



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 1st December '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week the Year 6 pupils went off to St Albans Abbey for the annual school's carol service. I am told that the children sang beautifully and were a credit to the school. Emily did a particularly good job in her role as the Innkeeper, speaking clearly and confidently in front of the packed cathedral.

Year 2 had their last Lego league session at the Library this week. The children are given a series of tasks where they build different structures during the afternoon. The focus is on team work and communication. The class tell me that a famous singer came in to entertain them this week, with the children building the items that she needed for her next concert. It was also great to see some of the parents there.

The girl's football team were in action on Tuesday against How Wood. It was a tight game with How Wood just coming out on top 3 - 0.

This morning we had our first music assembly of the year, with some of our cellist and pianist performing in front of the school. Well done to all the children who played beautifully.

This morning the children took part in a Christmas arts morning, where they worked together across the year groups taking part in different art and design activities. We have also had lots of parents here who were helping prepare for the Christmas Fair - we are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair this evening. Thank you for giving up your time. I know it is a lot of work but we really do appreciate the support.

And lastly, I have some sad news for the school. Amanda Handley, one of our Year 6 teachers, has made the decision to retire in the May half term. She is seeing the class through the SATs tests but will then be off enjoying the sunshine and a well deserved holiday. She has worked at Aboyne for 20 + years and will

be very much missed. I will keep you updated on staffing for 2024-25 as the year progresses.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes, Keith Smithard.

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Sienna (Y6) Ashvin (Y5) Joseph (Y4)  
Ruby (Y3) Asher (Y1)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1st Dec - ALSA Christmas Fair

Mon 4th Dec - Netball V St Albans High School

Tues 5th Dec - Christmas SEN Coffee and Chat

Fri 8th Dec—Y3/4 Music Assembly.

Mon 11th Dec—Y5/6 party

Mon 11th Netball v Fleetville (A)

Tue 12th Dec—KSI Dress rehearsal

**How to Train Your Dragon  
by Cressida Cowell  
Recommended by Aryana Y2**

BOOK OF THE WEEK



"I'm telling you Hiccup," the Wodensfang was saying, "you can stop this stupid war, and save the dragons and humans from extinction..."

**Messages from the office**

**Orchards**

Please remember to book your Breakfast and After-school sessions.

For short notice bookings, please email Sharon Jackson on [orchards@aboyne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:orchards@aboyne.herts.sch.uk)

**School Dinners**

School dinners can be booked up to 10 weeks in advance.

Please make sure orders are placed by 9am on the day.

**RED CROSS**

The donations page is open on gateway

St Albans & District  
**foodbank**

**Reverse**

**ADVENT CALENDAR**

*Christmas Appeal*

Christmas can be a difficult time for many, especially for those living on a tight budget. With increased winter fuel bills alongside the seasonal pressures many will find themselves in food crisis.

*Can you help someone this year?*

For 25 days, **from Tuesday 21st November**, please could you donate an item daily from the list below. Pop it in a box or bag and drop it off to our warehouse by **Friday 15th December**. Your donation will help someone in need and make a really big difference this Christmas.

*And if you want to start earlier please do so!*  
Should you wish to make a cash donation, please pay via our website (see above) or by texting 70085 using STAFBXMAS nn where nn is the amount (texts cost your donation amount plus TWO standard network rate messages)

**WAREHOUSE OPENING TIME**  
Tuesday: 12:00 - 15:00  
Thursday: 11:00 - 13:00  
Friday: 12:00 - 15:00

**WAREHOUSE ADDRESS**  
Unit 3 Redbourn Industrial Estate  
Redbourn  
AL3 7LG  
[stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

*Thank you!*  
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21 Nov	Custard
22 Nov	Long Life Fruit Juice
23 Nov	Sponge Pudding / Desserts
24 Nov	Festive Biscuit
25 Nov	UHT Milk
26 Nov	Cooking Sauce
27 Nov	Long Life Fruit Juice
28 Nov	Jam or Spread
29 Nov	UHT Milk
30 Nov	Tinned Soup
1 Dec	Long Life Fruit Juice
2 Dec	Cooking Sauce
3 Dec	Nuts
4 Dec	Tinned Rice Pudding
5 Dec	Tinned Peas / Sweetcorn
6 Dec	UHT Milk
7 Dec	Christmas Chocolates / Sweets
8 Dec	Cooking Sauce
9 Dec	Noodles
10 Dec	Long Life Fruit Juice
11 Dec	Tinned Soup
12 Dec	Festive Biscuits/Chocolates
13 Dec	UHT Milk
14 Dec	Cooking Sauce
15 Dec	A non perishable food item of your choice <b>No mince pies, please! No alcohol</b>

