



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

7th March 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

With the mornings getting lighter and the Daffodils coming out on the front lawn, It feels like Spring has Sprung.

This week was book week and we were very fortunate on Monday to have one of our former parents, Rachel Blok, come into school and do some writing workshops with KS2. As part of the day, Rachel provided 4 £10 vouchers as a prize for writing the 'best' story. Congratulations to Rita, Indy, George H and Bobby M. Rachel has written a number of fiction books based in St Albans and are well worth a read <https://www.rachaelblok.com/>

On Tuesday, one of our current parents (and author) Jennifer Sprinks also visited classes to do a writing workshop with our younger children. Jennifer's books are aimed at younger children. She has kindly offered a 40% discount on her books until 31st March. Please visit her website [jennifersprinks.co.uk](http://jennifersprinks.co.uk) and use the

code AI2025

I am pleased to say that it is looking increasingly likely that Apple Daycare will be opening their doors after Easter. They are offering some open Days in April for families who are looking for a nursery setting. Please take a look at their [website](#) for more details.

The Governors are running their annual parent survey. Your insight as parents is incredibly valuable to help the school continue to improve, it is anonymous and doesn't take to long to complete. Please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/4LX4KOGPN6> by 21st March.

We are still looking for contributions to the Tales of Aboyne book and welcome, stories, poems or anecdotes about the school. If you have a funny story to tell or would like to contribute, please submit them to the office.

Next week, the plan is to introduce some new

equipment to the playground and going forward, some of the areas will include water and mud. If your child wants to play in the messier areas of the playground, we will be expecting them to wear wellies and an appropriate coat. The cheap, plastic ponchos are great or for younger ones (if you have them) play suits. Essentially, we want the children to enjoy and explore the playground but not ruin their clothes in the process.

Last night I was at Oaklands College for the St Albans Dance Festival. I was really impressed with the all the children, who did fantastically well. Thank you to Sarah Briscoe for all her help and support.

And lastly, there are lots of little bits in bags this evening - photo slips and book tokens.

Have a great weekend!

### Dates for your diary

Monday 10th March – Netball vs Killigrew (A)

Monday 10th—Monday 17th March—Science Week

Thursday 13th March—Y5/Y6 Quicksticks Hockey Event

Monday 17th March -- Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal to school only 10am TBC

Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 1.45pm

Girls Football vs Skyswood (A)

Tuesday 18th March - Y5/Y6 Girls Indoor Athletics Finals in Ware (AM)

Y4 Rapid Fire ricket Finals in Ware (PM)

Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 6pm

Thursday 20th March—Cross Country at Gardenfields

Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day—please see separate letter

Monday 24th March— Y5 Moving Toys Workshop

Netball vs Cunningham Hill (H)

Wednesday 26th March—Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 27th March—Y6 Football vs Skyswood (A)

Friday 28th March—ALSA Drag Bingo 7pm

Tuesday 1st April—ELSA Study

Wednesday 2nd April—Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Friday 4th April—End of Term 1.30pm

ALSA Easter Egg Hunt 2pm

## 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:

Mother's Day (Friday, 28 March) Donations to be collected from 10 March

Killer Queen Bingo is back by popular demand & guaranteed to blow your mind...

Friday 28th March 730-1130

£25 pp inc welcome drink

An invitation you can't decline with dynamite & laser beam disco

Hosted again by the sensational Crystal, star of RuPaul's Drag Race, Bestival, Corporate gigs at Amazon & Google & of course 2024 Aboyne School Hall

Strictly over 18s- expect cheeky humour

Tickets strictly limited so secure your spot on Gateway NOW. Last year was a sellout.

### **Bake sales**

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

