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WEEKLY BULLETIN
13TH MARCH 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,
Those of you who currently use Kidzone for our Wrap Around Care will have been informed yesterday that Gill has decided that it is time to retire with effect from Friday 27th March 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill, Louise and Mandy for their dedication and reliability in providing this service over many years, and to many families. I know that you will all join me in wishing them all the very best for their new adventures.

As a result of this, we have been exploring alternatives for Wrap Around Care and I am delighted to inform you that **CM Sports** have been successful in securing this contract with us. Many of you will know CM Sports from the football and multi-skills clubs that they lead each week. However, they provide more than sports and have been providing successful Wrap Around Care in many schools in our district for some years. We are delighted to welcome them to the St Alban's family and I know that you will all make them feel very welcome.

Today, every class has enjoyed an additional 30 minute coaching session with CM Sports as well as a short assembly as a way of introducing themselves to the children. The children had great fun and there are lots of excited and happy children. Your child will be bringing a leaflet home with them today about CM Sports and there will be information available on our website in a timely manner.

Please remember that the only earrings that are acceptable in school are small gold or silver studs or white gemstones. Any other earrings are unsafe and your child will be told to take them out. If your child is not wearing one of these types of earrings, they will be asked to remove them.

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.

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You said, we did...

Some parents asked to be invited into school to see the doors we had created as part of our Book Week.

This week many of you took us up on this invite and came into school to see the doors and enjoyed a quick tour around the school by your child as well.

There are lots of changes around the school to see...be sure to look out for further invites into school.



Thanks to Bessie in year 6 who has asked if we can take part in
Red Nose Day/Comic Relief
Friday 20th March 2026
She has suggested that we all either wear something red (this could just be your tie!) or that we add something funny to our normal school uniform... this could be odd shoes, a funny hair style, more odd socks, an item over our school uniform, such as a tutu etc. Use your imagination and have fun!
The House Captains will also be organising a Joke Festival!

A Kind and Respectful Community

A Reminder for everyone

Following some recent reports from parents, we'd like to gently remind all parents and carers to continue using WhatsApp and other group chats in a way that reflects our school's values of love, courage and fellowship. **In particular, we ask that parents avoid discussing specific children's behaviour in group messages.** These conversations can be easily misunderstood and are best handled privately and directly with school staff.

Thank you for helping us maintain a supportive, inclusive community where every child and family feels safe and respected.

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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on streaming services.

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVoD: streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional tv. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

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

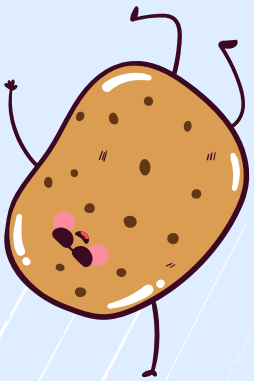
"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.6%) - Hooray!

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) - 92.2%
- Cherry (1) - 92.4%
- Rowan (2) - 96.5%
- Birch (3) - 93.8%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94.8%
- Lime (5) - 96.8%
- Alder (6) - 95.5%



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: Esme, Ethan, Margo, Oakley, Theon, Josh

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

How Can Being Curious Help Us Learn?

Being curious means wanting to find out more. When we are curious, learning becomes more fun and exciting!

Below is a list of children that received merits this week:

- Oak (R) -
- Cherry (1) - Matilda, Teigan
- Rowan (2) -
- Birch (3) - Isaac, Cornelius
- Hawthorn (4) - Malachi, Elsie
- Lime (5) -
- Alder (6) -

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

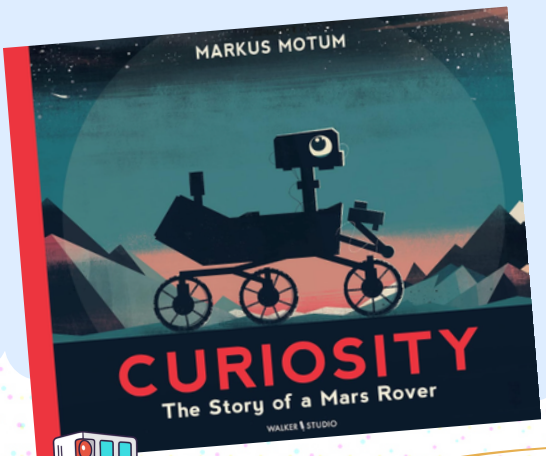
This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on diarrhoea and vomiting. Don't spread it. Stay at home for 48 hours after symptoms clear.

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



Space Scientists in the making!

In Year 5/Lime Class our learning quest this half term is 'Is the Earth the centre of the Universe?' and for British Science Week the BBC is running Live Lessons all about space! Year 5 joined in the live lesson on Monday and even had their own shout out!



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Space Scientists in the making 🔭

"Shout out to Lime Class (year 5) who are currently learning about space and designing their own Mars Rovers! They are using the book 'Curiosity: The story of the Mars Rover' by Markus Motum as their text driver and exploring the history of the Space Race through the book 'Hidden Figures'. They're totally immersed in everything space related and are even aspiring to working in the space sector in future!

Lime Class at St Albans CoE Primary, Havant

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Outside School Celebrations

Celebrating the clubs, activities and achievements children take part in outside school is an important way to recognise their growing confidence, talents and interests. Whether it's a sports team, dance class, arts group, scouts, music lessons or a special celebration within their community, these experiences help children develop new skills, build friendships and feel proud of who they are.

