



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN 12TH JUNE 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Wow! Friday's Summer Fair was a great event and I am incredibly thankful that so many of you stayed after school to support this incredibly successful event. Even the sun made an appearance! It was a great way to finish a school week - there was lots of laughter, chatter and good games. A good time was had by all!

Thank you!

Events like this take a significant amount of time, effort and resources and we couldn't do any of this without the HSA, or the staff. So, thank you to each and every member of the HSA for their organisation, effort and time, not just for the Summer Fair, but throughout the whole year. And, thank you to each and every one of you who support these events; whether you just buy a raffle ticket or whether your children help you to spend every last penny in your purse - it all makes a huge difference to all of our children and helps us to provide resources and opportunities we wouldn't normally be able to do. Thank you!

As parents, you are all members of the HSA, but we are always looking for people to become more 'active' members. If you are interested in taking a more active role, are a great organiser, or simply have time on your hands, please do contact Holly Day, Lucy Gale or April Quinton and they would be delighted to welcome you to their meetings.

Sports Day (NO Spectator Gazebos)

Friday is our eagerly awaited Sports Day. Currently, the weather is looking sunny, warm and settled. This year, as spectators, you will **not** be able to pitch a gazebo, so it is essential that you have sun-cream, wide-brimmed hats and cover-ups available so that you can 'Slip, Slop, Slap' and protect yourself - and your family - from the sun. Why not watch this clip of **Sid the Seagull** with your child/children. The children will be seated in the shade and they will have their water bottles with them. For lunchtimes, there is plenty of natural shade around the field for you to have your picnic under. HSA will be selling refreshments and ice-lollies throughout the day and will be based in the Outdoor Classroom - card payments and cash will be accepted. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

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!



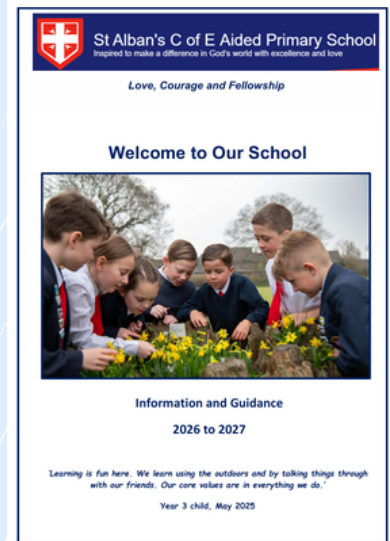
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You said, we did...

Parents asked for information about our school practices and procedures all in one place...

We always share a 'Welcome to Our School' booklet with new parents when they join St Alban's. We have shared this booklet, following several updates, with all parents earlier this week.

We would strongly encourage parents to read this as some of the information may have changed since your child started school with us.



Teaching and class structure for September

Parents were informed earlier this week of the teaching and class structure for September. Children have been told who their teachers are and will have been introduced to them on Monday.

Oak (Year R) Mrs Sarah Evetts

Cherry (Year 1) Mrs Lorna Kirby – Early Years and Key Stage One Lead (4 days) and Miss Rachel Gaffney (1 day)

Rowan (Year 2) Mrs Vicki Smith

Birch (Year 3) Miss Grace Maddison

Hawthorn (Year 4) Miss Jasmine Ryan

Lime (Year 5) Mrs Amber Turvey (3 days) and Mrs Claire McLeish (2 days)

Alder (Year 6) Ms Amanda Pangbourne – Key Stage Two Lead

Miss Gaffney - will continue to work Tuesday to Friday covering PPA/Leadership time for staff as well as Friday in Cherry class.

We have planned transition dates in the diary which are:

Monday 6th July (AM), Wednesday 8th July (PM), and Monday 13th July (AM)

Year 6 will enjoy some additional sport during these events and will be supervised by those teachers who will be leaving us in July.

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Take Notice



When 'Take Notice' is going well your child may

- Be relaxed and calm.
- Be able to share their worries.
- Sleep well.
- Follow daily rhythms and routines.
- Manage their emotions and feelings.
- Join in meal times.
- Join in with family times.
- Engage with friends and family.
- Respond to boundaries .
- Enjoy daily activities.
- Remain focussed when it is needed.

Routines

- Take notice of how your child/YP responds to routines
- Break down daily routines into simple, manageable steps
- Use visual aids to support routines and daily activities
- Do daily tasks in the same order each day
- Use clear language 'first brush your teeth, then wash your face'
- Focus on what you want to see- not what you don't want to see e.g. instead of 'stop playing with your Lego' try 'put the Lego down and find your shoes'

When 'Take Notice' is not going well your child may

- They may not be able to control their emotions.
- Have racing thoughts.
- Sleep poorly.
- Battle daily rhythms and routines.
- Have big feelings/emotions.
- Appear vacant/forgetful.
- Disengage with family time.
- Disengage with friends and family.
- Push boundaries and seek control.
- Lack enjoyment in daily activities.
- Unable to focus or complete a task.

