

Newsletter 14, 25th April 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone has had a happy Easter. The classrooms have been transformed to match the new projects and I would like to thank the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in preparing inspiring and creative learning environments for the children to learn in.

New Reception for 2025

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception families into the school community. We are over subscribed again this year, after an unusually small cohort in our current Reception. The transition schedule for new Reception will be the same as this year:

w/c 1st September – INSET for all children on Mon; home visits for new Topaz Class Tues-Fri

W/c 8th September – Topaz class in for either am or pm sessions all week.

W/c 15th September – Topaz Class are all in and stay for lunch (collection at 12:30pm)

Mon 22nd September – Topaz Class all start full-time

Sun safety

As we enter the summer term, we hope to see some sunny and warm weather on the way. Please apply sun cream before school, wear a hat (clearly named) and bring a bottle of water (named). Children can wear sunglasses, if they wish. Please make sure that all items of uniform and accessories are clearly named, so that they can be returned to your child if they leave them somewhere. Thank you.

Young Carers

A young carer is someone under 18 years who helps to look after someone in their family who has a disability, a long-term illness, a mental health condition or has difficulties with drugs and/or alcohol misuse. If you think your child might be a Young Carer, they may be able to access additional support, chances to connect with other Young Carers and free passes for family days out. <https://www.carersbsg.org.uk/young-carers/am-i-a-young-carers>

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 2 - 28th April

New value – Be a team player
28th - NSPCC Speak out/stay safe sessions
28th – Y6 Morfa Bay meeting
29th Topaz Class height & weight NHS screening
29th – Tag rugby team competition
29th – Netball team match
30th – Y5 Music lessons start
30th Y3 djembe drumming lessons start
1st May – Y2 Sats window begins
1st May – Topaz & Ruby Class Beat Bus start

Week 3 – 5th May

Mon 5th – Bank holiday – school closed
6th – Year 4 team national Maths Challenge
7th - Speak out /stay safe NSPCC – Y2 and Y5

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

Week 4 – 12th May

12th – Y6 Grammar, punctuation & spelling SATs
13th – Y6 Reading SATs
13th Netball team match
14th – Y6 Maths papers 1& 2 SATs
15th – Y6 Maths paper 3 SATs
16th – Joe Elliott (author) visiting

Week 5 – 19th May

21st – Sports morning and family picnic
23rd May – End of term 5

HALF TERM

This term's Value



Special menus (see email from December for more information)

15th May – Eurovision themed menu

6th June – National fish and chip day

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

RHS School Gardening Awards



Congratulations

Alexander Hosea Primary

- You grow and can name a range of plants
- You keep your plants healthy
- You are planet-friendly gardeners

Date: 3 April 2025

Alana Cama

Alana Cama
Schools and Groups
Programme Manager, RHS

Clare Matterson

Clare Matterson CBE
Director General, RHS



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

Tag rugby

Some year 3 and 4 girls participated in a Tag Rugby tournament at St Andrew's Primary school in Cromhall. The girls played extremely well, demonstrating all of our schools' values. Mrs Price attended the tournament and was very proud of the girls.



Chocolate spread

We have been made aware that supermarket own brand chocolate spreads may now contain nuts, please be super vigilant while using chocolate spreads for school lunches, we are a nut free school and do have children with nut allergies.

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WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?

If you're on a qualifying benefit, applying for free school meals makes sense for your child, your finances and your school!

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on a saving over £400 each year, per child.

Your child will get a hot, healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime. Their school will have full menu details including dietary requirements.

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them.

However, you need to apply to receive benefit-related free school meals and the extra help they offer, including funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

Plus, you'll be helping your child's school - they will receive extra funding to improve educational outcomes.



The quickest way to apply is to fill in a free school meal application online.

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WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?

Find out now if your family qualifies for free school meals.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (with income of less than £7,400)
- Child Tax credit (income of no more than £16,190)
- Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The 'guaranteed element' of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



For full details of eligibility and to apply online

Call our Contact Centre on 01454 668008 if you need help to apply or visit your nearest One Stop Shop.

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw>

Qualifying for free school meals will give your child pupil premium status.

Pupil premium is so much more than just a free school lunch!

Half term supermarket vouchers for your family.



The school receives **extra funding** for every eligible child who is registered



Benefits for your child:

- Extra curricular clubs like gymnastics, karate, swimming and more.
- Music lessons
- Toast at morning playtime from Y1
- Help with school trips
- Uniform help including shoes, coats etc.
- Extra support in class if needed



If your child prefers a packed lunch you can still apply.

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

We are pleased to announce we have booked tickets for (next academic year groups) Years 3-6 to watch The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 14.00

Thank you to, Friends of AHS for funding this trip. There will be a consent form on Scopay in due course for completion along with a donation to Friends for the trip, we suggest a minimum donation of £1.

Children are welcome to bring drink (no pop or fizzy please) and a suitable snack. The coach will leave during school time to attend the theatre, however, will arrive later than the school day, estimated around 5.45pm.





Friends of Alexander Hosea

Friends of Alexander Hosea Committee Update

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 29th April at 6pm, we will be running a crèche with Mrs Hillier should you need to bring your littles. We'd love this meeting to be focused on your thoughts, what events you like / don't like, what ideas you have for fundraising. Please do come along. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided. If you cannot make it but would still like your thoughts heard, please email us.

Cake sale - Diamond & Crystal class are hosting a cake sale on Tuesday 29th April, please can Crystal and Diamond bring their cakes in on Tuesday morning to the main office. The cake sale will take place in the playground at pickup on Tuesday, thank you Shelley and Katy for running this sale.

Raffle tickets - Raffle tickets will be sold on Friday 25th April for a chance to win a family ticket (2adults and 2children) for any show at the Good Times Festival in Chipping Sodbury in May.

Easter sweet sale – thank you for supporting this event it raised nearly £200!

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

✉ 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

committee@friendsofahs.org
Alice - Chair, Gemma - Treasurer & Tara - Secretary

Cake Sale Dates

CRYSTAL & DIAMOND, TUES 29TH APRIL
KS1 - TOPAZ, RUBY & JET DATE TBC - SUMMER FESTIVAL
OPAL, PEARL & AMETHYST, THURS 17TH JULY

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SELL CAKE

Class donations to be received on the day of the cake sale.
Please contact the Friends if you can run the cake stall
(3.20pm - 3.45/3.50pm)