



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 12TH DECEMBER 2025

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,

Well, that wasn't quite the end of the week we have been planning!

I know that there is lots of disappointment, but I am thankful for your kindness, understanding and support for the difficult decisions I have had to make this week. I do hope that those of you who have been unwell make a speedy recovery and are able to be back at school next week to enjoy all the festivities and excitement of the final week of term. It is so important to keep everyone in our community safe and well and that your family are well for the Christmas break.

We are delighted to share that we have made some adjustments to next week's diary to enable these postponed events to go ahead....hopefully. Please remember that it will depend on our absence figures and whether it is safe for groups to gather in school.

Early Years/Key Stage One Nativity

We are planning for these performances to go ahead on **Thursday 18th December**. The first performance of the day will be at **9.15am** and the second performance will be at **1.30pm**, *not* 2pm as originally planned. This is to allow the Year 4 'Listen to Me' concert to go ahead later that afternoon.

Your tickets are transferable and we ask that if you were planning on attending the morning performance, you do the same on this new date and and likewise for the afternoon performance. If you are unable to do this, and need to swap to the other time, please contact admin@st-albans.hants.sch.uk and they will try to accommodate your wishes.

Upper Key Stage Two Carol Concert

This will go ahead on Thursday evening at 6pm at St Alban's Church as originally planned.

Whatever the weekend holds, may your home be full of festive happiness and joy.

IMPORTANT:

Please remember that there should be no nuts or items with nuts in your child's packed lunch. Please help us to keep **EVERYONE** safe - we aim to be a **NUT free school**.

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You said, we did...

Parents requested that we share information about HSA events with parents, in addition to information being shared directly by the HSA on the announcements page. We will try to do this via the bulletin, email or Facebook when possible. Parents should have received an email this week about the HSA Christmas Fair and it was shared on our Facebook page too.

Christmas and New Year opening hours



You can access Kooth any time you need, we're always open. If you're looking for a one-to-one chat with our team, check below to see when they're available over Christmas and New Year:

Christmas Week	New Year Week
6 - 10PM Saturday 20th December	6 - 10PM Saturday 27th December
6 - 10PM Sunday 21st December	6 - 10PM Sunday 28th December
12 - 10PM Monday 22nd December	12 - 10PM Monday 29th December
12 - 10PM Tuesday 23rd December	12 - 10PM Tuesday 30th December
12 - 8PM Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December	12 - 8PM New Years Eve Wednesday 31st December
4 - 8PM Christmas Day Thursday 25th December	4 - 8PM New Years Day Thursday 1st January
12 - 8PM Boxing Day Friday 26th December	12 - 10PM Friday 2nd January

From 3rd January 2026, our team will be available as usual: 12 - 10pm Monday to Friday and 6pm - 10pm at weekends.

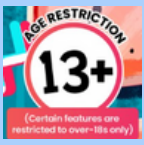
Kooth Support

Kooth is a free, safe, anonymous service for anyone aged 11-25 years old and users can have same day text based counselling until 10pm each night 365 days of the year.

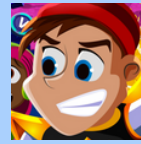
There is no criteria or thresholds to be met so anyone can use the services which includes self-help resources, community support and counselling with qualified practitioners.

For more information you can visit connect.kooth.com

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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's #WakeUpWednesday focuses on toy scalping, fakes and scams. Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items - such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise - with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

See the poster for the risks of scalping and the advice for parents.

This will be added to the website

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/onlinesafety> and shared on our school Facebook page each week.

Uniform Reminders

When purchasing new school uniform for the year, please consult the policy:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/>

IMPORTANT:

PE kits **MUST** be a **PLAIN NAVY TRACKSUIT** or **SHORTS**- no stripes or logos and **T-SHIRTS** must be a **PLAIN WHITE POLO STYLE**.

Check out the new designs - available from Skollkit!

We want to continue to look smart and if we all follow the uniform guidelines, we will. Please also remember **trainers should be BLACK** and with discrete, or preferably, **NO LOGO**.

