St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN
6TH JULY 2026

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that those of you who watched the football early this morning enjoyed the match and that the rest of you have caught up with the action-packed game and winning scoreline. I am looking forward to Saturday night already!

As the weather continues to be hot and sunny, please ensure your child has a named water bottle and a hat in school each day. Please remind the children - as we are doing in school - to keep their hats on their heads and to leave everyone else's hat alone too! Please apply sun-cream to your child before they come to school.

Transition Sessions

This morning, we had the first of our Transition Sessions. Our new members of staff came into school to support with this important event and I know that the children will be really excited to tell you all about it. We know that some children get worried about new starts - this is perfectly normal - so we have two further sessions: this Wednesday afternoon and next Monday morning too.

During our staff meetings over the next two weeks, the teachers will be meeting to hold detailed transition discussions so that your child has the best possible start in their new class in September. Please remember if you have any worries, or concerns, please do make an appointment to speak with us.

Class Staff

We continue to be incredibly fortunate to be able to ensure that every class has at least one full time equivalent Learning Support Assistant assigned to it. There are some classes with more adults; this is because there is more need within the class. There are often times within a year, where the needs in a class will change. This could be for a number of reasons, so staffing levels will fluctuate to meet this changing need.

Please note the Inclusion Team who are all trained to support you, as parents, in getting the right support at the right time. If you need support, advice or a listening ear, contact the office team who will let the Inclusion team staff know and an available member of the team will get back to you.

School Uniform Shopping, inclduing SHOES!

Before buying school uniform for next year, please check our uniform policy and make sure the items you buy meet the requirements set by the school's Governing Body. Visit: **https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform**

Please ensure shoes are in plain black, navy blue or red. Traditional or a more substantial style are suggested. These should *not* be trainers, a slip on or high/fashion heel style. Slip-ons are not safe for primary aged children to wear to school; they do not support growing feet and they fall off when they are playing at break times.

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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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Staffing for September 2026

Class	Year Group	Teacher/s	LSAs
Oak	R	Mrs Sarah Evetts 1.0	Mrs Jackie Howard Mon – Fri Mrs Kerry Bath Mon Mrs Jess Griffiths Tues – Fri
Cherry	1	Mrs Lorna Kirby Mon-Thurs Mrs Claire Bromyard (student teacher) Miss Rachel Gaffney Friday	Mrs Helene Rhodes Tues – Fri Mr David Norton Mon – Fri AM (1-1) Miss Lacey Mengham Mon – Fri AM
Rowan	2	Mrs Vicki Smith Mon-Fri	Miss Lauren Blendell Mon – Fri Mrs Cheryl Ramshaw Mon-Wed Mrs Kerry Bath Thurs – Fri
Birch	3	Miss Grace Maddison Mon-Fri	Mrs Chloe Austin Mon- Wed Mrs Jo Welton Thurs – Fri Mrs Jessica Parham Mon- Fri
Hawthorn	4	Miss Jasmine Ryan Mon-Fri	Mrs Charlotte Slocombe Mon – Fri Mr David Norton PM Mon-Fri
Lime	5	Mrs Amber Turvey Mon-Wed Mrs Claire McLeish Thurs-Fri	Mrs Claire Richardson Mon-Fri
Alder	6	Ms Amanda Pangbourne Mon-Fri	Mrs Alison Flores Mon-Thurs Mrs Jackie Lynch Mon-Fri (1-1) Mrs Adele Brooks Mon-Fri (1-1)

Additional teaching staff: Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy – Headteacher **Mrs Faye Clarke** – Inclusion Lead/SENCo
Miss Rachel Gaffney – PPA and Leadership cover **Mrs Claire McLeish** Outdoor Learning WED PM
Inclusion Team: Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy, Mrs Faye Clarke, Mrs Jo Welton, Ms Adele Brooks, Mr Adrian Smith

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.

Made by Ruth Downer, Maria Knight, Sonja Balmer, Ceri Kentish, Maddy Child, Leoni Hayes, Jo Dorans, Sarah Allen and Jo Ayres in conjunction with East Hants and Havant Heads

You Said, We did...

Parents asked for more information about health and Wellbeing clinics - we share information regularly and add it to our website.

CHILD HEALTH SUMMER CLINICS*

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

The Community Public Health Nurses/Advisors from Havant Public Health Nursing Team(5-19) are offering support with your child's health through the summer holidays

Scan the QR code to book a 40-minute slot at

Leigh Park Library

Hayling Island Community Centre

The Acorn Centre Waterlooville

- How do I manage challenging behaviour?
- Why does my child wet the bed?
- Where can I access support for my child's anxiety?
- How do I encourage healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions

Alder Class Leavers Service

Mrs Goldsworthy, Ms Pangbourne and Mrs Flores have been so impressed with the Y6's who attended the leavers' service today. They all participated fully and really thought about the plight of refugees. The team at Portsmouth Cathedral have worked incredibly hard, along with the Diocesan Educational team to make a wonderfully memorable day for the Year 6s. Thank you!









