

Newsletter 3 3rd October 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. For more information, please see the email that was sent out recently. Parents are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 6th October 9:15am. The slideshow will be shared with all parents afterwards. There will be opportunities for parents to ask questions during the consultation period (6th Oct – 14th Nov).

Harvest

The children in Years 1-6 visited Holy Trinity Church this week for our annual Harvest Service. Each class sang a harvest song and Year 6 shared some of their harvest poetry. It was a joyful experience and the children engaged very well with the service and the singing was beautiful. We were delighted to be welcomed into the church by the new vicar, Rev'd Catherine. Thank you to everyone for donating cans and packets of food, which will then be distributed to people who need it in our community.

Reception places for September 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>

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 6

- 6th Oct – Leaf Trust consultation meeting
- 6th Oct – Y5/6 Dodgeball match
- 7th Oct – Football team playing
- 8th Oct – Prospective Reception for 2025 tour
- 9th Oct – Y5/6 football match

Week 7

- 14th Oct – KLB taster day for Y5
- 14th Oct – Girls' football team match

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

INSET days for 2025-26

- Friday 24th October
- Monday 24th November
- Friday 28th November
- Monday 5th January

Current vacancies

SEN TA

We have two 12.5 hour per week posts for experienced Teaching Assistants, to support some of our SEN children with EHCPs. These roles can be combined to make one 25 hour post. Please see eteach for applications.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sen-teaching-assistant-1507690>

Lunchtime Supervisor – bank staff

We have opportunities to join our lunch break supervisor team as 'bank' staff (this means providing occasional cover for any staff absences. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office FAO Mrs Price.

School Photos

Photo proofs will be coming home today; you have 14 days to purchase them.

This term's Value



Lunches

For children having packed lunches, please can we ensure there is no nuts or sweets. Please do remember to check any chocolate spreads as more and more now contain nuts in their ingredients. We are a nut free school.

Please remember to pre-book school dinners the day before. If pre-booking school dinners, please ensure you update and cancel the meal if you then send a packed lunch. Thank you.

Teacher contact

All emails should be sent to the school inbox AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk This will ensure your email is seen quickly and will be passed to the relevant members of staff. Please ensure any emails have the child's name and class information.



Special menus

6th October – Harvest Festival, Chicken Pie / Roasted butternut squash loaded Yorkshire pudding
5th November – Bonfire night, Bolognese 'n' cheesy mac / Deep filled jacket with beany chilli
17th December – Christmas Lunch, traditional lunch or Quorn nuggets
25th March – Year 2 / Jet class parent lunch
17^h July – Year 6 / Amethyst class parent leavers lunch

Anti-bullying Week – advance notice

We will be engaging with the national anti-bullying week w/c 10th Nov. The children will have activities to help them to think about the theme 'Power for Good'.

Monday 10th Nov – Odd socks day for a donation of £1 for Children in Need.

Fri 14th Nov – children are invited to wear non-uniform for a chocolate (no nuts or alcohol) for Friends of AHS Christmas tombola.

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. 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.

Monkhouse uniform issues

Mrs Price has been investigating the issues with Monkhouse Jumpers, thank you to those who sent evidence to support the case. Please see the response below from Monkhouse and action as requested.

"I have asked our team to investigate this issue for you.

We have located the incorrect batch and are in the process of reprinting these sweatshirts to rectify the issue. Most of our stock is without this issue and most of the stock sold over the summer ought to have been unaffected.

I would encourage any parents who have experienced this issue to return their items for a replacement to our Yate store if purchased in store, or via post if purchased online.

Please accept my sincere apologies for this issue and for any inconvenience it has caused you and your school community."



Friends of Alexander Hosea

We are next meeting Monday 10th November 5-6pm at school, please do join us!

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

We had the best turn out for our meeting that we have had in a long while, thank you to everyone that came and for all the volunteer support we received, we really can't do the events without you all!

We were pleased to be able to approve the following funding for school; Handwriting pens for years 3 & 5, books for Topaz children for home visits, KS1 theatre performance in school, JIGSAW package, Christmas tree for the hall, Christmas crackers and tablecloths for children's Christmas lunch, Digimaps & Times Table Rockstars.

If you would be able to run a stall at our Christmas Fair to help raise much needed funds for the school, please contact a member of the committee.

Upcoming events

21st October – Rags2Riches collection

22nd October – Krispy Kreme donut sales, pre orders with limited sales on the day

14th November – non-school uniform in return for a chocolate donation for the tombola – NOT NUTS!

3rd December – The return of The Elf Christmas shop

5th December – Christmas Fair

16th December – Winter disco – KS1 4.15-5pm KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm

19th December – Coffee & Carol morning – please bring donations for the raffle to the main office

Events we are hoping to organise – please contact a committee member if you can help

- Colour run
- Grow a £
- Summer fair
- Ice cream sales

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 – TBC please contact a member of the committee if you can help us with communications to your class WhatsApp group

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)