



Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



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

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for your partnership working with the school this year. We are very grateful to our parents/carers who run clubs, help on trips, hear readers, help with swimming lessons, help with DT etc.

Little Gems Nursery – We are delighted to have been awarded almost £150,000 to set up a school-based nursery to serve the village of Wickwar. A great deal of work went into the application process and we have set up a working party to oversee the setup, which will include financial, building works, staffing and educational delivery streams. We are in the process of finalising our Admissions Policy, application form and information to add to the school website. When this is ready to be published (we are hoping by 24th April), we will open to applications for September. The nursery will accommodate children aged 3 & 4 to get them off to a great start and prepare them to start school.

Data reports – Y1-6 data reports will be coming home today. These reports contain attendance and assessment information and are different to the end of year report (where effort and comments are included). Parents in Topaz will be provided with their child's report at parent's evening.

Parents' evening - As you will be aware, our next parents' evening is on Tues 31st March and Weds 1st April. We hope that you will be able to come along to discuss how your child is doing in school. The booking link will close Friday 27th March at 7pm. 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.

Explorer Dome – Next Monday, all children will have the opportunity to learn more about the environment in an immersive explorer dome. We are sure they will have a memorable and fun-filled educational experience. Thank you so much to Wickwar Educational Foundation for funding this visit and Mrs Price for organising.

Year 2 parent lunch – Many of our Y2 families joined us to sample the school dinners this week. The catering team received very positive feedback for the delicious roast dinner and chocolate cake. The next parent lunch is on 17th July or the Y6 leavers. Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

Dates for your diary

Week 6 w/c 30th March

30th March - Explorer Dome – Earth and Environment Shows

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

Tues 31st – Parent Council

Tues 31st and Weds 1st – Parents' evenings in hall

Weds 1st – Cup Awards assembly

Weds 1st – Pearl museum learning share in Opal

Weds 1st – Friends' Easter sale front of school (3pm)

Thurs 2nd – Topaz trip to Slimbridge

Thurs 2nd – Crystal project outcome in the hall (2:30pm)

Thurs 2nd – End of term

Easter Holidays

Term 5 Week 1 20th April

Mon 20th – School starts

Thurs 23rd – Reception nurse visit

Thurs 23rd – Y5 & 6 cake sale

Date for diaries

Sports Day and family picnic Weds 20th May (weather dependent)

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property, please collect by the end of the term, anything left will be donated to Friends or a charity shop.

Please ensure all children have named items of clothing, bottles and lunch boxes.

This term's Value



Special menus

30th March – Explorer Dome

2nd April – Fish fingers

23rd April – Special St George's day menu – see poster below

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

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](#)



Staff update

Mrs Newcombe will be going on maternity leave at the end of May and in a happy coincidence Mrs Grainger will return from maternity around the same time. These teachers will teach Topaz.

We are very pleased that Miss Hurford will be staying on in Crystal Class until the end of the year.

Year 6 SATS w/c 11th 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



Netball tournament

This week, a group of 8 year 6 girls participated in a netball tournament at Yate Academy. Despite the cold weather, the girls played exceptionally well and earned themselves two 0-0 draws, a 1-0 victory and then a 4-0 victory, before losing 0-2 to the tournament's winners, Holy Trinity, who go on to compete in the county tournament.

These results meant that Alexander Hosea finished 3rd in the tournament. We're very proud of the girls for their enthusiasm and amazing netball skills – they are great team players and represented the school very well .



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 – we won't be able to run these sales without volunteer support. (We are aiming to start these back up on Friday 24th April)

Class cake sales

Amethyst & Pearl - Thursday 23rd April - volunteersignup.org/84QY3

Diamond & Crystal – Thursday 11th June - volunteersignup.org/CPFHB

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 £
- Ice cream sales
- Family disco
- Family quiz

Upcoming events

Easter sweet sale – Wednesday 1st April, outside the front of the school

Sports day refreshments – May 20th, we will be looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments

Summer Fair – 3rd July 2026 – we will be opening stalls for parent ran business only, no external providers, please email the Friends on committee@friendsofahs.org if you wish to hire a table to run a stall.

KLB Carnvial – 11th July 2026, Friends will be hosting a stall, please come and support us if you are attending, we will need some volunteers to help us run this throughout the day.

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)