



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 15th December '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This is likely to be the last weekly bulletin of the year, with our last day happening on Wednesday 20th Dec. Please remember that we finish at 1:30pm on that day.

Next week, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Clinton, our longest serving teacher, who is moving on after 25 years at the school. Ruth has given almost half of her life to Aboyne Lodge, working tirelessly as a class teacher then as our SENCO. She will be very much missed, but we wish her the very best of luck in her new role at Oaklands College.

This week started with our Orchestra Assembly, where they played a range of Christmas tunes to the school. The orchestra is really starting to come together and are playing more complex pieces—well done to all of the children involved. Next Monday is our last music assembly and it is the turn of the Year 5 and 6 musicians.

On Wednesday we had the whole school Christmas Dinner, where the children sat down together, pulled a cracker and celebrated together. Many thanks to Zena and the Herts Catering team for their hard work. From next term we are going to try to reverse the line order week to week so that the children at the back get more chances to be at the front.

On Thursday, we had our Y5 mini-police assembly. Well done to the children who spoke clearly and shared their knowledge with the school. Thank you to the Police who are planning to come back and work with us again next year.

Also on Thursday, we had our trip to the Alban Arena to enjoy the panto version of Peter Pan. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed the show. Thank you to the office team for organising the trip and all of the staff and parents who came along to support.

Congratulations to the Reception children who performed their Christmas Extravaganza. For such young children they did brilliantly well and sang brilliantly.

We also had the Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance today. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves on the stage. Congratulations to all of the children and many thanks to the staff for their hard work with both the Reception and Key Stage 1 shows.

That leaves me to say thank you to all the staff, governors and volunteers for all your hard work this year, it is very much appreciated. I would also like to wish them and all of our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I really appreciate all of your support and hope that you all have a relaxing holiday and well earned rest.

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

**The Witches  
by Roald Dahl  
Recommended by Ruby Y3**

BOOK OF THE WEEK



"One child a week is fifty-two a year.  
Squish them and squiggle them and  
make them disappear."

**Dates For Your Diary**

Mon 18th Dec @ 10am - Year 5/6 Musicians Assembly

Weds 20th Dec @ 1:30pm - END OF TERM

Thursday 4th Jan - SPRING TERM BEGINS

Mon 15th Jan - Girls Football V St Adrians

Thurs 18th Jan - County Court Judge Visit

Mon 22nd Jan - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Monday 29th Jan - The Mayor of St Albans Assembly

Thursday 1st Feb - Young Voices Concert (Time TBC)

Mon 5th to 9th Feb - Feeling Good Week

Tuesday 6th Feb - E-Safety Day

Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd - SPRING HALF TERM

**End of Term Gallery**