Be present

- Practise simple breathing activities with your child .
- Take notice of your environment and surroundings -talk about what you see or hear on your journey into school.
- Focus on one task - avoid being on your phone, or trying to do too many things at once.
- Notice your thoughts and feelings.
- Notice change of seasons.
- Share anxieties and worries, if appropriate.
- Give eye-contact and face-to-face time.
- Remove distractions such as screens or background noise.
- Have purposeful contact - cuddle, hold hands, massage.



Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on sports betting. Sports betting had become increasingly visible online, appearing across apps, websites, social media, sports coverage and gaming spaces. Even when young people are not legally old enough to gamble, they may still encounter betting messages through adverts, influencers, tipsters, friends or adult accounts. The latest **#WakeUpWednesday** guide highlights key risks, including easy online access, gambling becoming normalised around sport, peer and influencer pressure, free bet offers and impulsive spending and chasing losses.

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,"

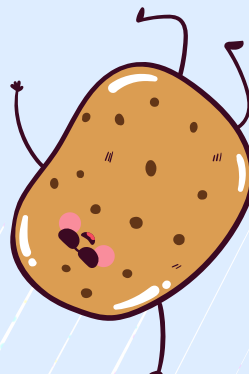
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.6% (national 94.6%)

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY UNLESS THEY ARE REALLY UNWELL; if 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) - 92.7%
- Cherry (1) - 94.5%
- Rowan (2) - 95.7%
- Birch (3) - 93.3%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94.9%
- 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



Headteacher Awards go to: Muhammed, Alana, Jess, Nadia, Lucy, Wilfred, Willow

STEP Awards go to:

This half term we are focusing on the learning skill of **'Reflection'**.

What does it mean to be a reflective learner? Being reflective in your learning means thinking about what you're learning and how you're learning it, in a way that helps you understand yourself and your learning better.

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

- Oak (R) - Jaxon, Rosie
- Cherry (1) - All of Cherry class
- Rowan (2) - Sylvie, Ryan
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) - Sophie, Harry
- Lime (5) - Nyah
- Alder (6) - All of Alder class, plus William, Annie, Jack, Fletcher

Project Fund

As St Alban's is a church school it is the governors who are responsible for the upkeep and improvement of the school buildings, rather than the local authority. We have to fund 10% of all work carried out (with 90% funded by Portsmouth Anglican Diocese), and the only way to achieve this is by operating a School Project Fund which has helped to provide these funds to ensure that this responsibility is met.

We ask please that all parents read the Project Fund letter that was shared with parents earlier this week for information on how you can support this fund.

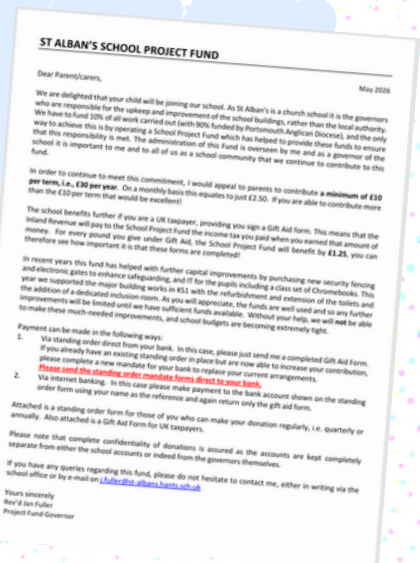
Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks **#FirstAidFriday** focuses on sunscreen advice.

Here are some top tips:

- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going out and then just before
- Reapply every 2 hours
- Do not rely on sunscreen alone - wear suitable clothing and spend time in the shade
- water washes sunscreen off so try to use a water-resistant one if you can

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



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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.



Eilish has made her first Holy Communion this weekend at St Micheal and All Angles Church.

Nancy passed her Stage One swimming course over the weekend and was very proud to receive her certificate and badge.



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

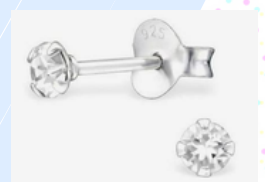


Congratulations to Aiya who passed her 4th karate exam last week and is now an orange belt!

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 'Growing in Wisdom'. What is Wisdom? Wisdom in the Bible is about knowing what is right and making good choices, and it is important for everyone. This means understanding the rules at home or school and choosing to follow them. Wisdom helps children live happy and safe lives by guiding them to make choices that align with God's teachings. This week, we shared the story of Samuel and we thought about how listening carefully helps us to grow in wisdom.

 **Prayer:**

Speak to us, Lord,
Help us to be still and listen.
Teach us to hear your voice...
In others, in quiet moments,
and in our hearts.
Amen.

1 Samuel 3

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 15.06.2026

15.06.2026

Y2 Trip to SeaCity Museum

17.06.2026

Y3 Trip to Staunton Country Park

18.06.2026

Clean Air Day 2026
Y5 Swimming course continues

19.06.2026

Sport's Day

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Read our report ↗

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