



# The Albourne Way



*Living life to the full*

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Dear Albourne Family,

There has been a lot of fun at Albourne, despite the back to back SIAMS and Ofsted Inspections, which we are extremely proud of. The school has not been inspected since 2016 and we had two successful inspections one week after the other. We had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on 28<sup>th</sup> January. The inspector told us that he was 'blown away' by many of the things happening in our school, *'Pupils flourish at Albourne as they learn in a happy, secure and stimulating environment. They rise to the challenge and do the best they possibly can.'* SIAMS 2025

A week later, we had our Ofsted inspection, which validated all of the hard work and how proud we are of our Albourne family. The inspector told us that we are a 'Good, Good!' school and nearly outstanding in many areas; we just need to embed some of the things we have started. During the inspection, we were so proud of our children as they followed the inspectors to show off their work to them. Some of the phrases from the report are written below.

high expectations of pupils' learning and behaviour

delight in showing their knowledge

ambition for children

relish opportunities

aspirational role models

## PUPILS LOVE LEARNING

pupils' exceptionally strong attitudes to school

display impeccable manners and behave well

We have loved the Rock Steady band practices every Monday and the progress that the children are making is incredible, which will be showcased in their summer term performance. Now that the sun is shining, the Skylarks planted our first crop of vegetables, which we will use to make a fresh salad and cook a butternut squash stew on the open fire. World Book Day was great fun and there were some fantastic homemade costumes and the children enjoyed the 'Book Bistro' where they matched phrases to the book. Our beach-forest school has thrived and the children have loved, sawing, whittling wood, building dens, making pencils from scratch and of course eating smores! There have been many trips from Newhaven Fort to the Y6 class enjoying an arts day at Hurst College; the breakdancing was very popular!

Our new Explorer Reading Challenge has really taken off and we are seeing such benefits: 97% of children said that they had read a book they wouldn't have read before and there is a buzz in the classes about the next book to read. Our PTA have continued to raise funds and alongside Charlotte Harris, who organised the Playground Party, have bought us new laptops. Thank you to all of our Albourne family.

Perseverance Aspiration Respect



Responsibility Kindness Courage

## Living life to the full at Albourne



## Well Done for *living your life to the full*



Our Equestrian team continues to be successful and we are really proud of them. Also, well done to Seb and Zac for taking part in a mile-run in Brighton. If you do something outside of school, please let us know and send a photograph to [head@albournecep.co.uk](mailto:head@albournecep.co.uk)

## Albourne Safeguarding

Please see the link to the Panorama programme that was on this week about the effect of Covid on children in our schools: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00293gr/panorama-lockdown-kids-five-years-on>

## The Albourne Way – *Living life to the full*



The Explorer doll -who goes home with one random person every week- is becoming very well-travelled. Mr Hamilton is enjoying his adventures in the back pack and has even played mini-golf!



Our Albourne Learners are continuing to inspire children to be excellent learners and role-models. From being 'The Carer' by noticing how their environment can be improved to enjoying critical feedback, we are seeing the learners having an impact on the children's behaviour for learning.

**'Albourne learners are impactful and inspirational.'** SIAMS Jan 25'

**'A significant piece of work which gives the children aspirational role models.'** Ofsted Feb 25'

### Upcoming Events

Easter Service – Sayers Common 10:30am 1<sup>st</sup> April

Parent Consultations 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Last day of term 3<sup>rd</sup> April. **Ofsted celebration for our Albourne family 2:45pm – cake and refreshments 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

INSET Day 4.04.25

Summer term starts 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**VE Day Afternoon tea for all of the Albourne family 2-4pm 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Best,

Fiona