

Newsletter 6, 29th November 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a great fortnight at school and there are definite signs of festivity. The trees are up and the children have started to practice for their Christmas performances. It is always a joy to hear the children sing. The diary dates for Christmas events are on this newsletter.

Next Friday (6th December), the staff will run stalls in the playground at the end of school (until 4pm), so that parents/carers can purchase the children's items for sale. There will also be a chocolate tombola with the donated chocolate from today and a few other stalls. We hope families will be able to join us.

Reception applications for Sept 2025 – Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2025. 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 2025**.

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

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 5

3rd Dec – Y5 visiting KLB
3rd Dec – Y4 ukulele concert to parents
5th Dec – Y5 at Techniquet
6th Dec – Class stalls in playground after school

Week 6

10th Dec – Y1/2 performance to parents am
10th Dec – Y3/4 performance to parents pm
11th Dec – Y6 nurse visit height & measure programme
12th Dec – Y3/4 performance to parents am
12th Dec – Y1/2 performance to parents pm
13th Dec – Newsletter

Week 7

16th Dec – Reception performance to parents am
16th Dec – Cup assembly
16th Dec – Y1 pirate day
16th Dec – Y5/6 service at church for parents - eve
17th Dec – Y5/6 service at church for parents pm
18th Dec – Christmas meal for children
20th Dec – Coffee and carols for parents am

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

Parent Council

Parent Council met last week. The minutes will be circulated soon and saved on the website.

Visits and visitors

The Y6 children were inspired by dissection sessions with students from Y12 at KLB. They learned fascinating information about the heart.

Y6 also visited the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol, where they took part in simulated real-life experiences.

Y1 visited the aquarium today as part of their project.

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>

This terms' Value



Uniform reminders

Jewellery – children are allowed to wear a (non-smart) watch to tell the time and one pair of stud earrings (no hoops). These must be able to be removed for PE, or covered with tape at home on PE days. No other jewellery is permitted.

Hair – all long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied up with a plain black, white, grey or blue band.

School shoes – all children are expected to wear school shoes on days when they do not have PE. On PE days, children need to wear trainers (preferably black, navy or white) – these should be sports-style rather than fashion-style.



UK Health
Security
Agency

Measles is circulating

- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up-to-date
- if you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) for more measles information

Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2023004. Download only resource www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak

18/12/24

CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY
with all the trimmings
or
MUSHROOM & SQUASH WELLINGTON (Ve)
with
ROAST POTATOES
FESTIVE VEG

CHRISTMAS COOKIE (Ve)

edwards and ward
a recipe for success

Allergies

As we have a number of children on site with nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. Please do not bring any items into school with nuts in them (this includes spreads like Nutella). Thank you.

Christmas events

I know it is very early to be thinking about Christmas, but Parent Council suggested that it would be helpful to have the dates for events as soon as possible to help working parents. Parents are invited to all the events below (except parties and Christmas lunch).

	Performances to parents	Project outcomes/ journal shares	Other dates for diaries
Topaz - Reception	Mon 16 th Dec 9:30am	Journal share at performance on 16 th Dec	
Ruby – Y1	Tues 10 th Dec 9:30am Thurs 12 th Dec 2:30pm	Mon 16 th Dec 2:45pm Pirate event and journal share	Tues 17 th Dec pm KS1 parties in hall – children bring small plate of food for themselves
Jet – Y2		Thurs 19 th Dec 2:45pm – fruit salad and journal share	
Crystal – Y3	Tues 10 th Dec 2pm Thurs 12 th Dec 9:30pm		
Diamond – Y4			Tues 3 rd Dec 9:30am Ukulele concert to parents
Opal – Y5	At Trinity Church: Mon 16 th Dec 6pm		
Pearl & Amethyst – Y6	Tues 17 th Dec 2pm		
Whole school		Many classes will be selling items they have made in class in the playground after school on 6 th Dec	Fri 6 th Dec Christmas class sales 3.30-4.00pm Fri 20 th Dec 9:15am Coffee morning with songs from all classes Wed 18 th Dec Christmas lunch



Friends of Alexander Hosea School

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Elfridge's Christmas Shop yesterday. A huge thank you must go to Sally and Sarah for hosting (and wrapping!) The children thoughtfully selected nearly 400 gifts between them. What an incredible effort!

RAFFLE PRIZES

If you're having a pre-Christmas clear out, please consider donating any good-quality, unwanted items to our raffle collection for the Christmas Coffee Morning. Alternatively, do you have connections to local businesses, or do you know someone who might be willing to contribute a prize? A collection box is available in the school Reception area.



COFFEE AND CAROLS

Please bring a lidded cup to 'Coffee and Carols' on Friday 20th December for hot drinks.



ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Only 1 more day to go with £118.83 raised so far! Simply signing up donates £1 each to the school.

