Albany Primary School

Newsletter – June 2026

'Develop every child, every day in every possible way'

Please find a copy of our latest newsletter. I hope that everyone enjoyed the extra day off over the bank holiday weekend. Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Howlett

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning at Albany is an important part of what we do. We aim to provide the children with exciting, real life experiences throughout their time at the school.

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Cosmeston Lakes, as part of their mini-beasts topic. Keeping tally charts of the animals and plants they saw, pond dipping and enjoying the natural area.

Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Porthkerry Park. The children explored microhabitats, investigated the conditions living things need to survive, and used classification branches to identify trees from their leaves. Future scientists in the making.

Year 5 pupils have also started visiting Rest Bay, Porthcawl to explore rockpools and coastal environments.

Lego League Champions

Our Y5 and Y6 LEGO League team recently attended their first tournament. They won an award for the most inventive robot and won the overall Lego League competition. They competed against other schools using the LEGO robot they had built, presented their learning to judges and took part in STEM challenges. They were wonderful ambassadors for Albany and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to our Lego League Champions.

Reception exploring our community

The children in Reception have enjoyed getting out and about in our local area. They talked about our local area and enjoyed navigating around Albany Road using Google Street View. They then took their own photos of the things that we noticed on our sight walk and compared the images with the satellite map in the classroom.

Mother Language Day

On 17th April we celebrated Mother Language Day as a school. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our community and all the different languages spoken by the children at Albany. It was great to see so many children in national costumes and celebrating languages. At Albany we currently have 41 different home languages spoken by our pupils which brings such a richness to our school community.

Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival

A group of year 6 pupils were chosen to attend the primary school touch rugby festival at Cardiff Arms Park. The children loved learning new skills, understanding the rules, and working together as a team. So proud of everyone's effort and enthusiasm. It was such a great experience to play in a real stadium.

Another great netball achievement

Congratulations to our Albany Netball Team for coming 2nd place in the Cardiff Cup Competition at Cardiff Netball Arena. Another amazing achievement for the team having previously won another tournament this year. We are very proud of you all.

Buildings update

A quick update on the situation with ongoing work on our school building. We are continuing to have a lot of progress made on our school building work. A large roof area has been completed along with the area at the bottom of the stairs. The stonework around the building is progressing well and I am hopeful that at some point we will see lots of the scaffolding removed (hopefully over summer).

There will be some internal work needed to so we can get the school back to looking like it should for your children. The priority remains making the site safe long term and when the project is completed, we should require no further work for the foreseeable future.

We are very proud of our school and the important role it has played in our community since 1887 when it first opened, but as with lots of the Victorian age schools in Cardiff they are requiring some maintenance work.

School Attendance & Punctuality

This year we will have a new School Attendance Officer monitoring attendance and working with families to improve attendance. It is important that your child is in school every day. Did you know that although over 90% attendance may sound good, it actually means a child has missed over 3 weeks of school in a year. Please do your best to get your child into school everyday.

Attendance	School time missed
100%	No lessons missed
96 – 99%	Missing up to two weeks of school.
92 – 95%	Missing up to three weeks of school.
Below 92%	Missing more than three weeks of school.

Remaining INSET DAYS 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Term dates

Summer term 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Ends: Monday 20 July 2026 -INSET day – pupils finish on Friday 17th July

School Visits

Reception- Exploring the local community

Year 2 – Cosmeston Lake

Year 3 – Porthkerry Park

Year 4- Cardiff Met Sport Centre

Year 5- Rest Bay - Porthcawl

Year 6 – Residential visit to Manor Adventure

Visitors to School

Cathays High School Transition visit

Year 6 Creative workshops

Community Partnerships

Albany Road Baptist Church – Ongoing support including reading volunteers, ALN community toddler group.

Vineyard Church Roath Food Co-op – Every Tuesday afternoon in the Gate Arts Centre. Providing access to affordable food for 1-2.30pm every Tuesday.

Cardiff University & Cardiff Met – Student Placements

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