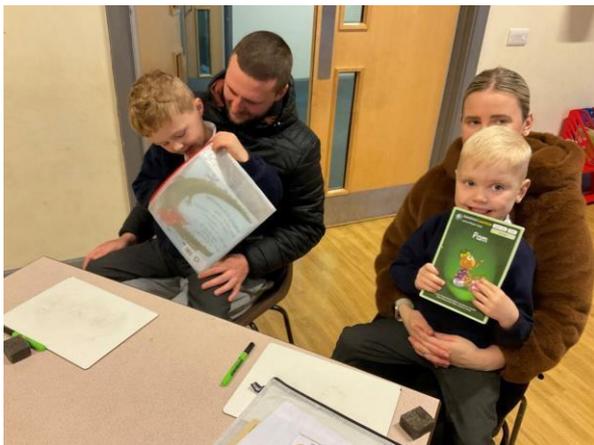


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Dear Parents and Key Adults

It has been wonderful to see so many events already this academic year. These have included several 'Working shops' to help guide how you best support your child at school, 'Work Out Wednesday' where every class invited parents and carers into the classroom for the children to share their work with you. We plan to make 'Work Out' events a regular and more frequent occurrence and being mindful of different work/drop off and collection arrangements that you have, we will try to vary the times that we hold these. The class teachers that haven't yet led their parental 'Working shops' will be doing so later in the year.

We have also started Family Reading Sessions in Reception and Year 5 which we will extend to other classes as the school year progresses.



Our EYFS Phonics 'Working shop' was well attended and gave opportunity for the children to show off their skills and for the adults to learn about how they can support at home.



Y6 children, Miss Neville, Mrs Parker and myself visited the local memorial on November 11th. The children read poems and we left poppies that they had made.

It was great to see our children wearing odd socks during Anti-bullying week to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate difference. Our diversity statement is displayed and lived out around school through our curriculum and wider school life.



'Break the Rules Day' was also a big success and thank you for your generous donations which have raised £355. The money will be spent directly on resources to benefit the children. Once the decision has been made about what to spend the money on, we will share this with you.

Around and About School

This term I have been so impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of our children throughout the school. Children have been thoroughly engaged with their learning and visitors that I show around consistently comment upon the level of challenge and quality of the children's work. This term visitors have included a Rise Director, Mark Maksymiw, Natalie Strong who is our Rise Finance Manager and lots of new prospective parents for September 2025 intake.



Year Four are impressing us hugely with their skills in French.



Year Two have been learning about photography in computing.



Nursery are also busy impressing visitors with their wonderful growing independence and their friendly communication skills. Super!

Pupil Governor Update

Recently the Pupil Governors have successfully achieved one of their aims - the introduction of an art club. They are also in the process of introducing a Christmas Craft Competition and a Keepy-Uppy Football Contest at lunchtime in December. Great work guys!

Library

A message from English Lead, Miss Mapp:

Through fund raising, we have been able to buy books to help support our new reading curriculum. This curriculum has a focus on reading fluency and ensures that our learners are experiencing a wide variety of high-quality texts throughout their learning journey at Albert Village.

We have also been able to update our school library with donated books. Thank you. We are always grateful for any contributions towards our wish list so please do get in touch if you feel you would like to contribute.



Parent Teacher Association

We are busy setting up a new Parent Teacher Association. If you are interested, please contact either myself or Mrs Machin.

