

Newsletter 19, 17th July 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for working in partnership with us this year for the benefit of your children. We are grateful to everyone who came in to hear reader/help with in-class activities; came with us on trips; contributed to Parent Council; took part in leading, organising or taking part in Friends of AHS events; organised groups of volunteers to help around school and the list goes on. We know that everyone has busy lives, but every effort you make to support the school has not gone unnoticed. We are proud to be part of such a community-minded village.

There are only 2 more school days left, so we hope you all have a lovely summer making memories with your children. We look forward to welcoming them back to school on Tuesday 2nd September. We wish our wonderful Year 6 students all the very best as they move on to the next chapter of their education. We hope that they will come back to see us and let us know how they are getting on.

Staffing – The lovely Mrs Barry will be leaving us after almost 20 years at the school. We will be sad to see her go and wish her all the very best as she enjoys time with her children and grandchildren. Miss Maddocks will also be moving on at the end of the year and we wish her the best in her new role. We have 3 new Teaching Assistants joining us: Miss Kingswood in Nursery; Mrs Howe in Year 2 and Mrs Jones who is returning to Year 3. We have one vacancy for a SEN TA and we would like to increase our lunchtime bank staff if you know anyone who might be interested.

Transition - The children enjoyed their 'Shuffle Up' visits to their new classes last week and their teachers were very proud of them. It was lovely to welcome our new Topaz class in for stay and play this week too. Groups of children from each year group have had additional transition ELSA sessions with Mrs Joyner or Mrs Helyar. Your child's current and new teachers have spent time talking about the class and planning for a smooth transition. As all our teachers are still with us next year, they will continue to look out for the children as they move up. In September, there will be 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for parents (see below).
Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

Dates for your diary

Term 6

Week 7 13th July

Mon 13th – Y6 Leavers' show playground (weather permitting)

Tues 14th – Friends of AHS discos in playground (weather permitting)

Thurs 16th & Fri 17th – New Reception home visits

Thurs 16th – Y3 trip to the river

Fri 17th – Non-uniform day for £2 to Friends of AHS

Week 8 20th July

Mon 20th – Cup assembly

Mon 20th – Whole school sports events led by Y6 students

Mon 20th – Topaz, Ruby & Jet cake sale after school

Tues 21st – Y6 Leavers' assembly

Tues 21st – End of school year

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

INSET days

Tues 1st Sept 2026

Fri 23rd Oct 2026

Fri 27th Nov 2026

Mon 4th Jan 2027

Mon 22nd Feb 2027

Mon 12th April 2027

Parent Council dates:

Term 1 – Tues 29th Sept 2026

Term 2 Weds 18th Nov 2026

Term 3 Tues 9th Feb 2027

Term 4 – No meeting – short term

Term 5 -Tues 20th April 2027

Term 6 Tues 6th July 2027

Meet the Teacher dates:

Y1 Ruby -

Y2 Jet-

Y3 Crystal-

Y4 Diamond -

Y5 Pearl -

Y6 Amethyst –

This term's Value



Class Newsletters

Parent Council commented that parents really value the class newsletters and find the information helpful.

They also noted that there has been some variation in the frequency of these being sent out from different classes. We have now discussed this as a staff and agreed that a consistent and manageable frequency would be fortnightly (even weeks), to alternate weeks with the whole school newsletter (odd weeks).

This will be in place from September and we hope that this will be helpful and consistent for parents.

Flood update

Belfor is continuing to work through Phase 2. The process to dry the underfloor areas in community centre, hall and surrounding areas is not yet complete.

We are hopeful that the drying process may be complete by the end of July, so that the next contractors will be able to come on site to start the renovation works. These are expected to last until September, although may take slightly longer.

Volunteers

We are looking for a team of volunteers to paint the fence around the EYFS outside learning space and a small shed.

We also have some weeding jobs, for any of the green fingered members of our community.

If you would like to help or you know of a community group that might be able to, please contact Mr Feaster via the school office.

