

Newsletter 15th September 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! The children have returned to school with great attitudes and we are proud of how well they have embraced the start of term.

Thank you very much for all the cards, thank yous and gifts that our wonderful staff received at the end of the term. They were very touched by the kind words. Mrs Windmill sent a special message – see below.

We welcome our new children in Y1 and Y3 and our new Reception children. We cannot wait to see the new Topaz children in school next week and get to know them and their families. Our new staff have also now started – Mr Feaster (Deputy Headteacher) has joined our school and will be teaching Y1, Y4 and Y5 each week; Mrs Cooke has joined Y5 and Miss Maddocks has joined Y1.

Infant Reading Books

We completed an audit of our Infant Reading books from the Unlocking Letters and Sounds and noticed that 87 books are missing, which would cost £435 to replace. If you have a child in Y1-3, please could you have a little look at home to see if you have any there and bring any that you find into school by Weds 10th September. Thank you, Miss Clark (English Lead)

Snacks and drinks

- Children must only bring water (no squash, please) to school in their water bottles. They will have access to their water bottles throughout the day. Please make sure all bottles are clearly named. The children should take them home for cleaning at the end of each day.
- Parents can purchase slices of toast through Scopay for the term. These need to be paid for in advance by the start of each new term. This terms toast booking is now closed, Mrs Price will send an email when next term's is open. Children may bring a piece of fruit for snack instead if they wish. They should not bring other wrapped items for break times.
- We are a nut free school. We have noticed the majority of 'chocolate spreads' now contain nut ingredients, with this in mind we ask that you do not include chocolate spreads in packed lunches to help protect our children who have nut allergies.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 2

- 8th Sept – Diamond (Y4) visitor – Jonathan's Jungle
- 8th Sept – Jet (Y2) Wickwar walk
- 8th Sept – New vicar (Rev'd Catherine Coomber) visiting
- 8th Sept – Diamond (Y4) Meet the Teacher
- 9th Sept – Pearl (Y5) Climate and Energy workshop
- 9th Sept – Ruby (Y1) & Amethyst (Y6) Meet the Teacher
- 11th Sept – Pearl (Y5) Meet the Teacher
- 12th Sept – Crystal (Y3) Meet the Teacher

Week 3

- 15th Sept – Prospective parent tours for Reception Sept 2026
- 16th Sept – Y6 visitor about parliament
- 16th Sept – House Captains assembly and election
- 17th Sept – Ks2 (Years 3-6) at Bristol Hippodrome for 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'
- 18th Sept - Prospective parent tours for Reception Sept 2026

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

INSET days for 2025-26

- Monday 1st September
- Friday 24th October
- Monday 24th November
- Friday 28th November
- Monday 5th January

Uniform reminder

Earrings – Children may wear one plain stud in each ear. Hoops are not permitted for safety reasons. Earrings must be removed or taped over on PE days

PE tops – children should now be wearing the new style PE tops and zip jumpers. Mrs Price has liaised with Monkhouse about the stock levels and has been informed this will now improve going forward.

This term's Value



Lunch updates & special menus

New menu is at the end of this newsletter and has been added to ScoPay for Autumn/Winter 2025/26.

Reminder: please pre-book all meals the day before on Scopay.

Special menus

2nd October – Kids choice menu, Beef or Veggie burger

Friendship Bench

We now have a new Friendship Bench that is ready to go into the playground. Thank you to Mr Bateman (Grace C's grandad) for making the bench. Mrs Hathaway (illustrator and parent to a child who has now moved up to secondary school) led a session for the children in the Infants last year and used their drawings to create a beautiful design. We know that the children will treasure the bench for the years to come. We are planning an official launch event.

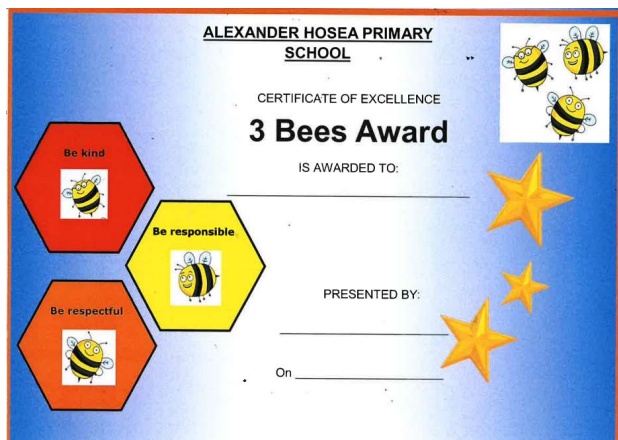


Here is a sneak peak at part of the design...



New Reward Certificate

We are very proud of the excellent behaviour we see around school and we are proud to launch our new certificate for children who consistently show the 3 Bees (our school rules) in action each week.



