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WEEKLY BULLETIN
9TH JANUARY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank those of you who bought gifts and shared messages of thanks at Christmas. The words of thanks are always appreciated and are valued keepsakes to read again...especially after a tough day!

SIAMS Report

Following our inspection in December, we received the final report this week and this was emailed to you all on Monday. It is also on our school website and can be found here: www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/church-school-inspection-siams

It really is an excellent report and I urge you all to read it.

It is testament to all the hard work that the staff put into creating an inspiring culture and ethos for all children...every single day. I am extremely proud of our school and I know how dedicated and hard-working the children, and staff are, in creating a school that is happy, kind and where pupils flourish.

Some of the wonderful things said in this report are:

"Strong relationships are at the heart of school life... care and kindness permeate the school, enhancing wellbeing."

"a happy, welcoming environment where people are known and heard... kindness and togetherness infuse the school, enriching the lives of pupils and families."

"high aspirations and loving provision... personalised support is central to the curriculum, enabling pupils to flourish."

"The school's value of love is at the heart of school life, inspiring a culture of living well together... individual needs are met with kindness."

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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Understanding Ofsted

From November 2025, parents in England will receive new, detailed Ofsted report cards with a five-point grading system, highlighting strengths, areas for improvement, and a focus on inclusion and well-being.

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.



What the new Ofsted grades tell you

The **'expected standard'** is just that – it means the school or other provider is doing everything that it should be doing, so you'll see the green colour coding on the report card. **It's a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve.**

Moving up the scale, **'strong standard'** marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners.

And finally, there's **'exceptional'.** We only award this grade when we see practice that is among the very best nationally, which should be shared with other schools or providers to help them improve.

'Needs attention' is an indication that there is work to be done to reach the 'expected standard'. It's not a 'fail' but it highlights where issues can be addressed before they become bigger problems that need **'urgent improvement'.**

You may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible to achieve highly in some areas, and require a little more focus in others.

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You said, we did...

On my arrival as Headteacher in April 2024, many parents asked for us to Improve SEND provision

On Tuesday 13th January, at 3pm, parents of pupils on the SEND register have been invited to come into school to find out more about how we have improved the provision for our children who are on the SEND register and what our next steps are.

We will discuss our starting point, what we have done so far and share information about the Graduated Approach and Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP).

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Reverse Advent



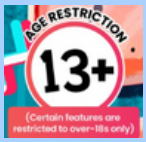


Beacon Church Havant

Following the reverse advent calendar last term, we were able to donate an incredible amount of food and supplies to the Beacon Food Bank in Havant - https://beaconchurchhavant.org.uk/community/beacon-food-bank/

Your love and fellowship continues to make a positive impact in our local community, especially during what can be a challenging time of year for some families. We would like to thank you all for your support and generosity.

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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on essential online safety. Children use the internet every day to learn, play and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These top tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology; start early conversations, promote safer sharing, encourage digital balance, create a safe space for concerns, teach critical thinking, set clear boundaries, stay informed and current, lead by example, explore privacy settings together and know where to get help.

This will be added to the website https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/onlinesafety and shared on our school Facebook page each week.

Attendance and Punctuality

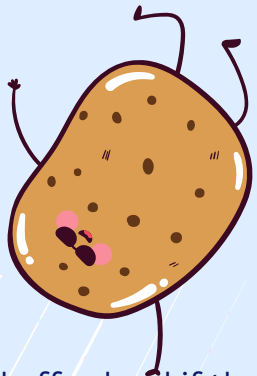
"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 96.2% (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) - 91.7%
- Cherry (1) - 90.9%
- Rowan (2) - 96.3%
- Birch (3) - 93.7%
- Hawthorn (4) - 93.5%
- Lime (5) - 96.4%
- Alder (6) - 95%



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

Uniform Reminders

When purchasing new school uniform, please consult our uniform policy: **https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/**

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

Check out the new designs - available from Skoolkit!

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.

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Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to:

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

- Year R - Laya, Grayson, Jaxon
- Year 1 - Savannah, Reggie
- Year 2 - Ella, Rylie
- Year 3 - Arthur
- Year 4 -
- Year 5 - Nada, Jess, Charley
- Year 6 -

Step Badges go to:

Football Clubs

Parents/carers should have received an email before Christmas about registering for the KS1 (Better Edge Coaching) and KS2 (CM Sports) football clubs.
If your child is interested, please sign up to ensure that these clubs can continue to run - they risk being cancelled if there is not enough interest.
Flyers can be found here:
https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/extra-curricular-activities

St Alban's Strictly!

Before Christmas, children from each House took part in the 'St Alban's Strictly Come Dancing' competition. It was a great show for all involved and we are pleased to share the winning house was !
Thank you to the judges; (Mrs Richardson), (Mrs Howard), (Mrs Flores) and (Mrs Lynch), and an extra thank you to Mrs Turvey and Mr Livermore for organising and coordinating the various dances.
Keep your eyes peeled for more House events later this year!





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Collective Worship

We are focusing on the **Words of Jesus** this half term and how these can influence our lives. This week we looked at '**Let your light shine before others**' and how everyone is good at different things. We linked this to Epiphany and that Jesus' light guides us and shows us the path when things feel dark.
We discussed lots of ways we can let our light shine through kindness, care and helping others.



Dear God,
Jesus, help us shine with love, kindness, and excellence so others may see Your light through us. Amen

All of our Collective Worships 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:

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.

Reminders for 12.01.2026

12.01.2026
Deadline for the admission consultation

13.01.2026
3pm (Hall)
Information Session for Parents with children on the SEND register (an invitation was sent out before Christmas)

15.01.2026
CENSUS DAY

Parking Reminders

We remind parents to please park considerately. We continue to receive 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.

Headteacher:
Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA QTS NPQH

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