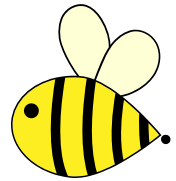




St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 20TH MARCH 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,

The addition of the warm Spring sunshine has given everyone a bit of a lift this week and it has been wonderful to see all of the classes enjoying the beautiful weather. The classes have been starting to tend their vegetable and flower beds as well as taking their learning outside.

There have been a number of trips over the past few weeks, Birch class visited Butser Ancient Farm last week, Rowan class visited Chichester Harbour earlier this week whilst yesterday Lime class experienced Goodwood Art Foundation...all of these additional experiences bring learning to life for our children and are integral parts of our curriculum. We call these additions to our Learning Quests - our St Alban's promises! Without your financial contributions these trips could not happen, so thank you for helping us to make learning real, purposeful and memorable. Additionally, a big thank you to those parents who volunteer to help on these trips so we can help everyone to stay safe and enjoy the experience.

Annual Reports Years 1 -6

Your child will be bringing home their annual report today. We hope that you find them detailed, informative and help you to know how your child is doing and to further understand the learning that goes on in school. The class teachers and I have spent a significant amount of time in preparing these for you. We hope you enjoy reading them and celebrating your child's achievements with them.

There is a letter which accompanies the report - please do take the time to read it. If you have any questions about the report, please do contact the school office and they will make an appointment for you to discuss it with your child's class teacher.

We value your feedback so if you would like to share your thoughts about them, please follow this link: [Annual Reports Year 1 to Year 6 – Fill out form](#)

**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.**

What's in this bulletin?

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You said, we did...

Parents asked for clearer communication from school about HSA events -

We now include messages from the HSA in our weekly bulletins when possible.

There is a HSA cake sale and second-hand uniform sale on **Friday 27th March at 3.30pm** in the Green Room/KS2 playground.

Donations of second-hand uniform are now being accepted via the school office - please ensure that donations are clean and of good quality.

Donations of cakes for the cake sale are also encouraged.



Down Syndrome Awareness Week



This week we have been supporting Down Syndrome Awareness Week and the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association (<https://portsmouthdsa.org/>).

This year's theme, **"Together Against Loneliness"**, highlights the importance of connection and belonging. With your support, we can raise awareness, celebrate diversity, and promote meaningful inclusion for children and young people with Down Syndrome.

Thank you to everyone who wore their colourful, individual or funky socks on Tuesday for Rock Your Socks Day. So far, we have raised a fabulous **£145.00** which will go to the Portsmouth DSA.



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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on online trends encouraging violence.

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't 'seek' it but are shown it through social media content.

Viral trends, challenges, or 'wars' that are spread online risk encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted.

This will be added to the website

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety> 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

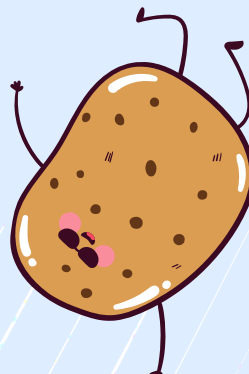
Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.6%) -

Hooray!

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY UNLESS THEY ARE REALLY UNWELL; if your 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) - 92.4%
- Cherry (1) - 92.3%
- Rowan (2) - 96.2%
- Birch (3) - 93.9%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94.8%
- Lime (5) - 96.7%
- 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: Laya, Kyra, Rosie, Ivy, Rocco

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) - Nancy, Rosie, Lottie
- Cherry (1) -
- Rowan (2) -
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) -
- Lime (5) -
- Alder (6) -

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on hydration. This week is **Nutrition and Hydration Week** - staying well hydrated supports concentration, mobility and overall wellbeing. Please ensure that your child has a filled, named water bottle with them everyday!

This will be added to the website

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing-support> and shared on our Facebook page each week.

Red Nose Day

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (<https://www.comicrelief.com/>).

This year we followed the theme **“Take Yourself Funny for Money”** and we added something funny to our normal school uniform or wore something red. The House Captains also organised a Joke Festival!

Thank you to everyone who took part in Red Nose Day this year - so far, we have raised **£51.00** which will be donated to Comic Relief.



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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.



Arthur has been on a plant walk this weekend - and what lovely plants he found too! As the weather gets nicer, it is great to be able to get outside with nature.



Over the weekend Tahlia and Eli went to a cheer competition. Tahlia stood in for a team with an injured member. The team not only won their division but scored perfect tumbling, which was Tahlia's part! Eli also won his division and had the highest score of the competition. Well done!



Dominic, Albie, Judah, Thomas, Harry, William, Sean and Euan visited Go Ape at Itchen Valley as their prize for their band entry in the 'Young Tree Champions' last summer. They all did amazingly well and had a great time.

