

Albany Village Primary School is committed to safeguarding all pupils and staff members by following statutory guidance within Keeping Children Safe in Education - September 2025.

1st June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. We hope that you have had opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather that was more reminiscent of August instead of May!



As we come back into school for the final half term of the year, you see from our diary dates that this is a busy time, with lots of events. Please keep checking each newsletter for any changes or additional activities which have been added. Can I also encourage you too that if you have not already signed up for your Tapestry account that you do so over the next couple of weeks. Tapestry is an App that we use in school to share information about what the children have been up to in school, give information about events or simply share how great the children are. It is becoming our main method of communication about daily activities and updates. Please pop into the school office if you have not signed up for an account and staff will be happy to share with you the relevant paperwork to give you access.



Towards the end of the summer term, we will be having our annual Albany Fest, where all pupils from Reception to Year 6 perform and sing on the 'big' stage which we place on the school field. Our theme for this year will be Journey's and the songs from a variety of genre will be linked into this theme.

This year this Albany Fest takes place on Friday 10th July.

It will also feature our Summer Enterprise Fayre. This is one of our major fundraising events of the year and the money raised supports the enrichment activities and visits mentioned above. If you have any new, surplus to requirement toiletries, gifts etc for our tombola then we are happy to begin to receive these in school.

As always if you have any questions about school life, policies or procedures then come and arrange to have a chat with either Miss Mitcheson or myself.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones and Miss Mitcheson
Headteachers

Other news

Attendance:



We have been set an annual target of 94.5% by the Department of Education (DfE) for attendance for this academic year. At the end of the autumn term our attendance was 91.4%, in the spring term this rose to 92.2%. After the first half term of the summer this rose to 92.7%

Please keep supporting the school in reaching our target and supporting your child's education by ensuring they

attend school as frequently as possible. Every day is a learning day. If they need to be absent, please let us know as soon as possible on each morning of absence.

Year group	Attendance (%)
Reception	91.2
Year 1	93.1
Year 2	91.5
Year 3	92.6
Year 4	92.4
Year 5	93.9
Year 6	93.6
Total	92.7

Governor Vacancies:

We have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors, due to the resignation of previous post holders following changes in their circumstances. Governors play a vital role in determining the strategic direction of the school and giving appropriate challenge to school staff in order to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils.

Please consider becoming a Governor and supporting school development in this way. We would especially be interested in applications for the vacancies from parents or grandparents of pupils at the school with finance, HR or business experience. If you are interested but want more information about the role and commitment then please speak to either myself or Miss Mitcheson.

Staffing structure for the remaining summer term 2026

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Mrs Gregory	Miss Fleury Supply TA
Reception	Miss Quinn	Mrs Soulsby
1	Miss Mitcheson (3 days) Mrs Atkin (2 days)	Mrs Young
2	Mr Stothard (4 days) Mrs Harrison & Mrs Atkin (1 day)	Mrs Robson
3	Miss Moss	Mr Blakelock
4	Mr Dutton	Miss West
5D	Mrs Atkin (1 day) and Miss Kelly	Mrs Butler
5L	Mrs Lowe	
6	Miss Gibson	Miss Jobling
SEND Teaching assistant		Mrs Pickbourne
PPA cover	Mrs Atkin	
Outdoor education & PPA teacher	Mrs Harrison	
School Business Manager	Mrs Joyce	
School Administrative assistant	Mrs Holmes	

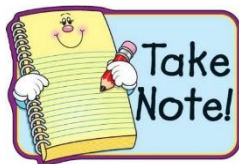


Other staff news:

Mrs Johnstone remains on long term sick leave.

We said goodbye to Mrs Bowes at the end of last term and wish her well in her new role at Oxclose Academy





Current staff vacancies:

This week we are interviewing a number of potential TA's for a permanent Teaching assistant vacancy. The successful applicant will be based primarily in KS2.

Key events during the Summer term 2026:

Monday 1st June – Teacher Training Day

Monday 1st June – Y6 pupils leave for Derwent Hill

Monday 1st June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Table check week



Tuesday 2nd June – School re-opens for all pupils

Wednesday 3rd June – Uniform sale (3pm) KS2 yard

Thursday 4th June – Year 5 Road to Riat activity day (workshop)

Wb Monday 8th June – Y1 pupils Phonic test week

Monday 8th June – School Nurse speaking to Y5 about the dangers of Vaping

Tuesday 9th June – Y1 Outdoor Education

Thursday 11th June – Y1 visit to Beamish Museum

Thursday 11th June – Y6 Creative Careers (Washington Arts centre)

Friday 12th June – School Nurse speaking to Year 6 about the dangers of Vaping

Monday 15th June – Year 4 working with Westhill award artist

Tuesday 16th June – Y2 Outdoor Education

Thursday 18th June – year 4 visit Arbeia Roman fort (South Shields)

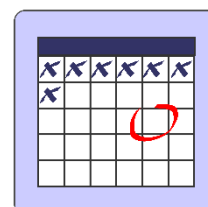
Wb Monday 22nd June – Sports week

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 4 Outdoor Education

Tuesday 23rd June – Climbing Wall activities in school (Y2-Y6)

Wednesday 24th June – Nursery Sports day – 11:00 am

Reception to Year 6 Sports day – 1:30 pm



Tuesday 30th June – Year 5 Outdoor Education

Tuesday 30th June – Thursday 2nd July – Y6 Transition days at Secondary schools

Friday 3rd July – Reception class visit Tynemouth Aquarium

Wednesday 8th July – Teddy Bears Picnic for new Reception 2026 pupils

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 working with Groundwork team learning about plants

Friday 10th July – Albany Festival and Year 6 Enterprise Fayre from 1:45 pm

Wednesday 15th July – Nursery class visit to Tweddle farm

Thursday 16th July – End of Year reports issued to parents/carers

Monday 20th July – Move-Up morning for all classes Nursery to Year 5

Monday 20th July – Year 6 – End of Year Musical – 4 pm

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9:30 am

School closes for the summer holiday at 3:30 pm on Wednesday 22nd July

Re-opens for pupils after the summer on Thursday 3rd September

Albany Village Primary school TERM DATES 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM Autumn 1: 39 days Autumn 2: 35days Autumn Term: 74 Days	SEPTEMBER 2026 22 days							OCTOBER 2026 17 days							NOVEMBER 2026 21 Days							DECEMBER 2027 14 Days							
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SPRING TERM Spring 1: 30 days Spring 2: 24 Days Autumn Term: 54 Days	JANUARY 2027 20 days							FEBRUARY 2027 10 Days Term 1: 5 Days Term 2							MARCH 2027 19 Days (prior Easter)							April 2027						
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SUMMER TERM Summer 1: 34 days Summer 2: 33 Days Summer Term: 67 Days	APRIL 2027 15 Days							MAY 2027 19 Days							June 2027 18 Days							July 2027 15 Days						
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Total Number of Days within the academic year: 195
Schools Must be open to pupils for 190 days. Staff must be available for work on a further 5 days (195 in total) or the equivalent for in-service training.

Schools will re-open on Monday 6th September 2027

Teacher Training Days 2026-27 will be held on:

Autumn term: Monday 1st September 2026; Tuesday 2nd September 2026; Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term: Monday 4th January

Summer term: Monday 7th June