



# The Albourne Way

*Living life to the full*

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Dear Albourne Family,

We have had a lovely term, with many highlights. The children have been making huge progress from their starting points. Recently, the Robins, Wagtails and Skylarks performed a fantastic Nativity, which has definitely raised the bar for future years to come – a big thank you to all the staff who made it possible. The Kingfishers travelled from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The Swallows have made some fantastic slippers. I have been very impressed by the writing from Woodpeckers and how they personified the Mars Rover. Also, their MasterChef skills when making a Greek feast! Our Kestrels continue to embrace learning and act as role models to the younger children. After the Christmas holidays, they will be creating a Y6 garden to grow vegetables; thank you to Corrine Lange for organising the donation from Tates Garden Centre of 2 raised bed planters for our Y6 garden. We would like to say a massive thank you to our PTA for all their hard work this term in raising money for the school. The money raised ensures that the children can go on trips and we can develop areas of the school to improve the learning experience for all. As part of the Hurst Education Trust, the children have had many different experiences: maths and writing workshops, swimming, forest school, a digital arts workshop, a choral singing event, a cricket workshop and training for the Peacekeepers.

I would like to say thank you to the children for following The Albourne Way, making us smile, filling us with pride and making our school a happy place to work. Happy Christmas to you all!

*Living life to the full at Albourne*



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*Responsibility Kindness Courage*





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# The Albourne Way – Living life to the full

Congratulations to the second group of Albourne Way Writers' Award winners.



Dear Diary,  
Ugh! What a dreadful day! Today was a very topsy-turvy day. Some moments felt as if the sun would never rise and we would all be stuck in the dark forever, but some felt as if I was in heaven. Here, let me tell you all about it.

I was at my desk, trying to finish a letter to my father when I heard some men being very annoying. (They need have drunk too much.) So I slammed my window shut to try and block the noise out. It didn't work. And then, all of a sudden, I heard a crash and the light at the top of the tower went out. Then as if this wasn't bad enough, the window blew open and the candle went out!

As fast as a tortoise, I picked up my toolbox and tried to get to the top of the tower. I said that I tried. I didn't get very far before my legs started to ache and I needed a break. After 5 minutes, I got to the top. As the moon cast its eerie glow, I stood, mesmerised by its stunning beauty. I told myself to snap out of it. I lifted the light to bring it back to find but then, I tripped over my very own toolbox. The light went flying through the air until it smashed onto the cold marble floor.

It was then so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Then suddenly, the sound of a ship's horn cut through the silence. Panic flooded through my body. My blood turned to ice. I felt all the hairs on my neck stand up. Surely the ship would crash! There was no way to stop it happening. The ship sounded its horn once more. I was the lighthouse keeper. I needed to solve this disaster! But how?! Like racing cars, thoughts rushed through my head. As if they were old friends, the stars winked at me from high above. I ran back downstairs to tell my fellow villagers about the upcoming tragedy. But I was met with something completely different.

I was met with light. Not just a pale amount of light, a whole village full of light. The villagers must have heard the horn of the ship and seen that the light wasn't working. I couldn't believe it. I stood as still as a scarecrow until one of the men who had been at the pub nudged me and said, "C'mon old man, if we don't hurry then that ship will crash!" So I followed him up to the balconies on the lighthouse. It was a spectacular sight. Like we were one big star, we lit up the azure night sky. All the people around me were laughing and smiling. It was wonderful. The best feeling ever. The ship sounded its horn once more, this time in thanks.

Ben

## Prayer

Christmas is a time for peace, love, and hope. Fill our hearts with love, understanding, and a desire to come together. Let the happiness of today spread far and wide, turning disagreements into understanding and sadness into comfort.

## Albourne Safeguarding

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online



**It's always best to be prepared**

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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- West Midlands Police Production Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

**Skips** www.skipssafetynet.org

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

### Upcoming Dates / Events

2.01.24 INSET Day

3.01.24 School Starts

2.02.24 Writing Workshop for parents 9:30-11:00

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