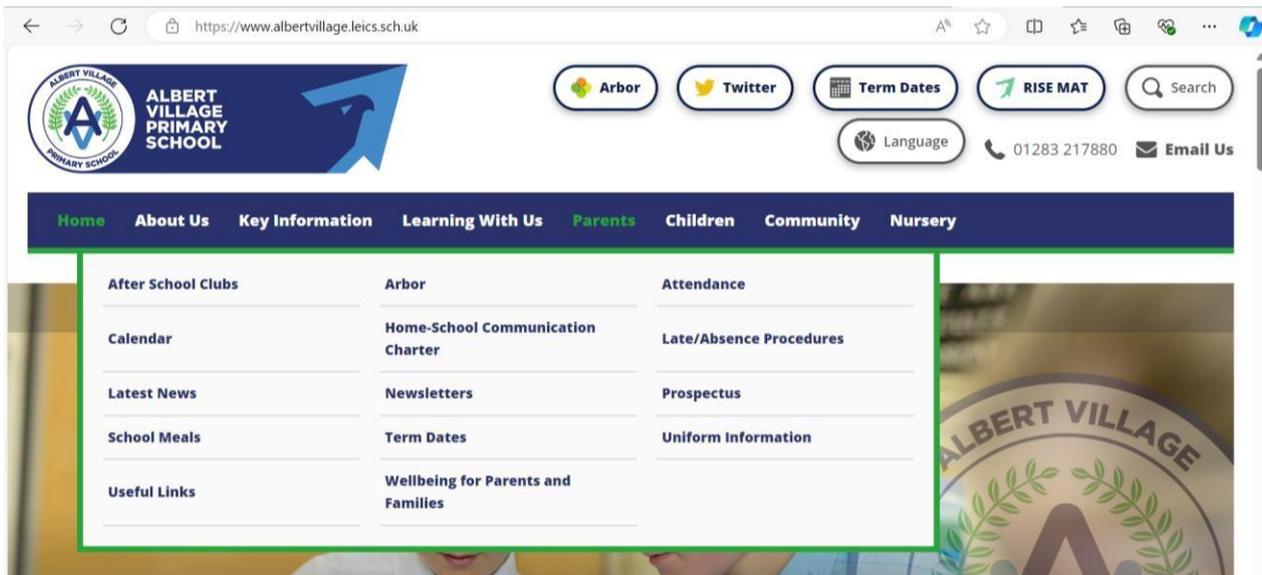
Thank you to those that have already come forward. We feel sure that this will enrich the wonderful experiences and events that we offer further.

Website and School Calendar

As part of our strategic improvement plan, we have been working to develop our website. Do have a look at <https://www.albertvillage.leics.sch.uk/>.

To keep up to date with what's happening at school, please use se the calendar on the school website to allow you to see key dates. You can subscribe to this on a device such as a mobile phone by clicking on the link on our website and following the below steps.

On your device, float over the Parents tab and select Calendar.



Click Subscribe to calendar.



Complete the two drop-down choices with your preferences.

We do hope that this helps to give plenty of notice for key events and keeps you up to date with our plans.

We are coming into the time of year where we have lots of festive things planned for the days ahead. You will find the key dates for these in this issue but also by using the calendar on our school website.

As you will be aware we had an OFSTED inspection recently and we very much look forward to sharing the report with you as soon.

I would like to wish you a lovely festive season ahead and if there is anything we can do to support your child or you would like a chat do pop in.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fun Run. Parents/Key Adults invited to watch.

Thursday 12th December 2:00 PM - Year 1 and 2 nativity performance. 2 attendees per child invited.

Friday 13th December 9:30 AM - Year 1 and 2 nativity performance. 2 attendees per child invited.

Friday 13th December PM - Reception Christmas crafts. Parents/Key Adults invited.

Monday 16th December. School Christmas dinner day.

Monday 16th December 2:00 PM - Year 1 and 2 Christmas crafts. Parents/Key Adults invited.

Tuesday 17th December AM - reception nativity performance. Parents/Key Adults invited.

Tuesday 17th December PM - Year 5 Christmas Crafts. Parents/Key Adults invited.

Wednesday 18th December before school - Key Stage 1 and reception Breakfast with Santa.

Thursday 19th December before school - Key Stage 2 Breakfast with Santa.

Thursday 19th December PM - Year 6 Christmas crafts. Parents/Key Adults Invited.

Friday 20th December - the last day of school before we break up for Christmas!

In the run up to Christmas the below link gives useful guidance about potentially dangerous gifts:

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>



With kind regards

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Headteacher

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