



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 24TH APRIL 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,

It certainly feels like Summer is on its way this week. We have managed to eat our lunches outside most days and the children are enjoying their lunchtime play on the field.

So far this term we have already had an exciting Viking workshop for Hawthorn class and a trip to the Tower of London for Lime class. We have lots more educational visits coming up this term, so please keep an eye out for emails from the office team.

Summer Necessities

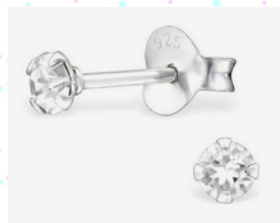
Please make sure that your children have sun -cream applied each morning as part of their daily routine, they have a full water bottle in school and they have a cap to wear to protect their head and eyes when they are outside.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Earrings

Following several reminders about the style of earrings that are suitable for school, if children are wearing any earrings other than simple round studs, they will now be asked to remove them. These are the only style, colour that are acceptable: small studs that are either silver or gold or have a clear coloured gem.

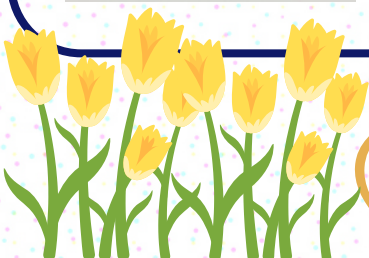
We want to continue to look smart and stay safe, and if we all follow the uniform guidelines, we will. If children continue to wear earrings that are not suitable for school, we will revert to only Year 6 being allowed to wear them.



**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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St George's Day 2026

This week, we celebrated St George's Day by inviting pupils that are part of a uniformed group (such as Beavers or Brownies) to come into school on Thursday 23 April wearing their group uniforms, instead of their normal school uniform.



Thank you to every pupil, parent, helper or staff member at St Alban's that is a part of a uniformed group such as Scouts!

Parents on the KS1 playground may have also noticed a banner advertising the local scout group, 1st Homewell. For any parents interested in their child joining the local Scouts group, please visit <https://www.1sthomewell.org.uk/> to make an enquiry.

But, who was St George?

Did you know? St George wasn't English.... and he wasn't a knight either!

The feast day of St George, patron saint of England, is celebrated on 23 April every year. St George: martyr, mythical hero, trusted intercessor and a focus of community cohesion — there's so much about the saint (in fact and legend) that makes him an ideal patron for modern England.

You can find out more about St George here:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/st-georges-day/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-st-george/>

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Sports Day 2026

This will take place on **Friday 19th June 2026** - it is a whole day event!
(Reserve date is Friday 26th June 2026)

All children will be expected to participate in this day and there will be plenty of exciting races and games for them to take part in.

As in previous years, children will come into school in their PE kit, with black trainers and a 'logo-free' t-shirt that is the colour of their school house (this is the same colour as their book bag):

Winchester - **green**

Durham - **blue**

York - **yellow**

Canterbury - **red**

To help you plan for the day, this year's timings are:

9.15-11.30am Key Stage One and Early Years races

11.30-12.30pm LUNCH (Please bring a picnic lunch to share with your children)

12.45 -3.15pm Key Stage Two races

Children are expected to be at school for the whole day regardless of when their races are. This is a whole school event where we are championing sportsmanship and fellowship!



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Connect



When "Connect" is going well

- You make time to talk
- You discuss feelings
- I understand how you are feeling.....
I have felt like that when.....
- You make time to play together
- You listen and respond to your child giving them your full attention
- You give your child affection
- You work in partnership with your school
- You don't use your phone at drop off nor pick up to connect
- You know your child well, favourite toy, movie, game, best friend
- You ask your child questions about their day
 - What did you do today that made you feel proud?
 - What was the biggest problem today?
 - If you could change anything about today what would it be?
- You encourage your child to talk
- You are helping your child to be resilient with challenges, trauma, adversity that life brings

Useful Links:

Nurturing Program

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/>

Nurture UK

<https://www.nurtureuk.org/>

Free Education Psychologist helpline
(Tel: 01252 814 729)

Your GP

When "Connect" is not going well

- Your child may not sleep
- Your child may experience strong emotions such as anger, anxiety, worry, they may experience stress, frustration, nervousness, outburst, they won't know / understand how to deal with these emotions.
- Lack of routine
- Changing plans at last minute due to difficult emotions
- Unable to make decisions about choices
- Relying on social media or technology to build relationships
- Losing touch with health professionals or missing appointments
- Retreating back from social gatherings or events e.g. at church, community events

Ideas

- Don't talk about any money, work or family and friend problems you may be having, when your child is around, They don't need to have these worries added on to theirs.
- Seek advice away from your child - if you are struggling, school can always point you in the right direction.
- Spend one on one time together, not just on the school run, but perhaps go for a walk just the two of you, or play a game together.

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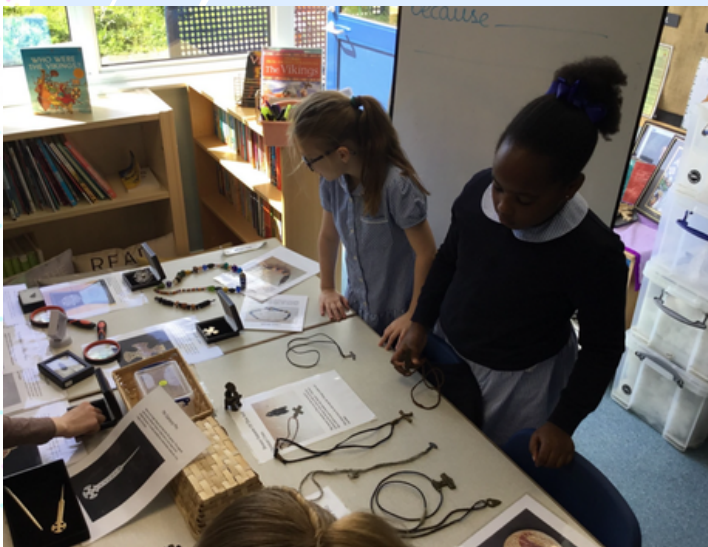
Parents asked for a wider range educational visits and workshops for children to attend throughout the year

We aim to offer at least one workshop or education visit per class per term, although this can vary depending on other things going on throughout the year.

