



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 8TH MAY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,
Year 6

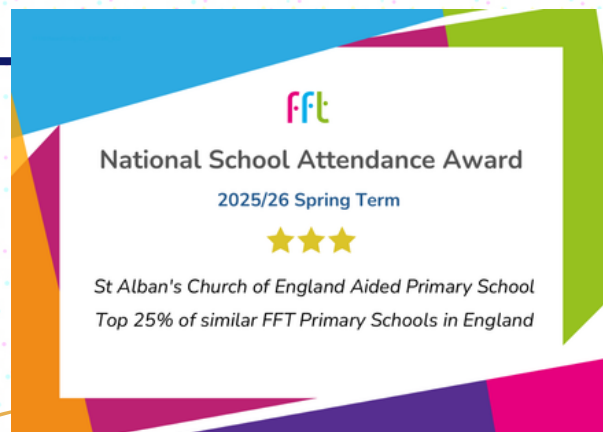
As we head into KS2 SATs week, I want to share how proud the Year 6 team and I are of every single child in year 6. They have shown tenacity, perseverance, courage, support and love for one another....and (mostly!) with a smile on their face. I know that everyone will join me in wishing them the best of luck in these statutory tests. Above all, we want our children to know that their character, kindness and willingness to serve others matter far more than any test result, and that they are already making a positive difference in God's world.

Attendance

I wanted to share the National School Attendance Award that we have been awarded. These are awarded to schools whose Spring Term 2026 attendance was in the top 10% or top 25% of all primary schools in similar circumstances. This time, we have been awarded the 'top 25%' of schools; let's aim for the top 10% for the Summer term!

There are some children with attendance that is less than 90%. In the coming weeks, I will be asking the parents of these children to join me for a short meeting so we can try to improve attendance for your child so that they have the very best chance for success and happiness.

"Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year." – Attendance Counts



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**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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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.

You said, we did...

Some parents have asked for more information about SEN and what support is on offer

For more information about Inclusion/SEND at St Alban's - please visit <https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/send>

Parents/carers of children with SEN have been invited to an information session in this term.

Inclusion TEAM

We are fortunate to have a team of inclusion professions available to support children and parents with various issues. The inclusion team is led by Mrs Goldsworthy and Mrs Clarke with Ms Brooks, Mr Smith and Mrs Welton.

Any requests for inclusion support should come through the office in the first instance, and not to members of staff, such as Mrs Welton, directly.



YouTube Channels

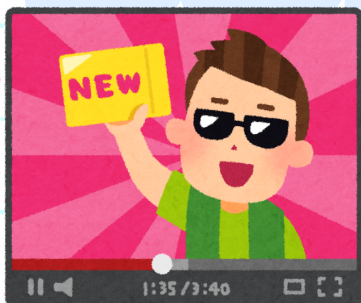
We recognise that children today are growing up in a digital world, and for many, creating videos can be a fun and creative activity that builds confidence, communication skills, and technical knowledge. We are keen to support pupils in developing these interests in a safe and responsible way.

That said, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of online safety and supervision. Children of primary school age **should not** be managing online accounts independently. Platforms such as YouTube have age restrictions, and we strongly encourage parents and carers to ensure that any accounts are set up and monitored by adults, with appropriate privacy settings in place.

In school, we regularly teach pupils about digital citizenship, including how to stay safe online, the importance of protecting personal information, and being respectful and kind when communicating digitally.



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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on helping neurodivergent children navigate the online world. Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are the key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

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,"

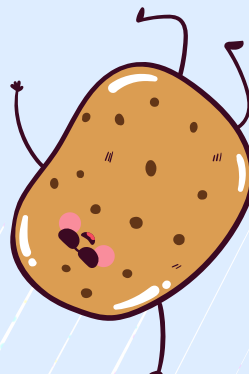
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.7%)

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) - 92.8%
- Cherry (1) - 92.5%
- Rowan (2) - 96.1%
- Birch (3) - 93.8%
- Hawthorn (4) - 95%
- Lime (5) - 96.6%
- Alder (6) - 95.9%



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:

Headteacher Awards go to: Ava, Eilish, Leila, Dolly, Wilfred, Sienna, Dominic

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) - Charlie, Sofia
- Cherry (1) - Lennox, Teigan
- Rowan (2) - Mariam, Eli
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) - Isabelle
- Lime (5) - Cruz, Ben
- Alder (6) - All of Year 6



Back to Basics

We are excited to share that we have a **NEW** page on our school website dedicated to 'Back to Basics' -

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/BacktoBasics>

Back to basics is designed to empower parents and carers to support their child's emotional wellbeing within the home. Using the back to basics approach can empower you to take control of the 5 ways to wellbeing.

We would encourage parents to visit our website to find out more!

When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower.

— Alexander Den Heijer

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on

#KnowWhereToGo.

Emergency Departments in our area are very busy; knowing where to go can save you time and ensure you or your child are treated quicker.

- NHS 111 can help with non-life threatening conditions
- Visit your local pharmacy
- Only attend an ED or call 999 in a life-threatening emergency

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing-support>.



Watch the Back to Basics videos to help you support your family's wellbeing:

Take Notice

Give

Be Active

Keep Learning

Connect

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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.



This is Isla getting her bronze medal for the slalom skiing competition that she has completed over the winter season at Snowtrax in Christchurch. Isla raced over 6 days and came in 2nd or 3rd place each time!



Mr Stapleton completed the London Marathon last weekend, and so far has raised an incredible £5,620 for Chestnut Tree House. If you wish to donate, you can do so by using this QR code.

Marty Stapleton's
JustGiving Page

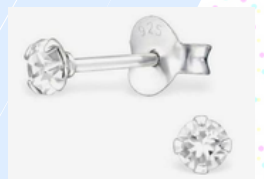


Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!

Reminder - Earrings in School

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.



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 Jesus walking on Water and how we need to use our courage, find our brave and trust in the process. We shared things that we have needed to show courage for and then we discussed what helps us to show this courage.



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 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 11.05.2026

11.05.2026

Y6 SATs Week (Mon-Thurs)

12.05.2026

Y2 Chocolate Workshop

14.05.2026

Hampshire Healthy Steps Course

15.05.2026

Y6 Trip to Paulton's Park

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