

Albemarle Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Head's Message

Working in close partnership with our families makes such a difference to the children, and it was lovely to see so many of you at the recent pupil review meetings. These conversations about how your child has settled, their next steps, and how you can support at home are incredibly valuable.

A big focus for us this term is reading. Please keep reading with your child regularly, especially reading aloud together and enjoying bedtime stories. In KS1, practising number bonds to 10 and 20, and counting confidently in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s really supports fluency. In KS2, regular practice of multiplication tables has a huge impact on children's confidence in maths.

As the evenings are drawing in, please help us keep all children safe by ensuring they are collected promptly and are aware of road safety. With the weather turning wetter and colder, do also make sure they come to school with a warm coat.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

"When home and school walk side by side, every child's path grows brighter."

Kind regards

Mrs Emilie Haston

Headteacher

Please can we remind children to not ride scooters / bikes once on school site. Please remind them to dismount before entering the school gates.



Lateness and absence:

Please can we ensure that if you are running late in the mornings to drop your child/ren off, or your child/ren will be absent, then you are either calling the school office or emailing before 9am. You can also report these yourself via the Arbor app. To call, its 02087883170 or email us via info@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Please can you make sure you are bringing your child into the school building and signing them in when late, whichever side they are on. Please do not leave them at the gate. This also applies if you are running late to collect your child/ren after school.

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Notices

A reminder that every child should bring a book bag to school every day.



We love being able to take our pupils out on trips and visits because these experiences bring learning to life. To make sure all trips can go ahead safely, we need enough adults to meet the required supervision ratios.

While we always aim to take school staff, it is not always possible to release teachers and support staff from other classes. That is why we rely on our wonderful families to volunteer and help.

If you are able to support on a trip, please let your child's class teacher know. Without sufficient adult support, unfortunately some visits may need to be cancelled.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and make these exciting opportunities possible.

This week, all staff at Albemarle received new high-visibility jackets to wear during playground duty and on school trips. When the adults wear them, it makes it easier for children to quickly spot an adult if they need help during playtime.

We also now have high-visibility jackets for all pupils to wear when they go out on trips. These help keep children safe and include the school's phone number, providing an extra layer of security should a child become separated from the group.

The PTA funded these so a huge thank you to the PTA and the Albemarle community for their fundraising efforts.



This year, Albemarle marked Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day, celebrating the idea that our differences make us unique. Children (and adults!) embraced the message that we all have an inner superpower — and that we can use it to make a positive difference. We decorated our own colourful socks, which are now displayed around the school as a daily reminder of this important message. Each class also created its own "missions," teaming up to combine their strengths and spread kindness, respect, and positivity throughout the school.





Keeping children and families safe

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. We are a supportive and compassionate community, and we want every child and family to feel safe and get the support they need. With this in mind, please do contact us without delay if:

- you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or family in the Albemarle community
- you and your family are struggling and would like support or advice e.g. around mental health, domestic abuse, housing or homelessness, financial difficulties

You can speak to a member of the safeguarding team on the gate, arrange a meeting via the school office, or email safeguarding@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk

More information on our safeguarding policy, useful contacts, and advice if you have a concern can be found on our school website: https://www.albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk/safeguarding







Remembrance Day Assembly





Dates for your diary

Monday 1 st December	Y1 RE church trip	St Paul's Church
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y2 zoo trip	London Zoo
Monday 8 th December 2.30pm	Y1/2 Topaz and Amber Winter Performances	Lower School Hall
Tuesday 9 th December 9.30am	Y1/2 Topaz and Amber Winter Performances	Lower School Hall
Tuesday 9 th December 2.30pm	Y4/5 Brass performance for parents	Upper School Hall
Wednesday 10 th December 9.30am	Early Years Opal and Ruby Winter Performance	Lower School Hall
Wednesday 10 th December 12.30pm	Y1 Amber pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Wednesday 10 th December Evening	Y3 singing performance	Fairfield Halls
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	Early Years Moonstone and Jasper Winter Performance	Lower School Hall
Thursday 11 th December 2.30pm	Y1/2 Coral and Citrine Winter Performances	Lower School Hall
Friday 12 th December 9.30am	Y1/2 Coral and Citrine Winter Performances	Lower School Hall
Friday 12 th December 11.45am	Y3 Emerald pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Saturday 13 th December 1-3pm	PTA Winter Fair	Lower School
Monday 15 th Dec TBC	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day	
Tuesday 16 th Dec 2pm	KS2 Christmas concert	St Paul's Church
Wednesday 17th December 11.45am	Y2 Topaz pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Wednesday 17th December 1pm	Y5/6 Amethyst and Pearl class pantomime trip	Wimbledon Theatre
Thursday 18 th Dec 10.15am	Y4 theatre trip	Polka Theatre
Thursday 18 th Dec 11am	Y2 Citrine pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Thursday 18 th Dec 11.45am	Y1 Coral pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Thursday 18 th Dec 12.30pm	Y3 Jade pantomime trip	Battersea Arts Centre
Thursday 18 th December 1pm	Y5/6 Iolite and Diamond class pantomime trip	Wimbledon Theatre
Thursday 18 th Dec 2pm	Early Years watching 'Clumsiest Elf' Christmas show	Lower School hall
Friday 19 th December 2pm	Early finish for Christmas!	

*CHRISTMAS PARTY * AT WIMBLEDON PARK * ATHLETICS TRACK *

10AM - 12PM (RACES START AT 10:30AM)
6TH DECEMBER 2025
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USLEIGH BOLT 100M DASH
4 x 400M ANTLER RELAY
NORTH POLE VAULT
SANTA'S SHOWDOWN TUG OF WAR
HERCULES VS WINDMILERS

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES • LIVE MUSIC • CHRISTMAS RAFFLE • MEET SANTA

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE MATINEE

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 4:00 - 6:00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



£2 PER CHILD

includes popcorn and drinks Please book a place by emailing communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk by midday on the day.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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