



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

9th May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we shared the news of the change of PE top from September. My hope is that this change will mean the PE tops are more comfortable, easier to wash and hold their colour, far better than the current one. The new tops will be available to buy at the end of the term ready for September. The current style will remain part of the uniform for at least another year.

We also saw the delivery of the climbing boulder to the playground. The groundworks are now completed and it is open for the children to play on. Many thanks to all of our parents and ALSA for their amazing support. The changes to the playground over the last term or so wouldn't have happened without the help of our parent community. Thank you!

The children in Year 2 have now started the Lego League at the library where the children work through a series of tasks and Lego building challenges. This is the third year that we have been part of the programme, which supports the children's creativity, communication and teamwork.

I do have a little moan this week - several cars in the carpark have been scraped by other vehicles of late, with the perpetrators driving away from the scene. I appreciate there is a temptation to use the carpark when the main gates are open at school drop off and pick up, however parking is very limited. There has also been occasions staff have not been able to park due to parents taking the spaces. The gates are due to be automated again in the next few weeks but in the meantime please do not park in the school carpark unless you have permission to do so - for example before school club.

Congratulations to the swimming team who came second in the St Albans schools Gala a few weeks ago, especially to Mrs Hobbs for giving the time at the weekend to support.

Next week the Year 6 children are completing their SATs tests. Please wish them all the best. SATs capture Maths and English skills on a day. Nothing more. They are a fantastic bunch of children with abilities and skills in all sorts of areas, they are kind supportive creative and curious in lots of different ways. All things that can't be measured in a test. We wish them all the very best, and very are proud of the work they have put in what ever happens.

Finally, good luck to the girls football team tomorrow who are taking part in a tournament at St Columba's! Thank you again to Mrs Hobbs for attending with the girls!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Smithard

**Dates for your diary**

Saturday 10th May—Y6 Girls Football Tournament at St Columba's

Monday 12th to Friday 26th May—Y6 SATS Week

Tuesday 13th May—Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Thursday 15th May—Y4 Trip to Welwyn Roman Baths & Mill Green Museum

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May—Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure

Wednesday 21st May —Y4 Mini Tennis Event @ Batchwood

Friday 23rd May—Y3 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

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

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

Friday 11th July—Sports Day (Timings TBC)

## **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**

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

### **Grow a pound**



**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