



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

16th May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week The Year 6s have been hard at work completing the National Curriculum Tests for KS2. They have worked really hard and we are very proud of the efforts they have put in. Next week they are off to a well-earned trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire for a week of outdoor adventurous activities. Thank you to the Year 6 team for their hard work.

This week the Governing Body met and we are pleased to announce two new parent Governors. Matt Fincham and Mike McCarthy have joined the board. Thank you to both of them for putting themselves forward. They both bring experience and expertise in their relative fields that will really help to support the school and keep moving it forward. You can find information about the Governors,

who they are and the important work they do for the school on the website.  
<https://www.aboyne.herts.sch.uk/governors>

This week I sent out a message about help for the Summer festival on Saturday 5th July. Thank you to those who have already put yourselves forward. We really need your help and support to make it the best day possible for the children and families, even by giving up an hour it makes a huge difference. You can volunteer to help by completing the form on the link below—we really appreciate the help.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RIYuLdlv8k>

We had two trips out of school this week. Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony, travelling back in time to the stone age. They built shelters, looked at

original artefacts and learned about hunting and gathering food. Meanwhile, Year 4 visited the Roman Baths at Welwyn and the Water Mill, which included dressing as Roman soldiers, exploring ancient artefacts and learning different crafts. Thanks you to the staff for arranging the trips and the parents for coming with us.

Also this week the Eco-team visited an local allotment. They had a lovely time looking at the bees, flowers and frogs and discussing the importance of green spaces for people, as well as how to grow veg. Thank you to Lizzie Norton-Henry for taking us there.

And finally thank you to all of the entrepreneurs who grew their pound. All the children have done brilliantly.

Have a great weekend!

### Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 21st May —Y4 Mini Tennis Event @ Batchwood

Friday 23rd May—Wear Purple for JIA

Friday 23rd May—Y3 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

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—Y6 Land of the Monks Trail at Cathedral

Wednesday 11th June—Y5 Phasels Wood overnight trip

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

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

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