



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 9th December '22



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather turned this week, with icy conditions hitting St Albans. Please be careful as you come in to the school, especially on the green surface where parents drop off. It gets very slippery there.

This week we had our first B Team match of the season against Alban City. The team, which included a few of our Year 4 children did fantastically well, winning 4 -2. Very well played to the team.

In the girls football, we had another good win. This time it was in the cup against St Alban and St Stephen. Jocelyn scored 5 as we moved into the next round winning 6—2. Well played to the girls.

On Monday, we had some Christmas Carol themed drama workshops for Key Stage 2. It sounds like the children thoroughly enjoyed them.

Thursday was Save the Children's Christmas jumpers Day, where children were able to wear their Christmas Jumpers from home as well as their school ones. Thank

You for all of the kind donations to what is a very good cause.

This week we held our KS1 Nativity performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens'. The children did amazingly well, acting and singing beautifully. There was a fantastic turnout by parents to support. Congratulations to all of the pupils on a brilliant performance. Many thanks to Mrs. Blay, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Yates for their help with the set, and also to the TAs and teachers for all of their hard work.

It is the Christmas Fair this weekend. Many apologies, but I am struggling to get there this time — having two teenage daughters who dance, means that I have a timetable clash at the same time as the fair. Thank you to ALSA and the rest of the community for your continued help and support with raising valuable funds for the school. I hope the weather is kind and everyone has a great time.

Have a good weekend. Hopefully we'll all have another England win to celebrate on Saturday.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Smithard

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES  
*(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)*

Bella (Y6) Darren (Y5) Joseph (Y4)  
Nico (Y3) Ruby (Y2) Heidi (Y1)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY—  
congratulations to these children  
who have gone 'over and above' this  
week

Aryana, Quinn, Posy, Ashvin, Evelyn,  
Niamh

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 10th Dec—Christmas Fair—1230—  
230pm

Mon 12th Dec—Waste Aware Work-  
shops and Assesmbly

Tues 13th Dec—Year 5 sharing assembly  
with the Police.

Weds 14th Dec—Reception Christmas  
Singing Assembly

Thu 15th Dec—Y5/6 party

Fri 16th Dec—Year 1/2 party

**Hamish and the World Stopper**  
by Danny Wallace  
Recommended by Elodie (Y4)



“What would you do if the whole world just stopped? Yes. THE WHOLE WORLD. Birds in the air. Planes in the sky. And every single person on the planet—expect you.”

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

School Dinners

Please remember to book your dinners before the 9am deadline on the day. There are still occasions where children are coming in asking for food that hasn't been ordered.

Reporting an Absence

If reporting an absence due to illness, please email or phone the school office by 9am on the day.

If you need to request an authorized absence in advance, then please complete the Absence Request form which can be found on our website:

[Forms | Aboyne Lodge | St Albans](#)

What to do if you need help?

As the cold weather hits, there are some families who are struggling to afford heating or need a little bit of extra help to get by. Herts Help have a dedicated website and support line for families who need help or don't know where to turn in a number of different situations including help with the cost of living. Visit <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx> for more information.

Herts Help are a network of community organisations in Hertfordshire working together.

They are here to listen and help you find independent support, guidance and information you need to get the most out of life.

Call them on **0300 123 4044** or email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)

They are available on Monday - Friday, 8am – 6pm and Saturday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm

