



ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

25th Apr 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

To begin with I'd like to wish you all a very warm welcome back. I hope that all of our families had a well earned rest and enjoyable holiday.

Working at the school for the next three weeks, are Anjali and Adrijaa from the [Key Education Foundation](#), Bangalore. KEF are an NGO working to develop early years teaching in Government schools in their region, developing the curriculum and supporting local teachers. These are schools for children from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds, moving to a play based model rather than a traditional Victorian system of teaching. I was fortunate to go out to India last summer with the [Helga Todd Foundation](#), a charity focused on improving teaching across developing countries, and see some of the

fantastic work they are doing. Please say hello and give them a warm welcome if you see them.

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 children took part in the St Albans 6-aside tournament at Wheatfields School. We were placed in a very tough group but the children performed well against some much larger schools, with Fleetville going through to the next stages. Well played to all of the team.

The climbing boulder works have begun over the Easter holiday, with the area currently partitioned off awaiting completion. We are hoping that it will be completed in the next few weeks, ready for the children to enjoy.

The mud kitchen and water trays are now in the playground. If you have any spare containers, funnels or old

pots and pans you don't want or use, please send them in. We will make use of them.

Good luck to the Swimming Team on Saturday taking part in the St Albans School's Gala at Herts Sports Village. It should be an enjoyable event.

It looks like the weather is going to get up to the mid-20s next week. The children will be outside so please put sun cream on them and remember to pack a hat. I don't mind children wearing sunglasses, however please don't send them in expensive pairs as they are the type of thing that gets easily damaged or broken.

And finally, there are a couple of Dojo messages to look out for about PE kits and "No mow May".

Have a great weekend!

Keith Smithard

Dates for your diary

Saturday 26th April—St Albans Primary Schools Swimming Gala (Y6)

Monday 28th April—'Open the book' Whole School Assembly

Monday 28th April—Y2 Lego League first session (runs weekly until end of term)

Monday 28th April—Friday 2nd May April—Y6 Mock SATS Week

Monday 5th May—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

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

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

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