



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 15TH MAY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to take a moment to celebrate and say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for being amazing during their SATs this week. They approached each day with positivity, determination and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience they have shown.

Today, Year 6 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Paulton's Park. The children had a wonderful time, making special memories together after all of their hard work.

Now that SATs are finished, children in Year 6 can wear their **Leaver's Hoodies** to school.

Attendance and punctuality

I would also like to remind all parents and carers about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving at school on time every day ensures that children are settled and ready to learn. The school office are having to regularly chase parents for information regarding absences because the correct reporting procedures are not being followed. We ask that all absences are reported promptly and in line with school procedures to help us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. As Headteacher, I am responsible for the safeguarding of children at all times during the school day, even when pupils are absent so it is vital that we know where they are.

Year R parents will shortly be receiving a letter from me about their statutory attendance. All children in Year R are required by law to attend school the term after their fifth birthday and this will be explained in more detail soon.

I hope that everyone has a pleasant weekend, despite the showers that are expected to continue!

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...

Parents of Oak Class in particular asked for updates about what children are getting up to during the week

We now share regular updates on our school Facebook page from Oak class, using photos provided by Miss Fine.

For other year groups, we try to share updates from educational visits, concerts, and Learning Quest celebrations so parents can see what the children have been learning. Some of these updates are also shared in these bulletins.

Parents can follow our Facebook page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansCEPri/>



Recent Trips and Visits

Cherry class (Year 1) visited Tuppenny Barn this term, they had lots of fun with a Herb Hunt, a 'What's in the Pond?' exercise and learning about balanced, healthy meals.



Rowan class (Year 2) had a chocolate workshop on Tuesday, which helped them answer their Learning Quest question of 'Does chocolate grow on trees?' They looked at cacao pods and beans and how to make tempered chocolate.



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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's #WakeUpWednesday focuses on online grooming.

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity - such as country lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year - an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

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,"

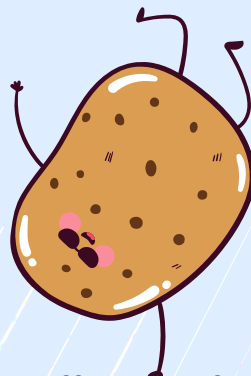
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.7%)

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) - 92.9%
- Cherry (1) - 92.5%
- Rowan (2) - 96.1%
- Birch (3) - 93.6%
- Hawthorn (4) - 95%
- Lime (5) - 96.7%
- Alder (6) - 96%



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: Wilfred, Isabelle, Olivia L, Orlando, Olivia W, Lucy

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

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

- Oak (R) - Colby, Besty, Sophia
- Cherry (1) - Olivia, Dexter
- Rowan (2) - Rosie, Lilli-Anna
- Birch (3) - Iris, Oscar
- Hawthorn (4) -
- Lime (5) - Beth, Arnold
- Alder (6) -

Learning To Be Independent At School



Playground Pals Fundraising

Our Playground Pals are organising a cake and cookie sale after school on **Friday 22nd May** on the KS2 playground!

They would like to raise money to buy two friendship benches for each playground. These benches will be used by children who may be feeling lonely or need someone to play with, helping others know when to offer support and friendship.

To support this fundraising, Olivia in Year 4 (with the help of her mum) has set up a GoFundMe page. If any parents are able to help, you can find the page here: <https://gofund.me/5d3f7db11>



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Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on NHS Healthy Start.

NHS Healthy Start could help your child get a great start in life

You can use your card to buy:

vegetables, fruit, pulses, milk, infant formula and free Healthy Start vitamins!

Find out more

www.healthystart.nhs.uk

More information can be found on our website:

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

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.



Freddy and his team won their seasons first cricket match on Friday in the Southsea sunshine, beating Portsmouth by 2 runs with Freddy getting the winning wicket in the second to last bowl of the match!



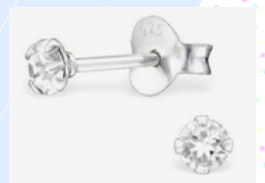
Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!

Well done to Josh and Zeb - their team, Hayling Youth FC U7, took part in the Fareham Town summer tournament, the team got to the final after winning three and drawing three games, only conceding one goal! They were unlucky to lose the final on penalties after narrowly missing several chances to win the game in normal time.

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 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 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 18.05.2026

18.05.2026

Walk to School Week
Science Week

19.05.2026

Y6 Leavers Photo - Portsmouth News

20.05.2026

YR Trip to Staunton Farm

21.05.2026

Summer Census
Hampshire Healthy Steps Course

22.05.2026

End of Half Term Celebration Worship
Playground Pals Cake Sale, 3.30pm

Various dates - **End of Learning Quest Celebrations** - please refer to emails sent on Monday this week!

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