

Newsletter 2, 20th September 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil premium – If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may benefit from additional funding through the school. Please complete a short application online <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply> or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

House Captains – We are delighted that the new house captains have been elected. Congratulations to the many, many Y6 children who put themselves forward. See article below.

Prospective Parent tours for Reception 2025 – We invite prospective parents to visit the school for a tour with the headteacher. Visit dates are in the diary and tours have already started. Please call to book a place and spread the word. We do have a few places in our current Reception class - if you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

Whole School Assessment outcomes – We are delighted with our assessment outcomes for 2023-24, with almost all measures well above national expectations again. See article below.

Harvest – Our harvest service will take place at Trinity church on 1st October. The Year 1-6 children will be going together this year. Teachers will be in touch if they need any parent helpers to help walk with their class.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Week 4 –

Reception in full-time
Reception Baseline assessments continue
23rd Sept - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)
24th Sept – Parent Council 2:30pm
27th Sept – Fire drill (only one with advance notice)

Week 5 –

2nd Oct – Harvest at Trinity Church
3rd Oct – special menu for census day
4th Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

Week 6 –

8th Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)
11th Oct – INSET – school closed to children

Week 7 –

17th Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

Week 8 -

21st Oct Cup awards assembly
22nd & 24th Oct – Parents' evening

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

Visitors

We have welcomed some great visitors to help us with our learning in classes.

Jonathan's Jungle (Y4) – the Y4 children loved their visit from Jonathan's Jungle and finding out more about creatures first hand. The children were attentive and responsible as they handled some of them (including a snake!).

Sea Shanty (Y1) – our Y1 children learned some sea shanties and had fun with the activities.

Astro Scientist (Y5) STEM learning Ambassador – see article below



Online Safety for parents

Avon & Somerset police cyber safety team hosted their annual online safety session for parents this week. There was a smaller take up this year, but we hope that the participants found it helpful.

This terms' Values



New Reception children

Our new reception children are settling in very well to school life and have been exploring their new classroom and getting to know each other and the adults who help them.

We are proud of them for being brave and giving new things a go. We are looking forward to seeing them grow and develop over the weeks, months and years.

Secondary school admissions

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2024 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2025 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the **31 October 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

Positive feedback from Astro scientist visitor:

'I was very impressed with the children's knowledge of space, and science in general. We did some experiments, one of which was exploring gravity on Earth and the Moon which involved performing calculations using mathematical formulas. The children's mathematical skills were very good.

We ended the day with a Q&A session, their questions were fantastic and some were mind blowing (kept me on my toes).

I had a fantastic day with year 5, I was made to feel very welcome by the teachers in year 5 and other members of staff, please pass on my thanks to everyone'.

House Captains 2024-2025

This week saw our annual House Captain Elections with exciting house assemblies led by the year 6 pupils. A record number of pupils put themselves forward to take on the role and all prepared speeches and other campaign material ready for the big day!

The quality of the presentations was outstanding this year. They talked to the children about Democracy and how every pupil would get a vote to choose the captains for their house. The votes were counted and these were the results:

WEAVERS: Joshua & Alex

POTTERS: Ellie & Alanna

BREWERS: Leo & Willow

ARCHERS: Elis & Poppy

Reception 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

At Alexander Hosea, we run weekly tours for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2025. See dates on front page.

If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office. We limit this to a maximum of 3 families, so that there is chance to talk about your child and ask questions.

School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



Songs of Praise

A few people spotted that our fantastic village was on the small screen this week. If you missed it, here is the link to watch Bridgeton actress Adjoa Andoh's walk around her home village, Wickwar.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00232gl/songs-of-praise-adjoa-andohs-walk-with-god>



October 3rd Smile Day – Special Menu

WORLD Smile DAY

HAMBÜRGER
with or without cheese
or
VEGGIE DOG
with
**CHIPS, SLAW &
SWEETCORN**

BROWNIE

 **edwards and ward**
a recipe for success

Friends of AHS

As we start our new school year, our wonderful Friends are already in action with the Wonka Bar event, which has been very well supported. Thank you to the team of Y2 parents who organised and ran the event. There was much excitement on the playground to see if people had won a golden ticket!

We very much appreciate the work of the Friends in providing enjoyable experiences for our children and their families and raising much-needed funds for the school.

Over time, the Friends purchase many resources and pay for a wide range of experiences (eg 10-week music instrument tuition for all classes) that the school could not otherwise afford to fund. They also run discos, summer and Christmas fairs and other highlights of the calendar. This enriches the opportunities for all the children.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the successful running of Friends committee and events.

Whole School Assessment Outcomes 2023-24

We are delighted with the outcomes for our children in all measures. In almost all areas we are well above national (green dots on the data %) or exceptionally excellent (blue dots on the data %). These results are on our website.

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Results&pid=22>



Friends of Alexander Hosea School

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We are excited to introduce our new logo, which complements that school's vision statement, 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'. We hope you love it as much as we do!



Next FoAHS Meeting
Tuesday 1st October
7pm
School Library

Thank you to everyone who supported our very first Wonderlicious Chocolate Bar sale! We can confirm that all the golden tickets have been found!

ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS



Only 72 days left to sign up! From 2nd September to 30th November, every time you shop at Asda using the Rewards App, Asda will donate 0.5% of your purchase value to your chosen school. When you opt to support AHS, Asda will also contribute an extra £1 to the school's cash pot. Plus, they're giving every school a £50 starter boost!

RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION – THURSDAY 3rd

OCTOBER

ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT
POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:
Thursday 3rd October 2024

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Facebook icon, Twitter icon, QR code