

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.

28th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The changeable British spring weather reminds us that summer is approaching – but not quite here yet! One day children are wearing just polo shirts and the next their school sweatshirts. It is still advisable that they bring a coat both for warmth and to keep them dry should late spring becomes as wet as the autumn/winter periods. Equally, if the sun does begin to shine then children may need some sun cream applying before school and they can also bring a labelled bottle of sun cream to apply at lunchtime. Staff cannot apply this but will supervise pupils.



The summer term will as always be the busiest of the year – as you will see from the diary dates – there are opportunities for educational visits, sporting activities and enrichment activities. These have been planned well in advance with appropriate risk assessments put in place. We are continuing with our policy of not charging for school trips, however, we may need to postpone some of the more distant trips due to massively increased transport costs as a result of the Iran war. We will keep this under review and let you know should any activity have to change.



Towards the end of the summer term, we will be having our annual Albany Festival, where all pupils from Reception to Year 6 perform and sing on the 'big' stage which we place on the school field. This year this takes place on Friday 10th July and 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.

We have a large collection of good quality, used uniform in school which we sell from time to time for the price of 50p per item. The next sale, weather permitting, will be from 3:00 pm on Wednesday 13th May with tables set up in the area between Reception and KS1 classroom doors. This is an excellent way to support our Climate Friendly status by recycling and reusing surplus uniform.



We will then have a similar opportunity on the KS2 yard on Wednesday 3rd June at 3:00 pm. Uniform on this occasion will be brought to the area adjacent to the picnic tables on the KS2 yard.

Finally, this term we are extending an additional photo opportunity on Wednesday 20th May, when our school photographer, will take class photos. Usually, we only do this for Year 6 but following requests from several parents we are extending this to all year groups. The photos will be informal poses in small groups that will be assembled as the class photograph. As always there is no obligation to buy these photographs, but they may capture lovely memories of friendships and become a keepsake for the future.

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%.

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
Year 1	93
Year 2	91
Year 3	92
Year 4	92
Year 5	93
Year 6	93
Total	92

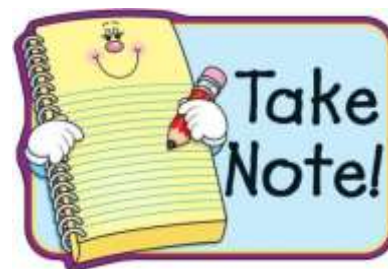
Governor Vacancies:

We have 2 vacancies for 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 summer term 2026

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Mrs Gregory	Miss Fleury Mr Blakelock
Reception	Miss Quinn	Mrs Soulsby
1	Miss Mitcheson (3 days) Mrs Atkin (2 days)	Mrs Young
2	Mr Stothard (4days) Mrs Harrison & Mrs Atkin (1 day)	Mrs Robson
3	Miss Moss	Mrs Bowes (am) Mr Blakelock (pm)
4	Mr Dutton	Miss West
5D	Mrs Atkin (1 day) and Supply teacher tbc	Mrs Butler
5L	Mrs Lowe	
6	Miss Gibson	Miss Jobling
SEND Teaching assistants		Mrs Pickbourne
PPA cover	Mrs Atkin	
Outdoor education & PPA teacher	Mrs Harrison	
School Business Manager	Mrs Joyce	
School Administrative assistant	Mrs Holmes	
Sick Leave	Mrs Johnstone (Y4 teacher)	



Albany Village Primary school - Term dates and PD days 2025-26

TERM DATES 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 72 DAYS First Half Term: 37 days Second Half Term: 35 days	SEPTEMBER 2025 19 Days S M T W T F S 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	OCTOBER 2025 18 Days S M T W T F S 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	NOVEMBER 2025 20 Days S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	DECEMBER 2025 15 Days S M T W T F S 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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Teacher training days: Tuesday 2nd September (covered by twilights)
 Wednesday 3rd September (In-school teacher training day)
 Friday 19th December (covered by twilights)
 Monday 5th January 2026 (In-school teacher training day)
 Monday 1st June 2026 (Report writing day)

Key events during the Summer term 2026:

Monday 20th April – All pupils return after Easter Holidays

Tuesday 21st April – Y4 class Outdoor Education

Thursday 23rd April – Y4 Football Cup – Washington Hub after school

Monday 27th April – Governors meeting 5pm (Challenge committee)

Tuesday 28th April – Y3/4 (team of pupils) Football competition 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Friday 1st May – Y5 pupils Puberty talk with School Nurses (in school)

Tuesday 5th May – Reception class Outdoor Education

Wednesday 6th May – Y3 & Y4 Little Inventors workshops (in school)

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May (inclusive) Y6 SAT's test week