By sharing and celebrating these moments together, we create a school community that values every child's uniqueness and encourages them to keep exploring the things they love.



Congratulations to Mrs Riggs, our Piano Teacher from Hampshire Music Service, for completing her Master's degree. Well done Mrs Riggs!



Wilf (Year 5) took part in a rugby festival last weekend. He showed great courage, fellowship and determination. His family are incredibly proud of him...and so are we! Well done Wilf!

Well done to our kitchen team for achieving a 'very good' Food Standards Agency rating this week after a successful visit.



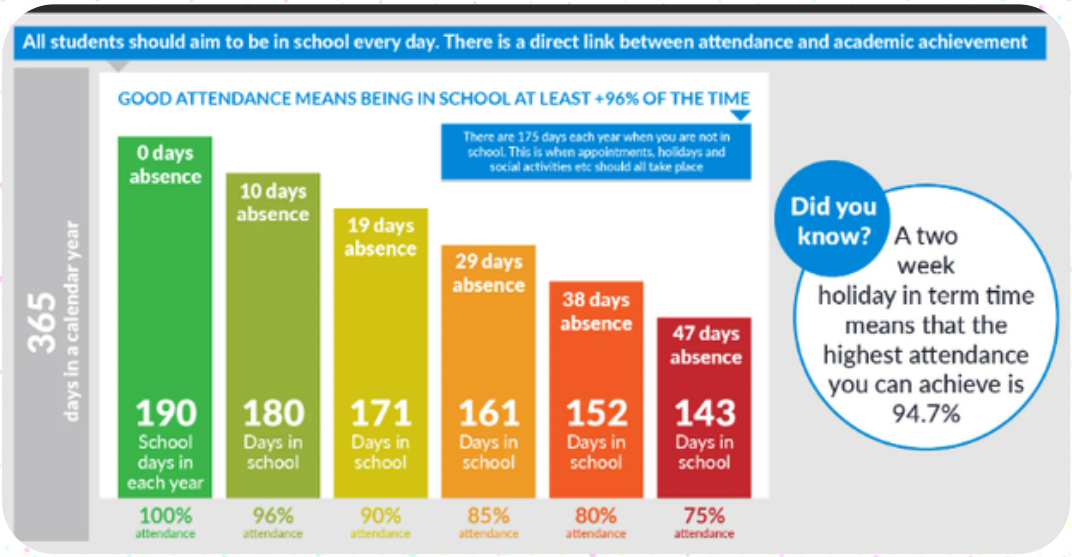
Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!

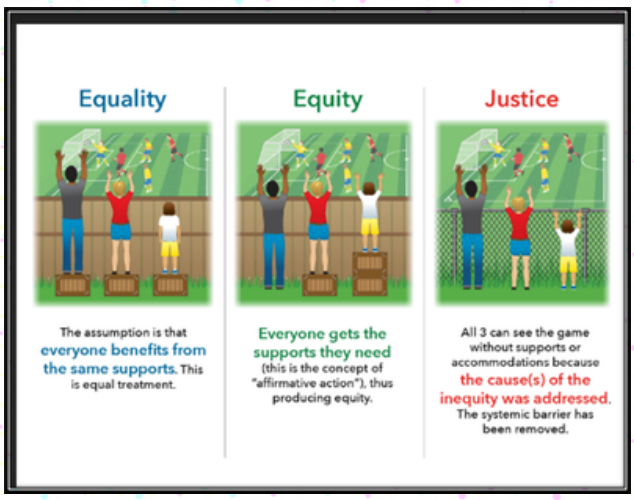
Leave of Absence Forms (Holiday Requests)

Whilst I recognise - and empathise - that holidays taken in school holidays are far more expensive than those during term time, I cannot authorise any absence or holiday for any reason, except those which are considered exceptional circumstances. The Department for Education does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

There is no specific definition for 'exceptional circumstances' and these requests are treated on an individual basis. Parents wishing to apply for leave of absence during term time must apply in writing to the Headteacher **at least a month before the planned leave and never in retrospect**.

Please note:
If a written request for leave of absence is not completed and the leave is taken without a request being submitted, the leave will not be considered by the Headteacher, and it will be marked as unauthorised. The full attendance policy can be found here: **https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/download**





Collective Worship

This half term, we have been focusing on **Justice** and this week we have been thinking about how we can stand up for others.
For our school community, Proverbs 31:8 serves as a powerful foundation for:

- **inclusion** – ensuring every pupil is heard and valued
- **justice** – standing up for fairness
- **compassion** – caring for those who need support
- **courage** – speaking up in love
- **safeguarding** – protecting the vulnerable

It's a verse that shapes hearts, behaviour, and community life.



All of our Collective Worships can be found on our website:
www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/collective-worship

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 16.03.2026

16.03.26
Down Syndrome Awareness Week
Y2 Trip to Chichester Harbour Dell Quay
Y1 Mother's Day Celebration

17.03.26
Rock Your Socks Day
YR Parent Consultations

18.03.26
YR Parent Consultations

19.03.26
Y5 Trip to Goodwood Art Foundation

20.03.26
Red Nose Day

Please check your details!

Please inform the office if you (or another emergency contact for your child) move house or changes mobile number.
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.

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Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA QTS NPQH

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