

### Newsletter 8, 19th December 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Merry Christmas to all our families. We hope that you have a joyful time with your children and some time to relax. Thank you for all of your support for the school during 2025. It has been a great year for our children and community and we look forward to all the exciting things to come in 2026.

#### Thank you

We are so touched by all the words of appreciation, gifts to staff and the donations to class funds. Thank you so much. All of your gestures, big or small, are very much appreciated.

#### Christmas Fair

What a wonderful Christmas Fair! Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in the preparation and running of this event. The Friends of AHS raised approx. £1100 from the event and the children had an amazing time. The visit from Stitch Santa caused a lot of hilarity! It was a great team effort, thank you.

#### Christmas performances

We were incredibly proud of all our children as they performed in their Christmas productions. The children lifted the roof with their beautiful singing and they shared their well-rehearsed lines with confidence. It does take a lot of hard work to pull together these performances. We had so much positive feedback from families and the donations that were made at the events will be divided equally between the classes.

Merry Christmas!

Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

#### Dates for your diary

##### Term 3 Week 1

5<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET day (school closed to children)

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Jet Class Explorer 'wow' day

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Prospective parent tour for Reception Sept 2026

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Diamond 'Wow' day

##### Week 2

14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Prospective parent tour for Reception Sept 2026

14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Young Voices choir trip

14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 bird watch

Class teachers send out a weekly class newsletter to parents with helpful information about what the children have been learning and what is coming up.

In addition, there is a whole school newsletter sent out fortnightly by the Admin Team. This includes celebrations, information and reminders.

The Admin Team also send out a non-school flier, which contains information from the wider community that may be of interest to families. These are sent out when there is enough information to be of use.



I hope you know  
How much it means to us.  
The nativities  
and christmas concerts.  
The weeks of preparations.  
Little voices singing together  
Not a dry eye in the house.  
The hand made cards,  
Little hand prints  
As a reindeer or a robin,  
Declarations of pure love in wonky letters,  
Treasured forever.  
The Christmas dinners,  
The happy little faces leaving school  
wearing their cracker crowns  
with such pride.  
The parties, the fairs,  
The pantomime trips,  
The decorations in class  
All the precious memories.  
we make magic at home  
And you make it at school  
And I hope you know  
That by giving our children happy memories  
You're giving them to us too.  
Thank you.

### This term's Value



### Maths workshops for Parents

As requested through parent council, there will be workshops for parents in the coming months. The dates for these are (times TBC):

4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3&4

25<sup>th</sup> February – Year1&2

Further information will be provided by Miss Edgar next term.

### Teacher contact

All emails should be sent to the school inbox [AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto: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 in the subject line.



### Special menus

15<sup>th</sup> January – Willy Wonka Special menu – see email  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 / Jet class parent lunch  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 / Amethyst class parent leavers lunch

### Thank you to the Friends of Alexander Hosea

A special thank you to our wonderful PTA and their volunteers for all the Christmas activities they have organised for our children.

Please do support the Friends, they organise enjoyable events for the children and the wider community and raise much needed funds for our school.

### 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> We host weekly tours throughout the autumn term and in January in the run up to the deadline. Spaces on these can be booked through the school office.

### Dursley and Wotton District Cross-Country

Miss Williams and Mrs Williams are very proud of our cross-country team, who have been racing once a month on Saturdays at a local cross-country event.

The children are doing brilliantly and show determination (even in rainy and windy weather) to do their best and encourage each other. They show the values of be resilient and be a team player every time.

We look forward to cheering you on at the spring events on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan and 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

<https://www.k2sports-uk.com/dursley-and-wootton-primary-school-cross-country-league/>

Thank you to Miss Williams for all your hard work in engaging with other schools and sporting groups to make sure that our children have opportunities to access a wide variety of sporting events.

It is no easy feat on top of an already busy week of teaching.



## Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all children who have achieved house points (over 5000 were achieved this term!); Teacher Awards; Headteacher Awards; Values Certificates; awards for Athletics and TTRS. We are very proud of all the children's achievements and they deserve all the praise they receive.

At the end of each term (six a year), we award additional, special cups/trophies.

**Citizenship Cup** (also known as 'Supersonic') – each class teacher nominates a winner from their class to receive a certificate and enamel badge to wear with pride on their uniform. From these winners, a pupil from Infants and a pupil from Juniors is awarded a Citizenship trophy. This award is for children who consistently exemplify the school rules (be kind, be responsible, be respectful) and the school values every day

This term's winners are: Harriet (R), Rosie (Y1) and Sienna (Y2). Rue (Y3), Freddy (Y4), Rocco (Y5) and Arwen (Y6).

**Hayden Music Award** – one child from across the school is awarded the Hayden Music trophy (a glass trophy with a star at the top) at the end of each term. This is awarded for excellent attitude and effort in Music.

This term's winner is Alice (Y6).

**Creativity Award** – one child from across the school is awarded the Creativity Award (a metal statue of an artist at their easel). This is awarded for creativity in their learning in art, writing, thinking or problem-solving.

This term's winner is Gracie (Reception).

**Sports Award** – one child from across the school is awarded the Sports' Award (a metal plate on a stand).

This term's winner is Eli (Y5)

**Windmill Resilience Award** – one boy and one girl are awarded superhero trophies for showing resilience in learning and day-to-day life at school.

This term's winners are Faith (Y2) and Ray (Y5)

Well done to all our winners! There are four more chances to win (one each term), so we look forward to celebrating more children's achievements as the terms progress.

## Help us improve school vaccination services

*We have been asked by the NHS to share feedback about school vaccination services, and they would like to hear about your experiences of when your child / children have had their vaccinations.*

Here is a link to the survey for parents / carers: [BNSSG Parent / Carer Survey](#).

Your responses are completely anonymous, and they will help us to make vaccination sessions work better for families and schools.

**Please complete the survey by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

If you need the survey in a different language or easy-read format, please contact us via [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net).

Your feedback is very important to us and will help us improve vaccination services for school communities.

## Netball Team



Our netball team played amazingly well at KLB last week. They had four matches:

5-1 win  
1-1 draw  
1-0 loss  
5-1 win

We came third overall and Mrs Smith and Miss Williams are so proud of them all!

Thank you very much to Mrs Smith, Mrs Ganesh and parents who ran netball club to help the children to hone their skills.

Congratulations to our Y5/6 team: Rocco, Eli, Enid, Arwen, Lizzie, Max, Harriett and Daisy.



## **Friends of Alexander Hosea**

Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers who have supported and helped with all the events we run in Term1&2 – they are a very busy time for the PTA and without the volunteer support we would not be able to run the events.

Thank you for coming to the coffee and carol morning, we hope you enjoyed it. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have counted the pennies.

**From all of us on the committee, we wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas.**

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

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

### **Upcoming events**

TBC

### **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)