

Newsletter 11, 3rd March 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled back in well after the half term break and many of them have started to earn the Be Curious awards. Along with housepoints, Teacher Awards, Values Certificates, the children are rewarded for excellent efforts and attitudes. This term's value is Be Curious.

Internet safety

For internet safety day, all classes engaged with some learning about staying safe online and years 4,5 and 6 had a One Day Active workshop to support their understanding.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on 6th March. We hope that the children enjoy the activities and the chance to dress up as a book character. If your child is interested, they can earn a Blue Peter Reading badge by completing a task online. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

PE tops – new!

These seem to have been delayed again, but Mrs Price is chasing them up and will let parents know when they are available

Staffing update

We are in the process of recruiting for our new Deputy Headteacher, as Mrs Windmill will be retiring at the end of the school year. We have received a lot of interest in the role and have every confidence of making a great appointment. Mrs Grainger and her husband are expecting their 4th child in the summer. Congratulations to them both. Mrs Scott (Family Support Worker) has decided to move on to pastures new and return to teaching. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Edwards and Ward staff update

Karen and Claire in the school kitchen are moving on to a bigger school. They have run the kitchen well over the years and we will be sad to see them go. We wish them all the best for the future. Edwards and Ward are recruiting for new staff for our kitchen.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 2 3rd March

- 3rd – Y5 Maths Competition
- 4th - Friends of AHS AGM
- 4th – Special pancake day menu
- 5th – Fire & Water safety session – Y6
- 5th – Tennis taster sessions
- 6th – World Book Day – dressing up & activities
- 6th – Music lessons Y2 & Y6
- 6th – Special World Book Day menu
- 7th – Pupil Council meeting

Week 3 10th March

- DHT interviews
- 14th – Y6 art trail work with visitor

Week 4 17th March

- 18th – Y2 & Y5 at the mosque
- 18th – Discos: Inf 4:15-5; ks2 5:15-6pm
- 19th March Y2 parent lunches

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for

Parent lunches

Parents/Grandparents of **Year 2 (Jet class)** are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 11.30am, maximum of 2 adults per child at a cost of £3.80 per adult, booking will be available through ScoPay in due course, further information to follow.

School trips

Recently Y4 spent a day in Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum to learn more about the Ancient Greeks. Y3 also visited Harry Potter World. We were extremely proud of all the children on the trips. They conducted themselves very well and made the most of the experiences. Thank you to the staff for organising the trips and accompanying them.

This term's Value



Special menus (see email from December for more information)

4th March – Pancake day puddings

6th March – World Book Day Harry Potter themed menu

31st March – Eid Al-Fitr

15th May – Eurovision themed menu

6th June – National fish and chip day

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

Transition to new PE uniform

At Parent Council we discussed the transition to the new PE uniform. The plan (as shared with parents in summer 2024) is that the old PE hoodies will phase out and be replaced with the new zip front tops. Many children have now started to wear the new style zip front tops and they look very smart (they are also easier to get on and off!).

We were hoping that the new blue PE t-shirts would have been available by now so that these can have started to phase in too, however there have been some delays from the supplier which has meant they are still not available. The expectation from September is that all children will wear the new kit on PE days, however children will not be punished for wearing the old uniform until they outgrow it.

We talked about how children will show their house colours for Sports Day (as the new tops are all school blue). We looked into the suggestion that we could provide coloured bibs for yellow, green and red houses and I am happy to say that Mrs Price has now sourced these and the Friends of AHS are kindly paying for them.

Named / labelled uniform

Please check your children's uniform and items coming into school for labels and names that may have washed out. We have a large amount of drinking bottles and uniform in lost property.

You can order new labels from Name Tag, where a donation of your order is contributed to Friends.

www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328

School discos

Thank you for all your help voting, we won a free disco with Party Peeps!

This will take place on Tuesday 18th March, thank you Friends for hosting.

KS1 4.15-5pm

KS2 4.15-6.15pm

Festival of Youth Dance

The AHS Dance Crew for the Festival of Youth Dance Competition took place on Tuesday 11th February. The children really enjoyed the experience and we were proud of them for representing the school so well.

Thank you, Mrs Sparks and Mrs Smith, for your support for the dance crew and to Swift Sport and DJ Bridgeo (disco man) for sponsoring the kit.



SPRING MENU COMMENCING 24 FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice
or Mild & Sweet Veggie Curry with Golden Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

THURSDAY

Italian Sausage Pasta Bake
or Penne with Vegeballs & Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Sultana Flapjack (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Custard Rice Pudding (V)

24/2/25, 17/3/25, 7/4/25, 28/4/25, 19/5/25,
9/6/25, 30/6/25, 21/7/25

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

Sausages with Mash & Gravy
or Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Iced Carrot Cake (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

Sweet & Sour Chicken Curry with Rice
or Mac & Cheese (V)
Veg of the Day
Apple Flapjack (Ve)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)

3/3/25, 24/3/25, 14/4/25, 5/5/25, 26/5/25,
16/6/25, 7/7/25

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

Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy
or Vegeballs with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Apple Sponge (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese
or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (V)

10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25,
23/6/25, 14/7/25

Choice of **Classic Tomato Pasta** and **Filled Jacket Potatoes** also available daily
along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurts, jelly and fresh drinking water.

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 or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>