

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

What a wonderful sports day! It was so great to be able to invite families back in to watch their children compete in the variety of races and to stay for picnic lunch in the sunshine. We were very lucky with the weather and the children had a brilliant time. Thank you for the Friends for running refreshments and for everyone for contributing to the happy and supportive atmosphere. The team of Y5/6 and Year 9 students from KLB were a great help. Thank you.

Behind the scenes, we have been working on the class, teacher and TA allocations and these are now finalised – please see information below. We are very pleased that all our teachers and TAs are continuing at our school, so all the children will have familiar faces.

The teachers are also working on end of year assessments and reports. June is certainly a very busy time of the year for teachers! Reports are due to come home with your child on Friday 8th July.

Teacher and TA Allocations for Sept 2022

Class	Year group	Teacher	Class TA	SEN TA
Topaz	R	Mrs Windmill	Mrs Johns	
Jet	Y1	Mrs Dimery (Mon, Tues and alt Weds) Mrs Cleverley (Thurs, Fri and alt Weds)	Mrs Barry	Mrs Sutherland
Ruby	Y2	Miss Clark	Mrs Mason	
Emerald	Y3	Mrs Grainger	Mrs Ozer	
Crystal	Y4	Miss Edgar	Mrs McAleese	Mrs Joyner
Diamond	Y4	Mrs Newcombe	Mrs McAleese	Mrs Rice
Pearl	Y5	Miss Williams	TBC - vacancy	Mrs Walker Mrs Mason
Amethyst	Y6	Mrs Brooks	Mrs Gee	

We are planning 'Shuffle Up' days in the coming weeks. During these mornings, the children will spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers as part of their transition to the new year group. We also book in several sessions for teachers to pass on information to the new teacher, so that they can also provide support during transition.

Change of school meal – one week only

On Weds 20th and 21st July there will be a change of menu for the end of term.

Weds 20th – burgers

Thurs 21st – Fish fingers and chips

Attendance

Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. We are fortunate that the vast majority of our children attend school very well. We know that some children have missed school this year for holidays in term-time due to changes from 2020-21, as a result of covid cancellations. For the coming years, please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

% attendance will be reported in school reports. 96%+ is expected and very good; 90-94.9% is cause for concern and 89.9% or less is classed as persistent absentee. Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays (more than 5 days). Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters.



Friends of AHS

THANK YOU to everyone who kindly helped out on our tea stall at Sports Day and for the donations of cake. **You helped us raise £360!** Look out for our announcements about upcoming events and get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com if you would like to help.

Rags2Riches Clothing Collection: Your donations to our clothing collection raised an amazing **£151.84!** Look out for our dates for next year, which will be coming soon.

Doughies Pizza and Cookie evening: We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in on **Friday 1 July!** Order your pizza and cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven! See our poster for full details. Orders must be placed at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/alexander-gl12> by Saturday 25 June.

5k Fun Run: Early bird registrations for the 5K Fun Run at the Wickwar Games on **Saturday 16 July** are now open! Register by 9 July to get 10% off the entry fee – sign up at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs> The Friends also need helpers to marshall the fun run (which just means stand somewhere along the route in a hi-vis vest!) and help run our licensed bar and bouncy castle. You can sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b44a9ab2fabf58-wickwar>

Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!

Dates for your diary for assessments 2022-23

Mandatory Assessments:

Reception – September/Oct – baseline

Year 1 – 1st two weeks in June – Phonics

Year 2 – May – KS1 SATs tests

Year 2 – 1st two weeks in June – Phonics retake if not passed in Year 1.

Year 4 – 1st 3 weeks in June – Times Tables

Year 6 – w/c 8th May – KS2 SATs tests

In addition to these assessments, children are assessed in the last two weeks at Christmas, Easter and end of June.

Attendance

Excellent attendance has a significant impact on pupil's progress in learning as well as supporting their pastoral and social needs.

We do not authorise holiday in term time and in particular strongly urge parents not to book holidays in the key assessment windows – see opposite. Thank you.

Lunchbreak Supervisors Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor for 1-3 lunchtimes per week. Each shift is 1.25 hours. The hourly rate is £9.79. Job description available on request. Training will be provided by existing experienced staff, so no previous experience needed. Suitable candidates will have a caring personality; strong interpersonal skills; ability to work collaboratively as part of a team and ability to use initiative.

If you know someone who might be interested in the role, please email Ian.Swann@sgmail.org.uk or call 01454 294239 for more information.

In addition to this, we are also looking to appoint 'bank' Lunch break Supervisors to work on a casual basis, as most of our existing bank staff now do regular hours for us.

Any job offers will be subject to safeguarding and medical checks.

South Gloucestershire Library Service – library cards

The Library service will be giving all children in Topaz and Jet a library card in the summer term. The new Amethyst Class (Y6) will also receive cards in autumn 2022. For more information see letter emailed to parents this week.

Reporting absences

If you need to report your child's absence, please contact the school office (by email AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk or by phone 01454 294239), as the admin team manage the registers and check emails throughout the day.

Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term time, but there is a Request for Absence form to use should you need to let us know about any absence.

Please try to make medical and dentist appointments for outside of school hours wherever possible.

2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

Term dates 2022-23

Please find above the term dates for South Glos schools for the next academic year. We also have 5 INSET days per year. The first 2 of these will be Thurs 1st and Fri 2nd September. We will let you know the other INSET dates once confirmed.

Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any uniform or PE kit that your child no longer requires, please donate to school office. This will be collected by the "Friends" who are posting the items in size order on their Facebook page. Parents can then leave a comment of items they wish to purchase for free or you may give a donation to the "Friends". These bundles are then labelled for families to collect from the rail outside the school office.

Please click on the link below and check out items that are available.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134666233792581/?ref=share>

Summer Term Dates for diaries

June Y4 Multiplication screener (up to 12x12)

Monday 27th June INSET – school closed to children

Friday 8th July Annual school reports (Y6 may be 12th July, dependent on when SATS results come back to us)

Friday 15th July (change of date) Friends of AHS summer disco

Friday 22nd July Day off in lieu of Platinum Jubilee bank holiday

1st and 2nd September – INSET days

5th September – First day of Term 1 2022

Registered charity no 1025562

THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDER HOSEA

5K FUN RUN

16th JULY 2022

REGISTER NOW!

WE NEED YOU!
To volunteer as marshalls and help run the bar & bouncy castle

Scan our QR code or click HERE to help!

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The Downs, Wickwar, GL12 8JZ

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PIZZA & COOKIE EVENT

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Sun Safety

As the warm weather has arrived, please remember to bring a sun hat, apply sun cream in the morning before school and bring a water bottle to school every day.