Wednesday 13th May – School Nurse conducting Reception hearing checks

Wednesday 13th May – Uniform sale (3pm) outside R and KS1 entrances

Monday 18th May – Y5 Bikeability week begins

Tuesday 19th May – Art Day 5

Tuesday 19th May – Y6 Outdoor Education

Wednesday 20th May – Class photographs

Thursday 21st May – Y5 Football tournament – Washington Hub

Wb Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Spring half term

Monday 1st June – Teacher Training Day

Monday 1st June – Y6 pupils leave for Derwent Hill

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

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

Thursday 4th June – Year 5 Road to R.I.A.T activity day (workshop)

Wb Monday 8th June – Y1 pupils Phonic test week

Tuesday 9th June – Y1 Outdoor Education

Thursday 11th June – Y1 visit to Beamish Museum

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

Tuesday 16th June – Y2 Outdoor Education

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



Some events / activities at the Rainbow Family Hub that you may be interested in



BEST START IN LIFE **Rainbow Best Start Family Hub Timetable** **Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2026** **together for children** **FAMILY HUB**
Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk
Postcode: NE37 3AE Telephone: 0191 561 3995
SUNDERLAND

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Family Voice 27th April & 18th May 10 - 11.30am</p> <p>Time for Rhyme (Birth - pre crawling) 9.30 - 10.15am 10.30 - 11.15 Drop In</p> <p>Play Space 9 - 11.30am Drop In</p> <p>Sensory Room 9 - 11.30am Drop In</p> <p>Play Space 1 - 3pm Drop In</p> <p>Sensory Room 1 - 3 pm Drop In</p> <p>Busy Bodies (From Walking) 1.30 - 2.30pm</p> <p>Breast Feeding Support Drop In 1 - 3pm</p>	<p>Play Space & Sensory Room 9 - 11.30am Drop in</p> <p>Stay & Play 9.30 - 10.30am</p> <p>Community Café 9.30-11.30am</p> <p>Baby Massage 1.30-2.30 Bookable</p> <p>Play Space & Sensory Room 1 - 3pm Drop in</p> <p>Super Communicators Referral only</p> <p>Antenatal Programme 3.45 - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552</p> <p>Stop Smoking Support contact the hub on 0191 5613995 for an appointment.</p>	<p>Review & Development Clinic 10 - 11.30am / Bookable</p> <p>Mam's Minds Matter 6th May 10am - 12pm Bookable</p> <p>SEND Play Space (Parent led - 0-4yrs) 10- 11.30am</p> <p>Sensory Room 9 - 11.30 am</p> <p>Sing & Splash (4 - 18 Months) Galleries Health Centre 12 - 12.45 - Bookable</p> <p>Coffee Drop-in From 6th May 9.15 - 11am</p> <p>Baby/Sensory Messy Play (0- to pre- walkers) 1.45- 2.30pm</p> <p>Play Space 1 - 3pm Drop In</p> <p>Gro Brain 12.45-2.45pm Bookable</p> <p>Creative Family Workshop 4 - 5.30pm</p> <p>Birth Registrations - Book via Sunderland City Council website</p>	<p>No activities 7th May as it's a polling station</p> <p>Stay & Play Marlborough Park Sulgrave flats (0 - 5 years) 9.15 - 10.15am</p> <p>Play Space & Sensory Room (0 - 5 years) Drop in 9 - 11.30am & 1 - 3pm</p> <p>Growing Healthy - Drop In 10 - 11.30am</p> <p>Bread & Butter Thing 2 - 2.30pm To reserve a bag text 07507237311</p> <p>Makaton Referral only</p> <p>Buggy Walk 1 - 2pm Drop in</p> <p>Story Time Starting 14th May 1.30-2.15pm</p> <p>Move to Rhyme (Crawling to pre-walking) 1.45 - 2.30pm</p>	<p>Play Space & Sensory Room (0-5 yrs) 9-11.30 am</p> <p>Little Movers & Baby Movers To book please email Washingtonsunderlandnorth@littlemovers.net</p> <p>Baby Stay and Play (Under 1 year) 1.30-2.30pm</p> <p>Play Space & Sensory Room (0-5 yrs) 1 - 3pm</p> <p>Introduction to Solids 1 - 2pm To book call 030000 31552</p>

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	SEPTEMBER 2026 22 days	OCTOBER 2026 17 days	NOVEMBER 2026 21 Days	DECEMBER 2027 14 Days
AUTUMN TERM Autumn 1: 39 days Autumn 2: 35days Autumn Term: 74 Days	S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

	JANUARY 2027 20 days	FEBRUARY 2027 10 Days Term 1: 5 Days Term 2	MARCH 2027 19 Days (prior Easter)	April 2027
SPRING TERM Spring 1: 30 days Spring 2: 24 Days Autumn Term: 54 Days	S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	S M T W T F S 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	S M T W T F S 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

	APRIL 2027 15 Days	MAY 2027 19 Days	June 2027 18 Days	July 2027 15 Days
SUMMER TERM Summer 1: 34 days Summer 2: 33 Days Summer Term: 67 Days	S M T W T F S 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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