Some examples of visits this year are include: The Tower of London, Chichester Harbour, Butser Farm, Winchester Science Centre, and Stubbington Study Centre . Not to mention educational workshops such as Weald and Downland, Chocolate Making, Egyptians and Vikings!

These visits cannot go ahead without your support and contributions, so thank you!

Year 4 Viking Workshop



In the afternoon the children had a weapons and armour display and took part in Viking spear wrestling and a Viking battle!



Last week, Year 4 spent an action-packed day in school with the 'Portals to the Past' experienced outreach practitioners for a Viking workshop. The day started with a short talk, followed by a number of activities such as:

- Fox and Geese the Viking board game
- A Viking quiz
- Having fun with kennings



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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on YouTube. YouTube continues to be one of the most popular platforms for young people, offering a mix of entertainment, creativity and learning. However, its vast content library and recommendation systems can also expose children to risks that are not always easy to spot. The latest guide highlights key concerns, including inappropriate or extreme content, interaction with strangers, risky trends and challenges, and the impact of short-form content. It also offers practical advice, such as using YouTube Kids, setting parental controls and watching content together.

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,"

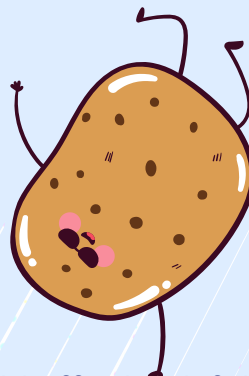
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.6%)

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) - 92.7%
- Cherry (1) - 92.4%
- Rowan (2) - 96%
- Birch (3) - 93.8%
- Hawthorn (4) - 95.1%
- Lime (5) - 96.5%
- Alder (6) - 95.8%



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>

PE Kit 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



STEP badges go to: Olive, Tiffany and Albie

Headteacher Awards go to: Luca, Olivia, Charlie

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

We will be exploring the ways we can be independent in all of the following areas:

- Regulating my feelings
- Learning on my own
- Looking after myself
- Making decisions for myself
- Managing my friendships

Learning To Be Independent At School



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

- Oak (R) - Kash, Dominic, Boycee
- Cherry (1) -
- Rowan (2) - Oakley, Lottie
- Birch (3) - Amaya
- Hawthorn (4) - Hristiyana, Milo
- Lime (5) - Joy, Preston
- Alder (6) - Judah, Holly, William

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on tick awareness. Ticks live in long grass and woodland. Don't forget to check for ticks after your walk.

More information can be found on our website:
<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing-support>.



Peep Learning Together Stay and Play
for families with children aged 3-4 years

Come and join us for fun, play-based activities, ideas to support learning at home, and special time to enjoy with your child.

You will also be able to find out more about our Peep Learning Together programme starting in June and how to sign up.



Friday 8 May 2026 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday 15 May 2026 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Come and find us at:
Best Start Family Hub, Leigh Park Library, PO9 5AB
Younger brothers and sisters are welcome!

www.peeple.org.uk/parents-area

peep supporting parents and children to learn together
BEST START IN LIFE
Hampshire County Council

Peep Learning Together Programme

These sessions are a relaxed meet-and-greet opportunity where families can come along, enjoy some play-based activities, meet the team, and, if they wish, register for the Peep Learning Together programme which is starting in June.

For more information about Peep and how this can benefit your family please access the parent area on their website:

www.peeple.org.uk/parents-area

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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.



Aiya achieved yellow and black in karate grading recently at mission martial arts - well done Aiya!



Alfie came 1st in the creative writing competition for his age group 7-8 for tutoring company at I Love to Learn- the task was to write a story linked to a historical event- his story was about the Great Fire of London and a dog called Milo.



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

Bringing Bikes/Scooters to School



Please remind children (including siblings) that they are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters anywhere on the school site at any time. If your journey to school involves cycling or scooting, children may leave their bike or scooter in the bike shed. Please ensure that bikes/scooters are walked onto the site, not ridden, as it can be very busy and this would be unsafe for pedestrians.

Please note that scooters and bikes are left at your own risk and the bike shed is not monitored or supervised.



Collective Worship

This half term, we are focusing on the Miracles of Jesus. During this time, we will be exploring some of the well-known miracles Jesus is said to have performed and the meaning of these stories for Christians.

This week we explored the 'Feeding of the 5,000' which is the only story to be found in all gospels except for The Easter Story. We discussed the importance of meals in the Bible and talked about some of the important meals we have in our own homes.



All of our Collective Worship 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.

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 27.04.2026

27.04.26

School nurse clinic all day
(appointment only)

29.04.26

Y1 trip to Tuppenny Barn

30.04.26

Hampshire Healthy Steps 13:00-15:00
in the Green Room

01.05.26

INSET DAY - School closed to all pupils and staff

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Headteacher:

Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA(Hons) QTS NPQH

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