



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School
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WEEKLY BULLETIN **10TH JULY 2026**

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Football World Cup fever has certainly arrived at St Alban's this week. The children have enjoyed playing their matches or cheering their houses on, despite the warm weather. Thank you to Mr Livermore and Mr Evetts for all their hard work in organising this event, refereeing and ensuring that the games have been fun, entertaining and successful.

The winning countries are:

Year 5/6: Boys - Mexico, Girls - Germany, Fellowship - Ellie-Lu, Isla

Year 3/4: Girls - Netherlands, Boys - Columbia, Fellowship - Everlyn, Arthur

Year R/1/2: Boys - Spain, Girls - Ivory Coast, Fellowship - Lottie, Matilda, Luke

Hopefully, the England match on Saturday night will be as much fun and entertaining, and that the score line goes in our favour!

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

We are incredibly excited about the Year 6 production that they have been working on over the past couple of weeks. The scenery is starting to take shape, the songs are being sung with volume and clarity and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves very much. There will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday morning to the rest of the school before the performance on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing the Year 6 parents (no more than 4 people from each family please) for a prompt start.

Transition Sessions

I know that the teachers and children have enjoyed spending some time with their new teachers this week and getting to know each other better. We have the final whole class transition session on Monday. For some children, the thought of leaving their current class adults can be very difficult and the thought of new expectations, new learning and a new start can be very daunting. As part of our commitment to inclusion, we want to make this as easy as possible for every single child. As an inclusion team, we have identified those children who we think might need a little extra coaching to get them ready and Ms Brooks and Mrs Welton will be working with these groups next week.

What's in this bulletin?

- **Headteacher message**
- **TAKING NOTICE**
- **You said, we did...**
- **Wake Up Wednesday**
- **Attendance**
- **Uniform and earring reminders**
- **First Aid Friday**
- **Celebrations**
- **Collective Worship**
- **INSET days**
- **Reminders for next week**

**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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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.

St Alban's World Cup in Pictures



Summer 2026 Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat'

This is free to join, will help your child maintain good reading habits over the Summer and make sure they are in a good place for September.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/about-us/news/Summer-reading-challenge-2026>

Children will be coming home today with the Summer Reading Challenge tokens, please check your book bags!



Please return your St Alban's library books by the end of next week! All library books must be returned and taken to the library so Mrs Slocombe can sort them.

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Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** focuses on essential online safety.

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

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,"

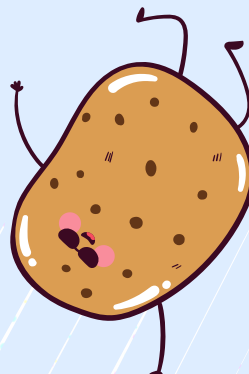
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025

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) - 94.5%
- Rowan (2) - 95.3%
- Birch (3) - 95.1%
- 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: Lucy P

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) - Taryn, Rocco, Oliver
- Cherry (1) - Eliana, Dexter
- Rowan (2) -
- Birch (3) - Ethan, Jean
- Hawthorn (4) -
- Lime (5) -
- Alder (6) -

Health and Wellbeing: First Aid Friday

This weeks #FirstAidFriday focuses on heat exhaustion. If someone had heat exhaustion, use these four tips to help you cool down:

1. move to a cool place
2. remove all unnecessary clothing, like socks
3. drink cool water, or a sports/rehydration drink
4. cool your skin - sprat or sponge with cool water, or use a fan

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

Warm Weather - Hats

As the weather remains hot, please remember to provide your child with a sun hat every day.

Due to accidents that can, and have happened, please can we remind parents that hats should be appropriate for school. Hats such as those with metal rims, accessories, 'ears', inappropriate designs or similar, are not permitted in school.

Sun hats should be plain, in a baseball cap or legionnaire style.



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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.

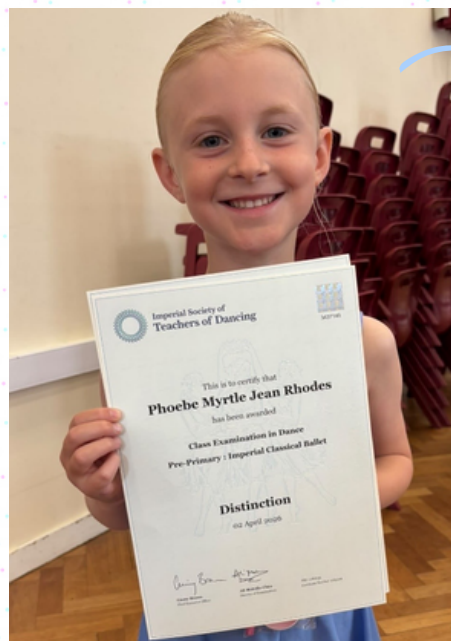
Whether it's a sports team, dance class, arts group, scouts, music lessons or a special celebration within their community, these experiences help children develop new skills, build friendships and feel proud of who they are.

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.



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

Out of 214 possible entries, Bessie (Y6) had one of her paintings ('The Life of a Dormouse') accepted into this year's summer art open exhibition at The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre in Havant. Amazing!

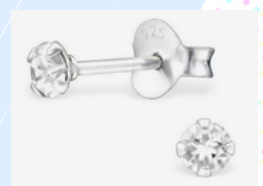


Phoebe passed her first ballet exam with distinction. Well done Phoebe!

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



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

This half term, we are focusing on 'Growing in Wisdom'. What is Wisdom?
Wisdom helps children live happy and safe lives by guiding them to make choices that align with God's teachings.

This week we explored ***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment."*** Matthew 22: 34-40 and we tried to think about what this means for us and our school values.
We came up with this poster.

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 change 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 13.07.2026

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No Woodwind Lessons (Mr Downs PPA)
YR-Y5 Transition Session

15.07.2026

Y6 Leavers' Production at 6.30pm

16.07.2026

YR (2026 Entrants) 'Ready for School'
Session 2 at 9.15am
Y4 Listen2Me Concert at 2.45pm

17.07.2026

Y6 Leavers Lunch (menu change for the whole school)
End of Term Celebration Worship at 2.45pm

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Headteacher:

Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA(Hons) QTS NPQH NASENCo