

**Newsletter 13, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we are passionate about reading and teachers make considered choices about books to share with their classes, in English lessons and as whole class reading. They introduce them to a wide range of authors and styles and the books linked to class projects also deepen their curriculum knowledge too.

**World Book Day**

As usual, the children went to town with their outfits for World Book Day. The joint theme of dressing up as a book character or the option to wear comfy clothes that they like to read in, was very popular with the children.



Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

**What are the benefits of reading?**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/families/>

- Reading for pleasure can help grow empathy.
- A love of reading can build a child's confidence.
- Reading for enjoyment can spark imagination.
- Reading can expand horizons.
- Reading for pleasure can support your child's learning.

'Our recent research also revealed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time have above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it (34.2% vs 15.7%) - reading skills which will support them in their school journeys and beyond'.

**Dates for your diary**

**Week 4 w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – RED Music students perform in assembly

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Y3 djembe drumming performance to parents

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Y3 trip to We the Curious

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day (wear sparkles or disco clothes)

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Y4 ukulele lesson

**Week 5 w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Mon-Fri pms – Y3 swimming lessons

Wed-Fri – Y5 at Kilve Court residential

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> – Netball team playing

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> – Y2 parent lunch and journal share

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Assessment reports to parents – INSIGHT email

**Week 6 w/c 30<sup>th</sup> March**

30<sup>th</sup> March - Explorer Dome – Earth and Environment Shows

Mon-Thurs pms – Y5/6 top up swimming lessons

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – Parent Council

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> and Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Parents' evenings in hall

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Cup Awards assembly

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Topaz trip to Slimbridge

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – End of term

**Easter Holidays**

**Term 5 Week 1 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – School starts

**Date for diaries**

Sports Day and family picnic Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May  
(weather dependent)

**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

25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 / Jet class parent lunch

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

## Red Nose Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

We're excited to be supporting Red Nose Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Guidance about Children's illnesses

There are a number of common illnesses that children may have during childhood. Some of these do not mean that children need to miss school (eg colds and coughs; conjunctivitis; cold sores; head lice; hand, foot & mouth; slapped cheek and tonsillitis).

However there are exclusion periods for some other childhood illness – see the link below.

If your child has a **temperature of 38 or above**, they should stay at home until the temperature returns to normal.

<https://www.nhs.uk/symptoms/fever-in-children/>

If your child has had **diarrhoea or vomiting**, they must remain off school for 48 hours from the last bout. Children can return to school at any point during the school day, as long as 48 hours have passed (eg if the last bout ends at 10am on Weds, the child can come back to school at 10am on Fri).

March- May are times we often see **chicken pox** in school (particularly in younger year groups). This is generally a mild illness in children. Children must stay off school for at least 5 days from the onset of the blisters and until all blisters have crusted over.

[Guidance on infection control in schools poster.pdf](#)

## 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.**



Congratulations to Harry (Y6) for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in County Cross Country competition. We look forward to hearing how you do in the nationals.

## Parents' Evening

As you will be aware, our next parents' evening is on Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March and Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April. We hope that you will be able to come along to discuss how your child is doing in school.

The office sent a letter by email to parents yesterday.

The booking link will open on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. We have set this to open in the evening to help working families. Please book one appointment per child.

As usual, Mrs Joyner will be hosting the creche for Alexander Hosea pupils in the library throughout the evenings.

## Year 6 SATS w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May

In May, Y6 will take part in national tests called SATS.

Mon - Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Tues - Reading

Weds – Maths papers 1 & 2

Thurs - Maths paper 3



## **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](https://volunteersignup.org/3Y9CR) – we won't be able to run these sales without volunteer support.

### **Class cake sales**

Amethyst & Pearl - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - [volunteersignup.org/84QY3](https://volunteersignup.org/84QY3)

Diamond & Crystal – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - [volunteersignup.org/CPFHB](https://volunteersignup.org/CPFHB)

Ruby, Jet and Topaz – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - [volunteersignup.org/4HHF9](https://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 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 KS1 4.15pm-5pm KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm

Easter sweet sale – date TBC

Summer Fair – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 – we will be opening stalls for parent ran business only, no external providers, please email the Friends on [committee@friendsofahs.org](mailto: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)