



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin  
23rd May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been fortunate this week to be away with the Year 6 children on their residential trip to Manor Adventure. Set in the Shropshire hills, we have been fortunate with the weather, avoiding the patchy rain and grey clouds down south. The children have been fantastic company, throwing themselves into the activities and challenging themselves even when things were tough. It's also great to see the children encouraging each other throughout the week, and they tell me they have enjoyed the food too. Thank you to Mrs G and Mrs Jackson, as well as the office team for all of the organisation. It's a big undertaking but well worth it.

Meanwhile, back at school the gates are being automated this week. It will mean that parents will have to buzz in for access during school hours.

On Wednesday we had a Summer Arts morning, where children took part in a round robin of art activities. Thank you for the TAs for supporting this and all of your hard work.

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 4s visited Batchwood tennis centre to take part in the mini-tennis competition. It sounds like they all enjoyed the day and improved their tennis skills. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for organising the group.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to support the summer festival in July. It is your support that makes these events the successes that they are. If you haven't managed to yet, there is still time. Either let the class reps know your availability or you can sign up for a slot here: <https://forms.office.com/e/RIYUdL1v8k>

Today we were delighted to be visited by Ellie Shipman, a former pupil who is now a published illustrator and working artist. She

shared some of her experiences at Aboyne, as well as the work she has created. If you are in touch with any ex-Aboyne pupils, who would like to come and share their experiences at school or what they have done since, we would love to invite them in.

Today our children wore purple for Juvenile idiopathic arthritis. This is an affliction that affects children throughout the country and can be painful and uncomfortable for them. Indeed one of our pupils suffers with JIA. Thank you for supporting a cause that is close to our own community.

And finally, many congratulations to Year 3 for their sharing assembly today. It sounds like it went really well and everyone enjoyed the pictures from Celtic Harmony.

Next week we have our half term break. Have a lovely holiday whatever you are up to, and we look forward to seeing you all back on June 2nd.

Best wishes,

Mr Smithard

### Dates for your diary

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May—Half Term School Closed

Wednesday 4th June - Y6 Boys Football Tournament at Bownmansgreen

Thursday 5th June—Y4 Inspire & Engage Tag Rugby Event

Thursday 5th June—ALSA Grow a pound Market after school

Friday 6th June—Humanist Assembly

Tuesday 10th June—Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium (all year groups )

Tuesday 10th June—Y6 Land of the Monks Trail at Cathedral (PM)

Wednesday 11th June—Y5 Phasels Wood overnight trip

Friday 13th & Monday 16th June—INSET DAYS School Closed

Tuesday 17th June—District Sports at Westminster Lodge (Details TBC)

Wednesday 18th June—Y1 to Hertfordshire Zoo Trip

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

Thursday 10th July—Transition Day

Friday 11th July—Sports Day (Timings TBC)

Monday 21st July—Y6 Trip to the Sky Studios, Elstree (pm)

Wednesday 23rd July—End of the school year 1.30pm

## ALSA Notices

Deadline looming!

### **Tales of Aboyne Book**

Want to help commemorate 75 years of Aboyne Lodge by sharing a short story or poem about your time at the school?

Past or present teachers, students or parents can submit up to 250 words in either story or poem format, ideally along with a sketch, illustration or photo. And help spread the word by telling members of the community!

Email your submission to the school office ASAP. Typed out submissions preferable although we will accept hand-written.


### Other forthcoming dates for your diaries:

#### **Bake sales**

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

### **Grow a pound—Market Day Friday 16th May & Thursday 5th June after school**



**GROW A POUND**  
**TO HELP US CLIMB!**

This term ALSA are inviting our budding entrepreneurs to participate in our GROW A POUND CHALLENGE  
Proceeds will go towards a new climbing boulder for the playground!  
The children will receive £1 from our PTA funds. We challenge you to use your creativity to come up with a way of using that £1 to make money towards the climbing boulder.

**IDEAS**

**Odd Jobs:** Use your money to buy some cleaning items or borrow some gardening gloves, charge your family and friends for your weeding/cleaning services.

**Growing seedlings:** use your money to buy some veg or flower seeds/bulbs and them off for your keen gardening family, friends or neighbours

**Cake Sale:** Combine your £1 with friends and buy ingredients to do some baking and then sell what you make

**Arts & Crafts:** Use your funds to buy crafts to make greetings cards, bookmarks, pictures or bracelets – set up a stall to sell them!

**Exercise counts:** a sponsored run or walk is a great way to dust off the running trainers, borrow a skipping rope and do a sponsored skip-a-thon!

**HOW TO RETURN PROFITS**  
Donate profits to the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/4ixSBDW>

**Note for parents/guardians:** This initiative is optional, and if you and your child do not wish to partake, please return the £1 in the same envelope to your teacher or the office. Thank you.

**For parents and guardians of children who use the £1 fundraising within the community, we thank you in advance for supervising your children with this and for supporting our fundraising.**

All profits to ALSA, ABOYNE LODGE SCHOOL, AL3 5NL REGISTERED CHARITY 1044678