St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN
25TH JUNE 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Yet again our weather seems to be the major talking point across the whole country! I love the Summer and the sunshine, but this week has even been a bit hot for me!

Thank you

Thank you to all of you for your continued support, understanding and flexibility as we have tried to navigate our way through something else unprecedented this week. The number of decisions I have had to make this week - all within short time frames and in consultation with other local schools -has reminded me a little of 2020 and Covid19. Not somewhere I thought I would be again so soon!

I hope that you all know me well enough by now, to know that every decision has been made with the children's best interest at its' heart, and I know (as a working parent myself) that these decisions mean extra decision making for you too. So, thank you to everyone for the support, following our procedures, and remaining calm and collected. A true example of love, courage and fellowship in action. I - for one - am looking forward to the rain that is forecast tomorrow. I might even stand in it!

End of Year Parent Consultations Years 1- 6

If you haven't already done so, please remember to book a slot for these. It is a really important opportunity for the teachers to share your child's progress at school with you. Please do bring your child along so they can show you the learning that they are proud of and show you the progress they have made against their targets set at Easter.

Uniform Expectations

We will revert back to our normal school uniform on Monday; PE kits on days PE is being taught, school uniform the rest of the time. Please remember school shoes need to continue to be black and sensible (no open toes), socks should be the correct colour and hair accessories should be either blue or red. However, there is no need to wear ties for the rest of the academic year.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6's taking part in the Leavers' Service on **Tuesday 30th June** at **Portsmouth Cathedral,** are expected to wear their full, smartest school uniform, including **blazers and ties** where appropriate. Please be at school for **8.15am** so we have plenty of time to walk to the station.

Everyone: don't forget your your water bottles and sun hats next week.
Have a wonderful weekend.... and enjoy the football! Come on England!

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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.



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.

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.

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'

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.

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You Said, We did...

Lost Property - please read!

Lots of uniform, water bottles, hats and other items are going missing or ending up in lost property - please come and have a look after school if you are missing something.





A childs bike helmet, similar to the one pictured, has gone missing from the bike shed on the KS2 playground. If anyone has taken it home by mistake, or knows where it might be, please could you let the school office know so that it can be returned - Thank you!

In full bloom...

We are in full bloom at St Alban's thanks to the wonderful work of one of our parent volunteers, Mrs Bishop. Our entrance was looking tired and overgrown, but after many hours spent outside (come rain or shine) it is now looking colourful and healthy.





Thank you also to Mrs Flores and Alder class for keeping the area watered, clean and tidy.

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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on invoice fraud.

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send cnvincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses and schools.

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

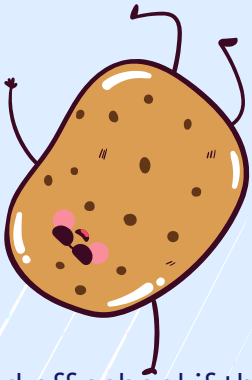
"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

Whole school - 94.4% (national 94.5%)

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) - 92.3%
- Cherry (1) - 94.4%
- Rowan (2) - 95.2%
- Birch (3) - 93.1%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94.8%
- Lime (5) - 96.4%
- Alder (6) - 95.7%



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:

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) -
- Cherry (1) -
- Rowan (2) -
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) -
- Lime (5) -
- Alder (6) -

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks **#FirstAidFriday** focuses on how to cope in hot weather.

- Stay in the shade if you can
- wear sunscreen, a hat and light clothes, and avoid exercise or activity
- Cool yourself down. Have cold food and regular cold drinks.
- Keep your living space cool. Close windows, curtains and blinds during the day and open them at night when the temperature outside has gone down.

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

New Theatre Royal Visit



This week (before it got too hot) Hawthorn class enjoyed their tour of the Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. They had a fantastic day, and got to take centre stage!





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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.



Olivia had a local gymnastics competition last weekend. She came 3rd in Vault, 2nd in Bars, Ist in Beam and Ist in Floor! Which meant she was 2nd overall in her age group. Well done Olivia!



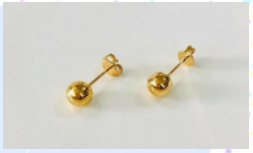
Ella is celebrating her new little sister who is nearly two weeks old. Ella is becoming a wonderful big sister!

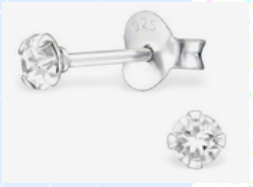
Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!



Louis attended his end of season football team presentation awards ceremony over the weekend and received the trophy for the 'Supporters' Player of the Season' for Hayling Youth FC U8s. Keep up the excellent effort Louis!

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.

As it was too hot for us to all be together in the hall this week, our Collective Worship was led by the teachers in thier classrooms. We revisited the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and thought about how right and good choices were made here.

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 29.06.2026

29.06.26
School Nurse Clinic, by appointment only

30.06.26
Y6 Leavers Service at Portsmouth Cathedral

01.07.26
Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations

02.07.26
YR (2026 Entrants) 'Ready for School' Session 1
Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations
Y5 swimming continues
EYFS reports home to parents

03.07.26
INSET Day - school is closed to all pupils

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