



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 13th December '24



Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week's bulletin didn't go out due to the Christmas Fair taking place on Friday, so there are lots of events and happenings to share this week. To begin with thank you for all your support with the Fair last Friday - we had parents come in to set up, look after the stalls and tidy up at the end, as well as donate toys, bottles and spend lots of money. Thank you for everyone who contributed in some way. ALSA make a huge difference to the school, and it is thanks to our parents for making this happen. We are in the process of developing the playground at the moment, and it is largely thanks to you helping us enable these changes to happen.

Our football and netball teams have been in action over the last few weeks, with the games coming thick and fast. Last week the girls played Alban City, the Year 6s have been over at Camp and Year 5s at home playing against Samuel Ryder and Alban City. It

is great to see all of the teams doing well, enjoying playing sport and both winning and losing with grace. Well done to all the teams.

Last week our fencers put in another brilliant performance, with Isaac winning the Year 6 team event singlehandedly and Belle and George coming 6th in the Year 3/4 event. This is fantastic, as the competition that included more than 50 schools. Congratulations. If your child is interested in fencing please contact the office.

This week we have had the pleasure of watching the Key Stage 1 Christmas play. Written by the teachers, it was a journey through Christmas around the world. The children were amazing, sang beautifully and acted their socks off. Thank you for all of the audience support, the staff for all their hard work and of course, the children for being so brilliant.

On Tuesday the children went to the panto in Harpenden. There was lots of cheering,

booing, dancing and calls of 'he's behind you'. Thank you to all the parents who came a long to help.

It is our 75th anniversary next year. We are looking for past pupils who are willing to share stories or pictures of days gone by, and if they are able, come in and speak to the children about their experiences. We have drafted a social media message to be shared, and would really appreciate it if you could add to your socials to help spread the word:

Celebrating 75 Incredible Years

@aboyne\_lodge

If you are someone who attended or worked at Aboyne Lodge over the past 75 years we would love to hear from you. We are looking for old photos, books or stories about the school and would also welcome visits from ex-pupils or staff who are willing to share their school experiences with the current children. If that is you, or you know someone who came here, please get in touch. [admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk)

#75Years #StAlbans #SchoolAnniversary  
#SchoolCommunity #LifelongLearning

Next week is the last week of term, we have parties going on and Electric Umbrella too. Have a great weekend!

\*\*\*\*\*ALSA notices \*\*\*\*\*

A big thank you to all families and teaching staff for helping make Aboyne's Christmas Fair a success and great fun too.

Thank you also to local businesses for their donations to our Christmas raffle, including Aldenham Country Park for their donation of a family pass and free parking.

Aldenham makes for a great family day out and they often run themed events throughout the seasons, such as their current Winter Fest. Check out the attachment for further details or find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/3r7axxp8>

However, if you were not able to make it, please consider donating to our Just Giving page. We are currently trying to raise money to buy lots of exciting equipment for the outside area to make playtimes much more engaging.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-jones-1731496261796?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fclare-jones-1731496261796&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-jones-1731496261796?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fclare-jones-1731496261796&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

In other news, ALSA are planning to launch a book entitled Tales of Aboyne in Easter 2025 to mark the school's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Both past and present pupils – or parents – are invited to submit up to 250 words of either a story of their time at the school or a poem along with a photo, illustration or simple sketch.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

To make a submission, send your word document and image to: [admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk)

Dates for your diary up until end of term

Monday 16th December—Y5/Y6 Christmas Party AM

Monday 16th December—Electric Umbrella Christmas performance 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th December—Music Assembly ( Y3 & Y4 musicians parents invited)  
10am

Tuesday 17th December—YR Christmas Performance to school 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December—YR Christmas Performance to parents 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December—Y1 Christmas Party (See Dojo for more details)

Wednesday 18th December—Y3/Y4 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 19th December—Y2 Christmas Party PM

Friday 20th December—Choir Singing Assembly 9am parents invited

**Friday 20th December—End of Term 1.30pm**

Monday 6th January—INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 7th January—Spring Term begins