



Alexander Hosea Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date: 29th September 2026

Class	Teacher	Parent representative
R – Topaz	Mrs Grainger	
Y1 - Ruby	Miss Clark	
Y2 – Jet	Mrs Dimery and Mrs Cleverley	Mrs Pittson (Rosie)
Y3 – Crystal	Miss Hurford	Mrs Turner (Molly)
Y4 – Diamond	Miss Edgar	Ms Southwick (Hattie & Ollie)
Y5 - Pearl	Mrs Brooks	Ms Spreadbury (Hugo)
Y6 - Amethyst	Miss Williams	Mrs Smith (Rocco)
School Representative	Mrs Williams	



Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)
Attendees	Present: Ms Spreadbury, Mrs Pittson, Mrs Turner, Ms Southwick, Mrs Williams Apologies:
	PARENT COUNCIL – TERMS OF REFERENCE Alexander Hosea Primary School 2026-27 Review Date: 29th September 2026 (Although this forum is referred to as the 'Parent' Council, it also includes Carers of a pupil at Alexander Hosea Primary School) Rationale It is agreed that parental engagement and home / school partnerships are a positive aspect of effective schools. A Parent Council has a function to perform in supporting this. Aims - To enhance communication by providing a two-way link between parents and the school. - To celebrate the successes of the school. - To provide a relatively informal forum for parents to discuss issues raised by the parent community. - To engage parents who may not have the confidence or a desire to be a parent governor. - To consult parents on specific issues (e.g. school meals). - To be involved in school decisions on issues related to the general day to day organisation of the school, such as uniform and discipline, as opposed to strategic school development, which is the responsibility of the Governors. Guidelines - Ideally, the Parent Council will comprise at least one parent per class / year group. - Parent Council representatives gather the views of parents in the class. - The Parent Council will meet informally on a regular basis (4-5 times a year). - The meetings will be chaired by the Headteacher. - Minutes will be taken at the meeting and will be posted on the school website. - Parent Council Representatives feedback to parents in the class they are representing. Conclusion These terms of reference will be reviewed regularly at the first meeting of the academic year.

Meeting	Feedback received from Classes: Crystal, Jet, Diamond and Pearl Conversion to Leaf Trust – ‘Unique schools, growing together’ - This is going ahead as planned on 1st November. - https://leaftrust.co.uk/ - From 1st Nov, the school will adopt some of the Leaf policies. School-based policies/procedures will continue for non-statutory areas. School Based Nursery - Little Gems building work went to plan over the holidays and opened as planned on 1st Sept. - The nursery is taking two intakes a year, starting in Sept and Jan. Children have to be minimum of 3 years old to join. - There is no direct transition to Reception at Alexander Hosea and families need to apply for primary school places with South Glos Admissions. - Tab has been added to website. Flood update - South Glos is managing the works to hall and community centre. - School now has access to the hall for PE and assemblies. Awaiting return of hall furniture to restart using the hall for lunches. - WOOSC are back in the community centre room. - Works to kitchen and community centre toilets continue – due to be completed by 31st Oct. - Catering unit will remain in car park until the school kitchen is refitted and fully operational. <u>Miscellaneous</u> INSET days for 2026-27 –INSET dates have been shared on newsletters and there will be a 6th INSET on 12th April. Christmas Cards - Friends of AHS organise Christmas cards. - Feedback from parents last year was that there was a desire for more personalised cards going forward. From now on card and information will come home to families and children can do personalised designs. Mrs Williams emailed parents with information about this in Sept 26. - Parent asked whether school might look at outcomes of the card designs this year and consider doing in school again in the future. Mrs Williams noted that curriculum time is full, but she would mention it to the art leader. Parent Helpers on trips - A number of parents would be willing to help out on trips. - A parent asked whether some parents might be asked first. Mrs Williams noted that parent helpers who help in school regularly and have DBS may be asked first on some occasions. - Due to higher supervision ratios in infants, parents may be asked whether they would be able to help. In Y4-6, non-statutory ratios are 1:15, so generally no additional helpers are needed in these year groups. - Where teachers would like parent helpers to accompany the class on trips, they will request expressions of interest on the class newsletter (or by email/text in the event that an adult can no longer help eg through illness).
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Class newsletters

Following on from Parent Council feedback last year about differences in frequency of class newsletters being sent out. This was reviewed by staff and from Sept 2026, all class newsletters will be sent to parents in the alternate weeks to the school newsletter. Parents reported that these are valued, very helpful and beneficial.

