



WEEKLY BULLETIN 30TH JANUARY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

As we edge closer to February half term, the staff are busy preparing to celebrate the children's Learning Quests with you. These celebrations have been on the school calendar since September, so please make a note of these and try to attend if you can: they are all in the final week before half term. The children do love sharing their learning with you and these are a highlight of the term for them. We look forward to seeing you.

Children's Mental Health Week

Between 9th and 15th February, we will be helping all children across the school to explore their mental health further and the different ways in which they can support this. The focus this year is: '**This is My Place**', and the aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong. A sense of belonging was a key theme in both our recent SIAMS and Ofsted inspections; Personal Development and Well-being is a separate evaluation area - this is how important it is!

WHY DOES BELONGING MATTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued. When children and young people have a strong sense of belonging, they:

- Feel more confident to be themselves and try new things.
- Develop resilience to cope with challenges and setbacks.
- Build stronger relationships and communication skills.
- Experience less anxiety and loneliness.
- Have better self-esteem and understand their own worth.
- Feel motivated to contribute positively to their communities.

Inclement Weather

As the weather continues to be unsettled and with us heading towards a 'cold snap', if the school needs to close, the office team will email parents as soon as the decision has been made. Please continue to check your emails.

We aim to be a NUT FREE SCHOOL - Please DO NOT include ANY products that contain ANY types of NUTS in your child's lunch/snack. We have children in school with life-threatening NUT allergies.

Children should not be watching 'Stranger Things' as it is rated 15+. If they are watching it, they should NOT be discussing the programme at 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...

Parents asked for more notice and a wider range of activities for 'theme days' -

We are thinking ahead to World Book Day! We will be having a 'book week' and there will be a number of events taking place (more details to follow).

Please see the poster attached to today's bulletin - we need your help to collect **fancy dress costume donations** in the count down to World Book Week! Please bring donations to the Library by Wednesday 25th February.

Please **do not** donate books.

We will be having a fancy dress day (costumes or pjs) on World Book Day.



SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY 5TH MARCH IS WORLD BOOK DAY!

Havant Cricket Club

Havant Cricket Club Year 5 & 6 Girls – Intro to Cricket Programme.

Starting next Friday!

This is a free, 8-week introduction to cricket for girls in Years 5 and 6, delivered by qualified, DBS-checked coaches, and designed to give pupils a fun and welcoming first experience of the game.

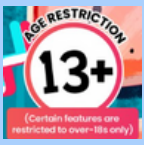
Sessions take place on Fridays at Warblington School, 5-6pm, between 6th February and 28th March.

For more information and to register please email: hawks@havantcc.com

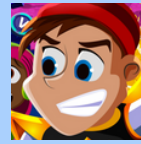
This poster can also be found here: <https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/extra-curricular-activities>



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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on mental health misinformation online.

A research study by Ofcom revealed that children aged 9-15 increasingly use online platforms like Tiktok for mental health advice, with the potential to cause confusion, anxiety, or incorrect self-diagnoses. This guide provides expert strategies to help parents and educators tackle misinformation effectively and ensure safer digital experiences for young people.

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, 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.

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 - 94.3% (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) - 91.8%
- Cherry (1) - 91.6%
- Rowan (2) - 96.4%
- Birch (3) - 94.1%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94%
- Lime (5) - 96.7%
- Alder (6) - 95.3%



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: Nancy, Rocco

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

- Year R - Rocco, Boycee, Abigail
- Year 1 - Theo, Quinn, Aminah
- Year 2 - Hunter, Hugh, Luke
- Year 3 - Rafe
- Year 4 - George, Amelia
- Year 5 - Isla, Willow
- Year 6 - Kyra, Fletcher, Evie

Check your details!

Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Has your mobile number changed?

Maybe you have you moved house recently?

If so, please remember to let the office know!

If you would like to check that your details are up to date or if you need to make any changes, please email the office and these details can be checked and updated for you.

Hampshire CAHMS Events

Embracing Autism
4 February 2026

A day that focuses on skills and strategies – supporting your autistic child to thrive.

**EMBRACING
AUTISM**

4TH FEB
2026

The poster features three stylized human heads in profile, each containing a different colorful brain diagram. The background is a light blue with white speckles.

These are just some of the events run by Hampshire CAHMS coming up this term. Posters for these have also been shared with parents/carers by email this week.

For more information about these events or any future events, please visit:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

P.A.C.E. (Parent and Carer Events) – BASINGSTOKE

A free event FOR PARENTS AND CARERS to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person.

P.A.C.E.
2026

26TH FEB
2026

The poster has a yellow background with a dark blue hand holding a white card with the text. The background is decorated with white speckles.

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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 **“Love One Another as I Have Loved You”**

John 15:12

We explored the meaning of agape (ah-gah-pay) within the bible and the importance of unconditional love. With the help of some year 4 actors, we explored the importance of acceptance, encouragement and forgiveness.



**Jesus, help us to follow you.
Show us how to love one another in big
and small ways every day.
Amen**



All of our Collective Worshipps 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 02.02.2026

04.02.26
HSA Meeting at 9.00am

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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