Attendance and punctuality

"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"

Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025.

Whole school - 94.8% (national 94.7%)

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY UNLESS THEY ARE REALLY UNWELL; if you child feels under-the-weather, please send them into school and we can see how they go!

Average attendance by class to date:

- Oak (R)- 93.1%
- Cherry (1) - 92%
- Rowan (2) - 96.6%
- Birch (3) - 94%
- Hawthorn (4) - 95%
- Lime (5) - 97.3%
- Alder (6) - 95.6%

If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school if they are unwell, please look at this page on our website:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance>



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Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to: Frankie, Joy

This half term we are focusing on the learning skill of **COLLABORATION.**

- Year 1 - the whole class for a brilliant Dress Rehearsal performance in the nativity
- Year 2 -
- Year 3 - Ruby, Louis
- Year 4 -
- Year 5 - Ariana, Wilfred
- Year 6 -

Step Badges go to:

Understanding Ofsted

Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades

This page explains Ofsted report cards, including a video and guidance on what's changed from the old system. We recommend that all parents read this as we head into our Ofsted inspection window.



HAF holiday clubs this Christmas

Active8 Minds Christmas Holiday Clubs Available To Book NOW!

Looking for festive fun to keep the children active and smiling this Christmas? HAF funding available across all our clubs for eligible families please visit our website.

Our Active8 Minds Holiday Clubs are back across Horizon Havant and our school-based clubs at Springwood, Bidbury, St James, and more!

Spaces fill fast every year – don't miss out! Check dates, locations and availability now at www.active8minds.co.uk

HAF funding available for eligible families - Book Hampshire HAF now using our website.

Active8 Minds
Sport & childcare specialists

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER & TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER & TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

VISIT WEBSITE FOR CLUB LOCATIONS & BOOKING

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ACTION ZONE
- ✓ CHILL ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS
- ✓ FESTIVE FUN

HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE

AGES YEAR R - YEAR 7
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Ofsted Registered
Friendly & Qualified Staff
Staff DBS
Safeguarding & First Aid Trained
Childcare Vouchers Accepted

01243 696580
bookings@active8minds.co.uk
www.active8minds.co.uk



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Collective Worship

We are focusing on peace this half term and how Christians believe that tranquility and harmony comes from God. For children, this is about a feeling of calmness and safety that God gives us, even when we are going through tricky times.

This week we have explored the meaning of the second purple candle on the advent wreath: **PEACE**. We have explored the part the angels played in the Christmas Story.



Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of peace.
Help us to be peacemakers in our school,
in our homes, and in our world.
Amen.



All of our Collective Worship can be found on our website
<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/collectiveworship>

INSET DAYS 2025-2026

The remainder of the INSET days for this academic year are:

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 1st May 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Please make a note of these. The website will also be updated and we will continue to remind you on bulletins throughout the year.

Parking Reminders

We remind parents to please park considerately. We have had several reports of cars parked in a way that blocks St Alban's Road - please be mindful and consider parking further away to keep access free for large vehicles such as buses and emergency services.

Reminders for w.c. 15.12.25

15.12.25

HSA Christmas Fair Sorting Day

16.12.25

HSA Christmas Fair
Menu Change

17.12.25

Menu Change

18.12.25

RESCHEDULED KS1 Nativity 9.15am and 1.30pm

Year 4 L2M Concert at 2.45pm

RESCHEDULED Y5/Y6 Carol Service at St Alban's Church at 6.00pm

19.12.25

Y1-Y6 End of Term Eucharist at St Alban's Church (local walk)

Class Christmas Parties & Special Guest

Reminder: Children and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers every Friday in December!



