



Alameda Middle School

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Year 5 Newsletter October 2025

Welcome

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Year 5 cohort to Alameda for the first 8 weeks of this term. I have been really pleased with how quickly our pupils have settled into their new school and comments were flooding in on day two of how mature and confident the Year 5's were already turning out to be.

Updates & Successes

During lessons, pupils have demonstrated their determination and ability to succeed. Some of our expectations such as talk partners and cold calling have been met with confidence and enthusiasm. Watching classrooms come alive with focused conversation around a lesson topic is heartwarming and helps the children to build their social communication skills. I have been especially impressed with how our cohort has responded to praise and achievements. As you will see below, we are amongst the highest achievers across the school and one of our Year 5 pupils, Clara, holds the title for most achievement points in the school! Well done. Hudson, Bella and Oliver have also received 100 achievement points too. Keep it up!

Top 5 achievers in each form

- 5A Daphne, Savannah-Rae, Alfio, Elowyn and Evie
- 5C Clara, Hudson, Bella, Oliver and Olivia
- 5L Jessica, Thea, Archie, Sienna and Henry
- 5M Zachary, Esme, Matthew, Lily and Jack
- 5N Sophie, Jodie, Joshua, Hugh and Frankie
- 5R Paige, Holly, Jasmine, Harriet and Annabelle

Year 5 can be a difficult transition for our pupils. There are big changes that occur in every lower to middle transition, but I am proud of how hard both my team and our lower schools have worked to make this transition as smooth as possible for our pupils. I am also really proud of the pupils for demonstrating resilience, listening to feedback and stepping out of their comfort zone.

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As we move into the second half of the autumn term, I want to encourage the Year 5 pupils to try something new. Whether they chose to try out a new club, get involved in our wide range of extra-curricular activities or go out and make some new friends, it is important that we keep fostering the natural curiosity and building the resilience that they have shown so far at Alameda.

Morning & Attendance Reminders

- Phone hand-in supervision begins at 8:15am.
- Breakfast Club is open and supervised from 8:00am.
- Attendance reminder: If your child is not well enough to attend school, please phone the absence line (01525 750900 – option 1) or email pupilabsence@alamedalamedamiddleschool.org.uk to inform us of the reason. This is important for safeguarding purposes.
- Late arrivals: If your child arrives to school late, they must come through reception to sign in.

Form Attendance

5L	96.91%
5N	98.48%
5A	97.40%
5R	96.18%
5C	98.15%
5M	97.59%

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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 4th November** – Pupils return to school
- **Thursday 6th November** – Fun Run (wear house colours and crazy hair)
- **Friday 7th November** – Remembrance Service
- **Thursday 13th November** – Open Evening
- **Thursday 27th November – Tuesday 2nd December** – Book Fair

Other Information

A gentle reminder that, to help keep all our pupils safe, vehicle access to the school site is not permitted during school hours (8:00 am – 3:30 pm) except blue badge holders. We kindly ask that parents and visitors use the Sports Hall car park (via Parkside) or the turning circle between 8:40am and 3:00pm, and walk up to the school.

We all hope you enjoy the well-deserved break after a long half term.

Kind Regards

Mr Leaper and the Year 5 team.

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