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

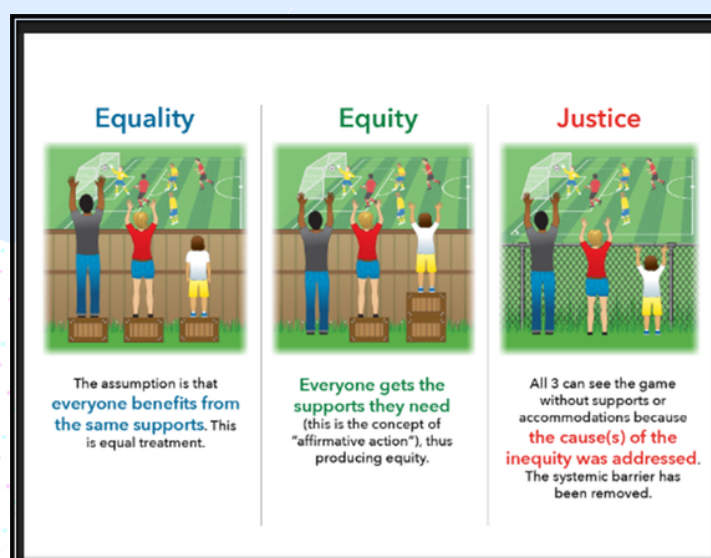
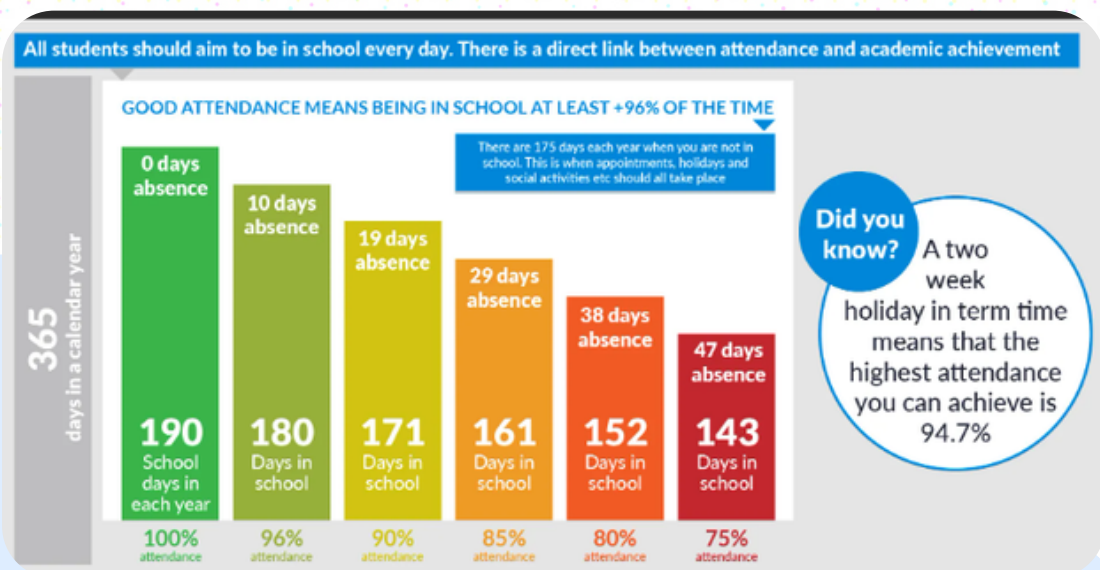
Leave of Absence Forms (Holiday Requests)

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>



Our whole school attendance this year to date has now reached 94.6% which is in line with the national average! This is something to be proud of but we can keep going!

Collective Worship

This half term, we have been focusing on **Justice** and this week we have been thinking **inequality and inclusion**.

This week we started to explore the importance of Holy Week and the time Jesus visited the Temple and 'turned the tables over.' This story can be found in all four Gospels. Jesus was tackling inequality when he turned the tables over; he was angry at the way in which some people were being treated because they were poor, or different to others. This story is so important for our school where we aim to give each child what they need, when they need it. We know that this will look different for different people at different times. We value these differences and we celebrate them because we know that this makes our school the place it is.

All of our Collective Worship can be found on our website:

www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/collective-worship

'In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength.'

Maya Angelou

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.

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.

Reminders for 23.03.2026

23.03.26

YR Trip to Havant Garden Centre

25.03.26

M&M Theatre Production: The Secret Garden - **please contribute on Scopyay if possible!**

26.03.26

HSA Easter Egg Hunt
Y4 L2M Concert, 2.50pm

27.03.26

Last Day of Term
Easter End of Term Service at St Alban's Church (local walk all year groups)
HSA Cake Sale and Second-Hand Uniform Sale, 3.30pm
No Piano Lesson (Mr Thomas PPA)

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Read our report ↗

Headteacher:

Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA QTS NPQH