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Self Care ADVENT CALENDAR

A Daily 20 Minute Dose of Me-Time

1 BREATHE. Find a comfy position, close your eyes & concentrate on your breathing.	2 THINK ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS. Write down 3 things YOU want to do this holiday season.	3 TAKE A STROLL. Wrap up warm & step outside. Take time to look around as you walk.	4 DECLUTTER. Choose just one drawer or cupboard to sort.
5 LISTEN TO NATURE. Head outside or find nature sounds online. Pause & listen.	6 WRITE A LETTER. Send a letter or card to someone you've been meaning to reach.	7 SIP A HERBAL TEA. Savour the warmth of the cup in your hands.	8 CUDDLE WITH A LOVED ONE. Snuggle under a soft blanket with someone you love.
9 READ. Read your book, a magazine, or Christmas cards you've received.	10 STRETCH. Slowly & gently ease out your muscles & relax your body.	11 WRITE DOWN 5 POSITIVE THOUGHTS. Hang them somewhere you'll read them often.	12 SHARE THE KINDNESS. Feel empowered doing a good deed for someone else.
13 EXERCISE. Get your heart pumping, clear your mind, and release some endorphins.	14 LISTEN TO YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS. Make yourself a mini playlist to enjoy.	15 TAKE A NAP. Close your eyes and give yourself permission to nod off.	16 BE CREATIVE. Bake, draw, write, sew. Use your hands in whatever way feels best.
17 LOOK AFTER YOUR SKIN. Cleanse, exfoliate, moisturise your face & body.	18 FEEL GRATEFUL. Write down three things that you're thankful for.	19 WATCH THE LIGHTS. Sit & enjoy the gentle twinkling of the Christmas tree lights.	20 TALK. Take time to chat with someone you love.
21 HAVE A MINDFUL SNACK. Cut up some fruit and pause to sit down and eat it.	22 DOODLE. Or colour. No purpose, just see where your pen takes you.	23 TAKE A BATH. Add candles or bubbles as you wish. Close the door & relax.	24 STAND OUTSIDE & LISTEN. Breathe fresh air & savour the sounds of Christmas Eve.

JOLLY FESTIVE

www.jollyfestive.com

Advent Calendars

Calendars are definitely NOT just for children. It is one of my favourite parts of Christmas. Having a little treat, or a special thought, in the lead up to the special day is something I look forward to all year! Remember to take some time for yourself and look after yourself.

The YoungMinds Wellbeing Calendar 2022

Looking after your wellbeing as you count down to the winter break.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 Affirmation station Spread some winter joy to your classmates by writing positive affirmation cards, then having your teacher collect them and pass them around. For example: 'I am loved', 'Anything is possible!'	29 Snowman says... Just like the classic game of 'Simon says' but with a wintery twist. Who'll be the last person standing?	30 Three good things Write down three good things that have happened to you today or this week - keep these with you as a reminder.	1 Guided meditation Take time to relax and re-centre with a short guided meditation. There are loads of free videos online!	2 Positive playlist Suggest your favourite, feel-good songs and create a positive playlist as a class.
5 Mindful walk Take a wintery walk outside in silence. What do you hear? What do you see? What do you feel?	6 Dance fever Learn a TikTok dance as a class - yes, even your teacher!	7 Alternative Christmas card Write a kind, supportive card that you'd give to someone who might be struggling this festive season - or for someone who doesn't celebrate Christmas. For example, 'you're not alone'. Your teacher can then collect and hand them out.	8 Things in common Discuss in small groups things that you have in common - except that you go to the same school! Preferably with people you don't usually hang out with.	9 Mindful colouring Stick on your positive playlist and let your creative juices flow with a mindful colouring session.
12 Stretch it out Have a much-needed stretch and unwind with a yoga session. There are loads of free videos online!	13 Your 2022 A lot has happened this year. Write down your reflections of 2022 and any hopes or goals you might have for 2023.	14 Self-soothe session Create your own self-soothe box for whenever your feelings are overwhelming. For tips, check out the 'How to make a self-soothe box' blog on our website.	15 What makes you, you Draw a picture of yourself and, around it, write positive things and things you like about yourself. Are you kind? Are you smart? Do you have a great talent?	16 Random act of kindness Do something nice for someone else today. Doesn't it feel great?



For help and advice scan here



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