



WEEKLY BULLETIN 22ND MAY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you attend our End of Learning Quest Celebrations this week. They really are a great way to find out more about what your children have been learning and to enjoy a fun activity or two! I have seen treasure hunts, making mocktails (important learning about capacity!), building bridges using spaghetti and marshmallows, songs, dances...a whole range of exciting and engaging activities. It has been a joy to see so many children with their parents and listening to the conversations about learning. Thank you to the staff for organising these activities and to you for attending.

INSET Days

I am pleased to confirm that the INSET days for the next academic year (2026-2027) have now been confirmed by the Governors. Please make a note of these dates, alongside the Hampshire Term Dates for 2026-2027; these can be found <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Tuesday 1st September 2026

(Years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 2nd September)

Monday 30th November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 30th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

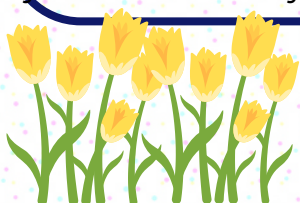
Please note that Friday 30th April 2027 as an INSET day will, alongside the Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May 2027, give you - as a family - the opportunity to take a short 4 day break whilst prices are not over-inflated. This is a decision that has actively been made to encourage fewer holidays within term time and one which I hope will support our drive for good attendance for every child.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st June for the second half of the Summer term.

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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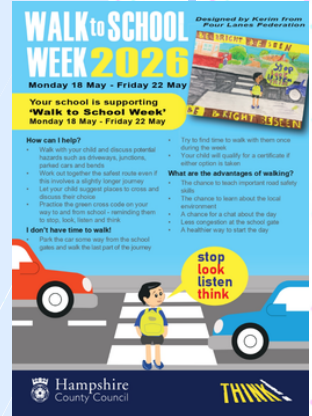
You said, we did...

We regularly remind parents to park considerately and safely at drop off and pick up times.

This week, during **Walk to School Week**, this is message is even more prominent as we understand the importance of walking to school, or even doing a 'park and stride'! It's not only good for our physical and mental health, but it benefits our local environment too.

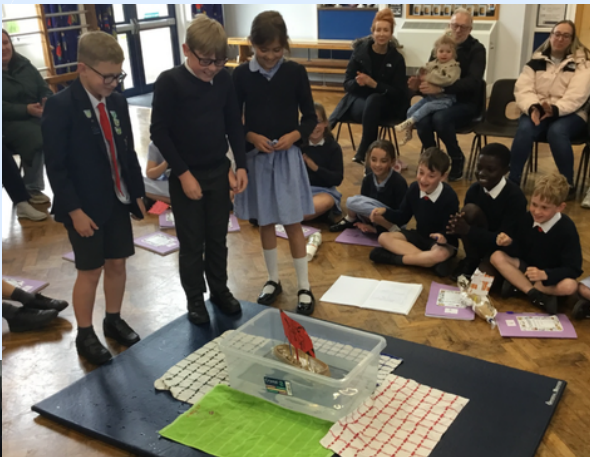
We will also be taking part in **Clean Air Day** on Thursday 18 June.

Parents have asked us to help, where possible, with the parking situation at busy times during the school day



Learning Quest Celebrations

Here are some of the highlights from the Learning Quest Celebrations this week!



Thank you to all parents/carers that came to celebrate with us this week.



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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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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's #WakeUpWednesday focuses on Minecraft.

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audience of all ages to harness creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

This will be added to the website

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/onlinesafety> and shared on our school Facebook page each week.

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"

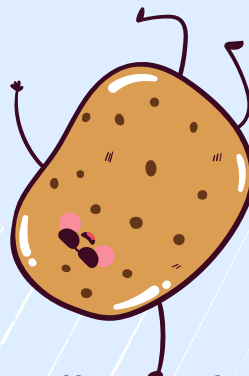
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

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) - 94.4%
- Rowan (2) - 95.9%
- 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>

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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.

Celebrations

Independence Awards go to: Colby, Aida, Aminah, Arthur, Eleanor, Jaxon, Megan, Louis, Rudi, Reuben, Beth, Nada, Euan, Layla

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) -
- Cherry (1) -
- Rowan (2) - Hugh, Kshetra
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) -
- Lime (5) -
- Alder (6) - Tahlia

Learning To Be Independent At School



Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks **#FirstAidFriday** focuses on Asthma. Asthma is a common condition that affects your breathing. It cannot currently be cured, but if it's well treated you should not have problems with symptoms.

Did you know? St Alban's has it's own **General Health Care Plan** for pupils with Asthma.

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

Our HSA (Home School Association)

The St Alban's HSA - Home School Association - is a parent association that raise funds for our school, similar to PTAs at other schools.

The goal of the HSA is to raise funds through having fun. The funds we raise then go towards purchasing goods to help enhance the learning experiences of the children at St Alban's. They have helped raise funds for things like the Listen2Me programme, sports equipment, the furnishing of the Green Room, books, and much more!

More information about our HSA can be found here:
<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/home-school-association>

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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.



Ralphie's team, the Horndean Cardinals won the UIO Warrior Cup with a 4-2 victory against Fleur De Lys. It is a fantastic achievement, especially as the team were playing a year above their age group!



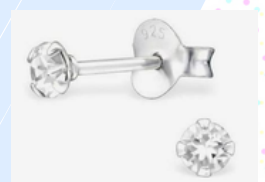
Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!

Well done to Kash who earned a medal for showing great effort and listening skills at his new football club this week!

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. This week, Rev Jenn explained Pentecost and Rauch - the breath and wind of God- to the children. This image explains it really well:



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 01.06.2026

25th to 29th May
HALF TERM - School Closed to Pupils and Staff

01.06.26
Start of Summer 2
Start of Multiplication Tables Check Week 1

04.06.26
Y5 Swimming Course Starts Today (for 6 weeks)

05.06.26
HSA Non-Uniform Day

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