Building works

We will have a lot of contractors on site throughout the summer, as there will be approximately £500,000 worth of premises development works happening, including:

- Drying and repair works to hall, school kitchen and Community Centre, following the flood in April.
- Development of the new EYFS unit (including Little Gems) and the linked works in the Blue Room.
- Roofing works to repair some recent leaks.

This means there will be additional vehicles around Honeybourne Way. If you allow your children to play out in this area during the summer holidays, please remind them to stay on the pavements and be aware of vehicles moving around throughout the day.

Other items

School Uniform – If you have good quality school uniform (no old-style PE hoodies, please) that you are willing to pass on, please put this into the uniform boxes (on the left as you enter the school lobby). These are labelled with sizes. Also, please do help yourself to anything you need for your child and write your child's name in it.

Swift Sports Summer school – Swift Sports came in to lead an assembly last week and share information about their summer activities for 2026. If you are interested in any of these, please apply for a place through the flier that came home.

Lettings – Once the Blue Room has been developed into new toilets that are accessible from the playground, we anticipate that we will be able to take on new lettings for sports clubs to use the field outside of school hours. Please contact Mrs Price via the school office from September, if you are interested in finding out more.

End of year reminders from Admin

- Year 6 parents – please check ScoPay balance and pay any arrears, if you are in credit, please let Mrs Price know who to make a cheque out too for this balance or if you would like it to be transferred to a younger sibling or donated to Friends. If your child has any medication at school including inhalers and EpiPens please ensure these are collected on the last day of term.
- All balances from ScoPay will be transferred to Arbor ready for 01.09.2026.
- There is a lot of lost property in the main foyer, this will be disposed / donated at the end of term if not claimed.
- Please can ALL children bring in a plastic/reuseable bag for the last two days to take their books home.
- There is also a large amount of donated uniform available in the Friends boxes please look for bigger sizes ready for September, this is all free or a donation to the Friends.
- Please remind children to collect all their belongings from their classrooms including water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, jumpers etc.



The nursery plans are progressing well. We are very grateful to Mr Feaster, who is taking a lead on this project, which will be transformational for the children and families of Wickwar.

Website – there is a new tab on the website for Little Gems. Further information will be added to it during the year.
<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Little+Gems+Nursery&pid=385>

Staffing – We have now appointed Miss Kingswood in one of our nursery TA roles. We have a further vacancy to fill, then our staff team will be complete.

Admissions - There has been a good uptake for places for September, but we are not yet at capacity, so please do share widely as we would like to fill up. We can accommodate up to 26 children.

At the start of September, we will be opening the application window for children who turn 3 years old within 1st Sept-31st Dec. The application is available through the link above.

Building works – Ferson building company will commence works on 20th July.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

Yate Library visited us for assembly last week. They talked to the children about the new Summer reading challenge at the libraries and the activities (eg African drumming, Lego and craft) that they will be hosting over the summer holidays.

The children were excited about getting involved and they are invited to bring in their certificates and medals (clearly named please) for celebration assembly in September.

Wickwar Environmental Action Group (WEAG) Electric Oak Project



This year, Eco club have been involved in the Electric Oak Acorn Project with WEAG.

In the Autumn term acorns were collected from the ancient oak tree and WEAG and Eco club planted over 200 acorns.

The children are very pleased to hear from WEAG that some have grown into little saplings already!

Thank you to Mrs Longstaff (Parent) and Wickwar Environmental Action Group.

Mrs Brooks – Science and Eco Leader



Friends of Alexander Hosea

Can you help with any of our Friday Ice Lolly sales? We need volunteers to help run the ever-popular Friday sales. Please use the sign up form if you can support - volunteersignup.org/3Y9CR – we won't be able to run these sales without volunteer support

Class cake sales

Ruby, Jet and Topaz – Monday 20th July - 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 £
- Discos for the children
- Family quiz

Friends of AHS – Upcoming Events

- **20 July:** Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Join us at 5:00pm at Fox & Maple, Wickwar, to hear about this year's achievements, our future plans, and how fundraising has supported our school community. Everyone is welcome.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Tara Price, who has recently stepped down from the PTA, for all her hard work, dedication, and support. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to help Friends throughout her time.

If you would like to find out more or become involved with Friends contact us at committee@friendsofahs.org