



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin  
6th June 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week began with a visit from one of our former pupils, who came here in the seventies and went on to host her own radio show. It was great to show JoJo around and we are hopeful she will be visiting again to share her story with the children.

Also this week, the Year 4 children have been working hard to complete the times tables check. For those of you in the earlier years, this is when children complete an online test to check their times tables knowledge up to 12 x 12. As children get into Year 5, the need for rapid recall in times tables becomes really important as topics move to more complex elements of maths including fractions, percentages and ratio so it is a really important skill for children to learn. It does take time and practice, so very well done to the children for their hard

work.

On Wednesday we had a Recycling assembly delivered by HCC, which was followed by a work shop for the Eco-team. Also on Wednesday, our Year 6 footballers qualified for the St Columba's tournament on Saturday, beating Maple and Bowmans Green to qualify just behind Fleetville for the finals. Congratulations to the team and good luck on Saturday morning. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for looking after the team and Mr Hendler for being there on Saturday.

Despite the wet weather on Thursday it was great to see the entrepreneurs selling their wares at the Grow a Pound market after school. Thank you to the parents who stood in the rain supporting and those of you who stopped and shopped as you walked past. Thank you.

Today we had Panos Fellas from

the Humanists come in to talk to the children in assembly and do a Q&A with the Year 5 and 6 children. He talked about the importance of being kind to each other and some of his beliefs. We are always looking for people to come in and share their religious beliefs or stories with the children. If you know someone who would like to come in and talk to the children please get in touch.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to help at the festival. The numbers are starting to grow but we still need your help. If you can spare a little time, even just half an hour please fill in the form and come along. We'll be in touch with the people who have signed up shortly with more details of the plan for the day.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/RIYuLdlv8k>

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

### Dates for your diary

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

Thursday 12th June— Y6 Primary Oracy Showcase at Samuel Ryder (Details to be emailed)

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

Monday 30th June—Music Assembly 10.15am (Y1 & Y2)

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

Monday 7th July—Music Assembly 10am (Y3, Y4 and Choir)

Thursday 10th July—Transition Day

Friday 11th July—Sports Day (Timings TBC)

Monday 14th July—Music Assembly 10am Y5, Y6 & Orchestra

Wednesday 16th July—Y5/Y6 Performance to families 1.30pm and 6.30pm

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

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



## ALSA Notices

### Forthcoming dates for your diaries:

#### **Bake sales**

Y1 bake sale – 20 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

# **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