



ABOYNE LODGE

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Weekly Bulletin

4th July 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been a hot one this week, with temperatures topping out at 32 degrees on Monday. Before things got too hot Year 6 went down to the Westminster Lodge Beach volleyball courts to enjoy taking part in a new sport. It sounds like they had a great time learning the game and playing. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for taking the children down there.

Over the past few years we have been working closely with the Knowledge Schools Trust English Hub to develop Early Reading and phonics. We are now officially a Graduated English Hub Partner School. Thank you to Mrs Noonan and all of the staff who support Early Reading for their incredibly hard work.

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 took part in a STEM Microbit coding workshop, where they used Microbits to solve problems and program Bit:Bot buggies. It sounds like the children

did extremely well and enjoyed the challenge.

Also this week the KS1 children had a chance to perform their instruments in front to the school and their parents. We were also treated to a performance of the piano and flute from our music teachers, Ms Dore and Ms Bultitude. Very well done to all the children for a fantastic performance.

On Thursday, a small group of Year 6 children were fortunate enough to visit the Championships at Wimbledon. This is the second year that we have managed to get a small number of tickets for the schools ballot and the children had a fantastic time watching some of the world's best players, as well as eating strawberries and cream, and sitting on the famous Henman Hill. Hopefully we can get lucky with the draw again next year.

Today we had a visit from the library who have kick started their summer reading challenge

Children can sign up for free at any local library. For this years challenge, children have to read 6 books of their choice from the library over the summer. Once they have read all six books and completed the challenge, children will receive a personalised certificate and a medal, whilst stocks last. They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to a creative, interactive workshop with Sean Taylor, an award-winning author.

This weekend is the 75th Anniversary Summer Festival. Can I say a very big thank you to all the parents and staff coming in to help. Without you giving up the time, these events can't go ahead. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday from 2—5 for what should be a really enjoyable afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete 2pm—5pm (see on the next page how you can help!)

Monday 7th July—Music Assembly 10am (Y3, Y4 and Choir)

Tuesday 8th July—YR to Woodside Animal Park visit

Wednesday 9th July—Open Evening 3.30pm to 5pm

Thursday 10th July—National Transition Day—Y6 to new schools

Friday 11th July—Sports Day Timings: EYFS/KS1 10am-11.30am and KS2 1.30pm to 3pm

Monday 14th July—Music Assembly 10am Y5, Y6 & Orchestra

Monday 14th July— Smart phone information evening

Tuesday 15th July—September Reception Parents RWI Meeting 9.10am

Wednesday 16th July—Settling in sessions (YR September)

Wednesday 16th July—Transition session to new classes

Wednesday 16th July—Y5/Y6 Performance to families 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Friday 18th July—Y4 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 21st July—Y6 Trip to the Sky Studios, Elstree (pm)

Tuesday 22nd July—Whole School Picnic at Normandy Road

Wednesday 23rd July—End of the school year 1.30pm

ALSA Notices

Forthcoming dates for your diaries:

YR bake sale – 4 July

Aboyne Lodge Summer Fair Celebrating 75years!

But we need your help!

Friday 4th July—non uniform day in exchange for a bottle of something nice that you would like to win for the **Bottle Tombola** (Please hand in to the office!)

Pocket Money Toys—please bring in new pocket money type toys for the pocket money game stall. Please bring into the class room—the class with the most toys will win an extra playtime!

Preloved soft toys & toys! - (*in good clean condition only please*) for the second hand toy and soft toy stall. Can be brought to the office from today

Cake Stall—if you can please bake a cake/s for the cake stall! Please let your class rep know if you can help!

Volunteers—we still need lots of people to help out on the day to make it a success. Please let your class rep or the school office know if you can help in any way!

Thank you so much, your help and support is always appreciated.

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