Mathletics

- The school are not signing up to Mathletics from Nov 2026.
- This programme costs £3000 p/a and is not working as well since there was a change of platform. Parents report that it is not easy to use on some devices and it keeps dropping out.
- School have moved to a new Maths scheme called White Rose, which is used by many schools in the trust, so the school are looking to use resources linked to this. When resources have been decided upon these will be shared with parents.
- A Parent asked about the Homelearning Policy.

Action: Mrs Williams to arrange for the Homelearning Policy to be updated.

Handwriting

Following on from a review of current handwriting scheme, Nelson, school have decided to move to a new scheme.

- Nelson has breaks after letters and no loops on descenders, which means that children have to take their pen off the page within words.
- School will be moving to Letter Join Plus, which is a continuous cursive style. There is lots of evidence that shows that a cursive style has a range of benefits, including on children's learning of spelling.

	Reception – Letter Join Print Plus Y1 – Letter Join Air Plus, with joined digraphs Y2-6 – Letter Join Plus
	

Communication of dates –

- In September, school moved from communications on Scopay and Teacher2Parents to Arbor (in-app, email and SMS). There were some teething problems in the first couple of weeks, which have since been resolved.
- A Parent Council rep noted that this had impacted communications for Meet the Teacher dates and Y2 Spelling meeting
- English leader will send out slides to Y2 parents from today's Y2 spelling meeting.

Action: Mrs Williams to add 'Meet the Teacher' dates to July Newsletter.

Action: Mrs Williams to ask teachers to email the Meet the Teacher powerpoint to parents for reference.

	Clubs - New clubs list is on school website: https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=378 - Parent Council rep is interested in Story Club for ks1. Action: Mrs Williams to ask English leader to let Admin team know whether Story/drama Club will be provided in autumn term. Question about PPA cover - A Parent Rep asked about whether TAs are allowed to cover classes. Mrs Williams confirmed that teaching assistants can cover classes (eg for PPA) and use planning provided (eg Jigsaw for PHSE; Val Sabin for PE etc). This has been confirmed with the school's HR provider. Morning routine - Gate opens at 8:50 for a rolling entry to school. - Children enter school and gate closed at 9am. - At 9am the register is taken and children engage in morning challenge learning. - Once register is complete, morning challenge draws to a close and formal learning starts. School traffic (cars and pedestrians) - Parking concern raised by a parent – cars parking on white lines on Honeybourne Way. PCSO comes to school from time to time to review parking and speak to anyone who is parking unsafely. - A parent noted that it is busy on the way out of the pedestrian gates at the end of school. - Parents of pupils in Y5/6 can fill in a request form to ask that their children walk to and from school independently. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and Mrs Williams informs parents of the decision. Permission may be withdrawn if concerns arise about the safety of a child walking independently. - A parent noted that they have noticed several children who may be at risk as pedestrians. Y5 children will have pedestrian training from the road safety team and Mrs Williams will flag up to the teachers. Actions: Mrs Williams will suggest in the newsletter that families can also use the lower gate if they wish to use a quieter exit. Mrs Williams to let Y5/6 Teachers to remind the Y5/6 children about safe walking/riding to and from school Mrs Price to ask PCSO to look into safe parking on Honeybourne Way – could they do a rainy day? Mrs Williams to remind parents and let Nursery and Reception know to park further away. Meeting dates for 2026-27 – see below.
Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to	1. Academisation updates, as available 2. Nursery updates, as available

Student Council?	
Discussion points for future meetings	What would parents like to discuss in future meetings? • Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know.

Dates of next meetings (all 2:30pm start):

Term 1 Tues 29th September 26

Term 2 Weds 18th November 26

Term 3 Tues 9th February 27

Term 4 No meeting – short term

Term 5 Tues 20th April 2027

Term 6 Tues 6th July 27