can be made to your online application up to the closing date of but it is very important to remember to re-submit your application each time you access the form even if you do not make changes.



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We can help take it down.

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## Attention Parents

### Are you parenting a child with ADHD?

Join our **Parents Plus 'Children's ADHD Programme'** and meet other parents of children aged 6-12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

#### Supporting parents to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Understand ADHD and how to help your child
- Problem-solve and deal with challenges
- Understand the role of medication

#### Supporting children to:

- Have a positive understanding of ADHD
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Navigate school and homework
- Manage feelings and build friendships

An 8-week supportive group taking place every **Thursday**  
From **2nd October 2025 to 27th November 2025** (excluding half term break)

It will take place in Kingswood Hub from **10:00am – 12:30pm**.  
The course will be facilitated by family support workers from the Families Plus 5-18 Team

For more information, or if you would like to sign up, please contact us by email:  
[parentingadhd@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:parentingadhd@southglos.gov.uk)

**ParentsPlus**  
Empowering Professionals to Support Families

Parents Plus is a charity on a mission to strengthen family relationships and achieve the best possible outcomes for children, young people and parents. We develop evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes in collaboration with families and train practitioners to deliver them to communities.  
[www.parentsuplus.ie](http://www.parentsuplus.ie)



A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

## PARENTS PLUS Parenting When Separated

A 6-week course starting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-12

This course will be held at **Christchurch Primary School, Hanham, Bristol, BS15 3LA**

For more information or to reserve your place contact  
[relationships@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:relationships@southglos.gov.uk) or Tel 07900703452

There is no course on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October due to the school holiday.

**ParentsPlus**  
Empowering Professionals to Support Families

Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.  
[www.parentsuplus.ie](http://www.parentsuplus.ie)

## Uniform Issues

We are aware of the recent quality issues with the logo print on the current Monkhouse jumpers, please continue to email Mrs Price on [taralou.price@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:taralou.price@sgmail.org.uk) with any issues as she is collating evidence to take to the school's account manager to resolve.

## Applications for **School Uniform Reimbursement Grants** are still open until **14<sup>th</sup> September!**

The Compass Early Help Team are offering help towards the cost of essential school clothing, such as PE kits, shoes and coats, through the School Uniform Reimbursement Grant.

You can claim up to £50 spent on items for a primary school child and up to £80 for secondary, for a maximum of 3 children per household. Items must be purchased between 1 July to 14 September 2025. You cannot claim for stationery, bags, lunch boxes, or other non-clothing items.

The grant is available if all of these apply:

- you live in South Gloucestershire
- are struggling to pay bills or meet your monthly outgoings
- have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

### How to apply

Visit one of our **One Stop Shops**: [Kingswood One Stop Shop](#) [Patchway One Stop Shop](#)  
[Yate One Stop Shop](#)

Bring along the shop receipts showing the item(s) bought and your bank statement (unless you paid in cash). You will be asked to fill in a financial statement of your income and outgoings. Please make sure you have this information to hand. The final date to make a claim is 15 September.

You can also apply by calling us on [01454 868009](tel:01454868009). If your claim is successful, you will be repaid the approved amount in the form of a voucher you can use at a supermarket of your choice.

Help is also available year-round with essential school clothing costs. Find out how to apply on the [school clothing grants](#) page on our information directory.

For more information please go to [School uniform reimbursement grant | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#)

## New Reception for 2026

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2026. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than 15 January 2026.

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

At Alexander Hosea, we are very proud of our caring and inclusive community. Our values – Be kind, be responsible, be resilient, be a team player, be respectful, be curious, be unique – are at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to sharing with you how these shine through in our classrooms, playgrounds, and wider school community.

Our tours are a lovely opportunity to see the school in action, meet some of our staff and children, and ask any questions you may have. Please use the link below to book your tour with our Head Teacher, Mrs Williams.

<https://calendly.com/taralou-price-sgmail/parent-tours-with-alexander-hosea-primary?month=2025-09>



### **Friends of Alexander Hosea**

*We are next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 5-6pm at school, please do join us!*

*The meetings are a time to discuss fundraising ideas & plan exciting events for our children.*

It was so wonderful to see KS2 enjoy the theatre trip to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, we heard fantastic reviews.

We will be sending lots of dates for your diaries after next week's meeting, please do keep an eye out!

### **Upcoming events**

21<sup>st</sup> October – Rags2Riches collection

### **A reminder of who the Friend's 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 – Becci D (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) Amee (Neeva's mum)

Amethyst – Gemma (Max's mum)