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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on managing digital boundaries for children under five.
Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two - except for shared activities such as video calls - while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

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

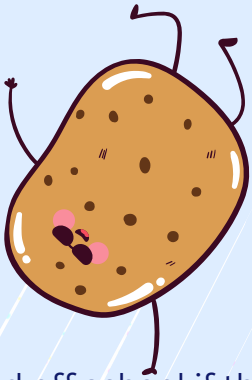
"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

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) - 92.2%
- Cherry (1) - 94.4%
- Rowan (2) - 95.2%
- Birch (3) - 95%
- Hawthorn (4) - 94.7%
- Lime (5) - 96.5%
- 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: Isaac, Nadia, Lucy

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 *(to be given at the next worship if not this week)*:

- Oak (R) - Reyah, Ivy, Rocco
- Cherry (1) - Ada, Reggie
- Rowan (2) - Alfie, Zeb
- Birch (3) -
- Hawthorn (4) - Arthur, Calum
- Lime (5) - Ava, Cruz
- Alder (6) -

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks **#FirstAidFriday** focuses on urgent treatment centres. Injured or feeling unwell, but it's not life threatening? Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC) can help you. Your nearest UTCs are:
St Mary's, Milton Road (PO3 6DW): 8am to 8pm
Gosport War Memorial Hospital (PO12 3PW): 8am to 10pm
Petersfield Community Hospital (GU32 3LB): 8am to 8pm
#KnowWhereToGo
More information can be found on our website: https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing-support.

Road Safety Reminder

Please can we remind all parents of the importance of road safety, particularly during busy times like drop off or pick up. We have seen an increase in the number of children crossing the road unsafely, whether that is running across the road or entering/exiting a car without looking.
It is important that all children are closely supervised when entering or leaving the school site. Parents and children should always be mindful of other cars or cyclists. This is particularly important as we no longer have a school crossing patrol on St Alban's Road.
More information about road safety can be found here:
https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding-at-st-albans

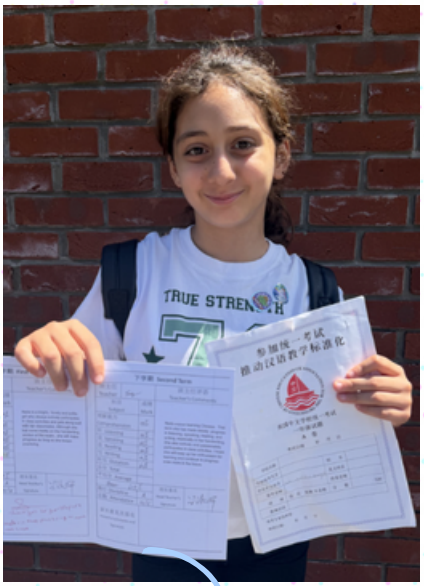
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Outside School Celebrations

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.



Alfie won an award for 'Players Player' for Hayling Youth U8 football team. He also also won 'Parents Player' for Clanfield FC U8s!



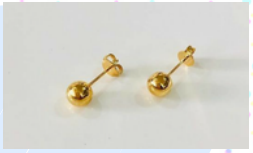


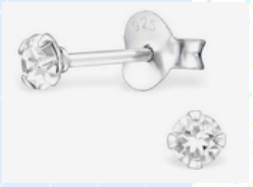
Please send in a picture and a short explanation if you would like your child to appear on our school bulletin!

Oliver and Harry made the news this week at Fort Purbrook family day, what a lovely way to show love and fellowship in their community!

Nada has made remarkable progress in learning the Chinese language, and has been recommended for direct placement into Grade 2 Chinese!

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 explored 'Learning from our Mistakes.' We shared the story of Jonah and the Whale (Jonah 1-3) and linked this to our core values and our Relational Pathway where we 'coach for change.'



Love: forgiveness
Courage: admitting mistakes
Fellowship: supporting each other



All of our Collective Worships can be found on our website: www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/collective-worship

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

The INSET days for the next academic year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 30th November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 30th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

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 06.07.2026

06.07.26
YR-Y5 Transition Session (AM)

08.07.26
YR-Y5 Transition Session (PM)

09.07.26
New YR 'Ready for School' Session 2
Y5 Swimming continues

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Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA(Hons) QTS NPQH NASENCo

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