How are children rewarded for excellent behaviour and effort?

- Positive praise – verbal or written
- House points
- Teacher Awards – weekly
- Values Certificates
- Headteacher's Award
- Cups for Citizenship, Creativity, Music, Sport
- New for 2025! Windmill Award for resilience – to be launched in October.

Anti-bullying Charter

Every summer, our School Council reviews our Anti-bullying Charter, which sets out the shared commitment to help all children to be safe from bullying. We will come back to this with children throughout the year, including in anti-bullying week in November.

Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

Our charter to prevent bullying at Alexander Hosea Primary School

The staff, pupils, governors and parents/guardians are working together to make sure that we are all included and feel safe from bullying.

Our school community wants:

- Everyone to understand what bullying means.
- Everyone to feel included in school with games and learning.
- Everyone to feel safe from bullying at home and in school.
- Everyone to know that bullying will be dealt with quickly and effectively.
- Anyone who sees bullying to tell someone and never join in.
- Everyone to know who they can talk to about bullying.
- Everyone to know how to keep themselves safe online in school and at home.
- Everyone to follow our school values.



This charter was agreed by all of the classes in school during July 2025.

School council:

Flora, Jack, M, Hannah, Robert, Sophie, Jasmine, Anna, James, Hannah, Taylor, Henry, Ada, Oliver, Jasmine



Dear All,

I just wanted to say a big thank you for all of the cards, messages and gifts so kindly sent to me.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be a member of the AHS family and a privilege to teach so many wonderful children. Our school is a very special place and I leave with my head and heart crammed full of memories.

I plan to return from time to time so may see you all at the gate.... or you may spot me in sunny Dorset!

Sally Windmill

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 on-line 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.

Applications for School Uniform Reimbursement Grants are still open until 14th September!

The Compass Early Help Team are offering help towards the cost of essential school clothing, such as PE kits, shoes and coats, through the School Uniform Reimbursement Grant.

You can claim up to £50 spent on items for a primary school child and up to £80 for secondary, for a maximum of 3 children per household. Items must be purchased between 1 July to 14 September 2025. You cannot claim for stationery, bags, lunch boxes, or other non-clothing items.

The grant is available if all of these apply:

- you live in South Gloucestershire
- are struggling to pay bills or meet your monthly outgoings
- have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

How to apply

Visit one of our One Stop Shops: [Kingswood One Stop Shop](#) [Patchway One Stop Shop](#) [Yate One Stop Shop](#)

Bring along the shop receipts showing the item(s) bought and your bank statement (unless you paid in cash). You will be asked to fill in a financial statement of your income and outgoings. Please make sure you have this information to hand. The final date to make a claim is 15 September.

You can also apply by calling us on [01454 868009](tel:01454868009). If your claim is successful, you will be repaid the approved amount in the form of a voucher you can use at a supermarket of your choice.

Help is also available year-round with essential school clothing costs. Find out how to apply on the [school clothing grants](#) page on our information directory.

For more information please go to [School uniform reimbursement grant | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#)



Friends of Alexander Hosea

We are currently planning our next meeting dates; it would be great to have more of the community join us at these meetings. All parents/carers are a member of the Friends of Alexander Hosea.

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

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families joining Alexander Hosea Primary school this year.

The Friend's support the school by raising much needed funds for items such as new class iPads, books, resources, PE equipment, Christmas tree, Christmas costumes & many more.

The Friend's run special events to help raise these funds, volunteers are always needed so please get in touch if you can help.

Events to look forward too:

- Christmas card designs
- The Elf Shop
- Discos
- Ice cream sales
- Snack sales
- Quizzes
- Donut sales

A reminder of who the Friend's 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)

We'd like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who supported us in the last academic year, we look forward to working with you again.

WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)

TUESDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice
or Classic Mac & Cheese (V)
Veg of the Day
Apple Cake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

THURSDAY

Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banoffee Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)

1/9/25, 22/9/25, 13/10/25, 3/11/25, 24/11/25,
15/12/25, 5/1/26, 26/1/26

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Snap (Ve)

Italian Sausage Pasta Bake
or Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Jaffa Cake Sponge (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Cottage Pie
or Golden Topped Cottage Pie (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana Custard Ice Cream (V)

8/9/25, 29/9/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 1/12/25,
22/12/25, 12/1/26, 2/2/26

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Lemon Biscuit (Ve)

Sausage with Mash & Gravy
or Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese
or Sweet Potato Korma with Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana Cake (V)

15/9/25, 6/10/25, 27/10/25, 17/11/25, 8/12/25,
29/12/25, 19/1/26, 9/2/26

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

Classic Tomato Pasta (Ve) and **Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Filling** (including V/Ve options)

are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.