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Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM MRS PINDER

Merry Christmas everyone! Everybody has been getting in to the festive spirit at Alban Wood and as always, I feel truly privileged to work with such amazing staff and children. It has been a very busy term with lots of activities which have provided both learning opportunities and fun for all! We have lots of new and exciting developments planned for the new term and look forward to 2024 with excitement! Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you a wonderful Christmas break!

ATTENDANCE 2023-24

Aim: over 96%

Rec- 94.2%

Year 1-93.8%

Year 2-95.9%

Year 3-95.3%

Year 4-96.4%

Year 5-97%

Year 6-96.7%

Whole School-95.3%

This week the whole school attendance is 95.3%. Our school attendance target is 96%, so as you can see, we have not hit our target.



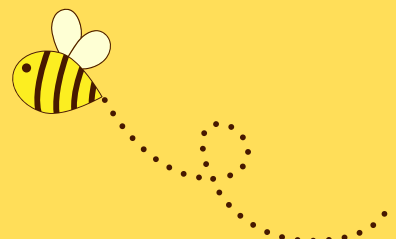
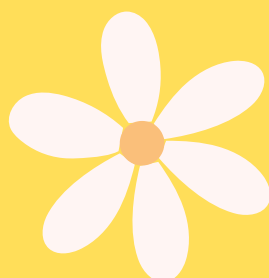
DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th Dec - Last Day of Term for Nursery
20th Dec - Last Day of Term - 1:30pm finish.
4th and 5th Jan - INSET Days.
8th Jan - Children return to school.
9th Jan - Year 4 Swimming
9th Jan - Football Friendly against Orchard at home - 3:30pm
11th Jan - Reception Screening
12th Jan - EYFS - Magic Show - 9:30am
16th Jan - Football match against Orchard - away - 3:30pm
17th Jan - Peace Day Workshop - Year 6
18th Jan - Year 6 Indoor Athletics at Future Academy - 12:30 - 2:45pm
19th Jan - Panto - 9:30 am
23rd Jan - Year 6 - Street Engineering - 11:00 - 11:45pm
23rd Jan - Year 3 - Safer Crossing Places - 9:30 - 10:30am
25th Jan - Year 5 - Distractions on the road workshop - 9:00am
30th Jan - Year 6 Class Assembly - 9:00am



Spring Term Class Assemblies

30th Jan - Year 6 Class Assembly - 9:00am
6th Feb - Year 5 Class Assembly - 9:00am
13th Feb - Year 4 Class Assembly - 9:00am
5th Mar - Year 3 Class Assembly - 9:00am
13th Mar - Year 2 Class Assembly - 9:00am
20th Mar - Year 1 Class Assembly - 9:00am



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Holiday List and INSET Days

1 Sept 2023 - 31st Aug 2024

	Closing Date	INSET	Re-Opening
Autumn 2023		Friday 1st September	Monday 4th September
Autumn half term	Friday 20th October		Monday 30th October
Christmas 2023	Wednesday 20th December	Thursday 4th January Friday 5th January	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring half term 2024	Friday 16th February		Monday 26th February
Spring Holiday 2024	Thursday 28th March		Monday 15th April
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May		Tuesday 7th May
Summer half term 2024	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July	Monday 22nd July	

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all
at Alban Wood.*



Reception Nativity

On Thursday 13th December Reception performed



Christingle

Thank you to everyone that joined us at the Christingle performance on Wednesday 20th December.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to The Friends of Alban Wood for arranging another successful Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone that helped and visited the Fayre. The money raised will be spent on improving the learning and outcomes for the children.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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