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Year 5 Newsletter February 2026

The spring term has been another great term for our Year 5 cohort. As we pass the halfway mark in this academic year, I have enjoyed seeing our students continue to express themselves and form new friendships. The club attendance across the year group has been fantastic and it showcases the variety of opportunities that are available to our children. Dance and drama club have been a particular highlight, and I have enjoyed watching the children putting their all into it.

I continue to see our pupils developing their talk partner skills and confidence in lessons; maths has showcased their resilience when tackling hard questions. Achievements are still at an all-time high, with Year 5 form classes consistently leading on achievement points across all year groups. A huge well done to Clara who has surpassed 250 achievement points! We also have several children who have reached 200 achievement points which is a great achievement for this point of the school year. Well done!

Last month, we had the pleasure of welcoming an author to speak to our pupils. He delivered an inspiring assembly regarding world building, and the impact this has had is evident in the creative writing work that students have tackled in English. This has sparked a reading boom across the year which I would like to continue throughout their time in Year 5.

Top 5 achievers in each form

5A	Clara, Diego, Savannah, Alfio and Danielle
5C	Clara, Teddy, Amelia, Oliver and Hudson
5L	Jessica, Sienna, Isabella, Violet and Lucy
5M	Sylvie, Zachary, Teagan, Matthew and Esther
5N	Sophie, Sophie, Jodie, Joshua and Spencer
5R	Oliver, Jasmine, Paige, Holly and Jasmine

I want to thank our fabulous Year 5 team for continuing to support our students throughout a rather cold and wet half term. Friendships can be a struggle during the winter months and our spring first half term. Our team have been proactive and supported many of our pupils to navigate the friendship problems that all children can encounter independently and with resilience. I am proud of how hard our students have worked in making new friends and developing an inclusive environment.

As we move into warmer months, we hope to get outside and get active and make the most out of the many outdoor spaces that we are privileged to have at Alameda.

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Dates for your Diary

There's lots to look forward to!

Week beginning 23rd February – Act of Kindness Week

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate empathy, generosity and positive actions across our school community.

2nd–5th March – Year 5 Bikeability

A fantastic chance for Year 5 to build confidence and develop important cycling skills.

Week beginning 9th March – Science Week

Including our exciting **science show and fair** — get ready for experiments, investigations and plenty of “wow” moments!

Monday 16th March – Spring Concert

An evening of music and celebration — we can't wait to showcase our talented performers.

Uniform & PE Reminders

To keep everyone looking smart and ready for learning:

- **PE kits should only be worn on PE days.**
- **Sports leggings are for PE only** and must be suitable sports material (please note: *not cotton*).
- **Jewellery:** Children may wear **one small stud earring in each ear only**. No other jewellery should be worn.
- **Facial piercings are not permitted.**

We really appreciate your support in helping us maintain our high standards — it makes a big difference to the children's focus and presentation.

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PTA – Volunteers Needed

The PTA is looking for new volunteers who can help with just one event per year. Your support will help ensure these events can take place and that we raise as much money as possible for our school.

If this is something you can help with, please contact us at dangell@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk
Thank you for your support!

Have a lovely half term and rest ready for a fresh start in a week's time.

Kind Regards

Mr Leaper and the Year 5 team.

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