

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.

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already less than a month away from the summer holidays – where has that year gone??

In these last few weeks, we have had and still have a number of planned events as well as some which have been rescheduled. Please check the calendar /diary dates section for any changes.



Big shout out to Year 4 pupils who have represented the school at the skipping festival final and also a number of them who took part in the Tennis festival for our area. We are also so proud of our Y6 pupils who went to Derwent Hill last month – they had a fabulous time and were great ambassadors for our school. Equally Year 1 pupils visited Beamish Museum, with a subsidy from the Rotary Club, for which we are very grateful as it helps to keep costs down. In addition, Y4 pupils visited the Roman fort at Arbeia which enriched their understanding of Roman Britain. Other year groups, who have not had their Educational Visit this year have these planned for the last few weeks of term. We are proud of all these pupils and how well their behaviour reflected both the school and their families.



Next week (Friday 10th July) we have our annual Albany Fest on the school field. 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.

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.

For pupils from Nursery to Year 5 we have our transition morning on Tuesday 21st July. This is when children will have opportunity to work in their new classrooms with their teachers for the 2026-27 academic year. On the next page I have listed the changes of staff and class allocations.

Hope you are all enjoying the World cup and perhaps have your fingers crossed for England's chances. We recognise that the next England match kicks-off at 1:00 am on Monday morning. As our children are so young we don't expect any massive disruption to attendance and together with all Primary schools in our area we are opening as normal for breakfast club (7:30 or 8:15 am) and then 8:45 – 8:55 for all other pupils. Perhaps record the match for pupils and they could watch it before school rather than try and keep awake for kick-off. Hopefully, if England progress then future matches will be at a better time for everyone.

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

Change of date for year 6 SAT's results

We have been informed by the DfE that Year 6 SAT results will not now be available on Tuesday 7th July as expected due to issues with the results system. The new date of results being sent to schools has been given as Thursday 16th July.

Attendance:



the 30th June is shown in the table opposite.

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%. Attendance for the whole year to

Year group	Attendance (%)
Reception	91.7
Year 1	93.5
Year 2	91.4
Year 3	92.7
Year 4	93.2
Year 5	93.8
Year 6	92.9
Total	92.8

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.

Governor Vacancies:

We still 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 autumn term 2026

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Miss Quinn	Miss Fleury
Reception	Mrs Gregory (am) & Miss Quinn (pm)	Mrs Soulsby
1	Miss Mitcheson (3 days) Mrs Atkin (2 days)	Mrs Young
2	Mr Stothard	Mrs Butler
3	Mr Dutton	Mr Blakelock
4	Miss Kelly	Miss West
5	Mrs Lowe	Mrs Robson
6G	Miss Gibson	Miss Jobling
6M	Miss Moss	
SEND Teaching assistant		Mrs Pickbourne
PPA cover	Mrs Atkin (1 day)	
Outdoor Education, Careers & Finance & 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.

Current Year 5L (Miss Lowe) will move to Year 6M (Miss Moss).

Current Year 5 D (Miss Kelly) will move to Year 6G (Miss Gibson)



Diary Dates for the rest of the Summer term and some provisional dates

For Autumn term 2026:



Tuesday 7th July – Teddy Bears Picnic for new Reception 2026 pupils

Wednesday 8th July – Nursery pupils visit Tweddle Farm

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 – Revised date: Sports Day from 9:30 – 11:30 Nursery to Year 6

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

Thursday 16th July – Year 3 visit to Rainton Meadows

Thursday 16th July – Optional meetings for new Reception parents with Mrs Gregory

Thursday 16th July – Visit to school by music group from Music service musicians

Friday 17th July – Year 5 visit to Jarrow Hall and Anglo-Saxon village

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

Tuesday 21st July – Move-Up morning for all classes Nursery to Year 5

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

Tuesday 27th – Friday 31st July – Holiday club (HAF) see link for booking on next page

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August – Holiday club (HAF) see link for booking on next page

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

Tuesday 6th October – Year 5 at Vertu arena (am)

Tuesday 20th October – Flu Nasal sprays for pupils from R to Year 6

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October - Year 5 Derwent Hill weekend

Friday 23rd October – Halloween Disco

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half term (school closed)

Summer Football with Washington FC

There is 3 weeks till the start of the Summer Football Camps to take place at the Washington Football Hub over the Summer Holidays. To book your child's space please use this link: <https://www.washingtonafc.com/summer-football-camp/>

The Club also have Free Spaces with the support of Sunderland City Council. Any children receiving free school meals/ SEN/ struggling with cost of living can apply for their free spaces using the link above.

The Football Camps focus is on the players, introducing and developing ball mastery skills to develop The Technical Balance Player to be comfortable with both feet on the ball. The sessions are designed to be challenging to keep the players engaged, focused and motivated.

Your child will be in a fun, safe and thriving environment with qualified coaches.

We hope to see your child during the Summer.

This is open for any children to attend from outside of Washington FC.



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SUMMER FUN!

Get ready for a summer to remember!

Active Future is thrilled to be working, in partnership with Albany Village Primary School and Together for Children to bring our HAF Summer Camp packed with high-energy fun, creativity and discovery.

Expect epic Nerf Battles, fast-paced Dodgeball, delicious Taste Testing, loads of Summer Crafts, and even some surprise activities along the way!

A healthy breakfast snack, hot lunch, fruit and drinks will be provided each day — So all your child needs to bring is their energy and enthusiasm!

*Free and paid places available

When

28th July - 31st July
17th Aug - 21st Aug

Times

10 am - 2 pm

Who

Age 5 - 12 years

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/2xbjfjwb>



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



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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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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