



St Alban's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Newsletter

7th February 2025

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Dear Parents/carers,

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine and some other signs of spring this week. I can't wait to see all the bulbs burst into flower very soon. Our grounds will look beautiful! I know the children, and staff, have really enjoyed the fine weather and being able to take more of their learning outside too. Year 5 are doing an amazing job of transforming the grounds by the side of the KS2 playground and their enthusiasm for our grounds and our environment is contagious.

Learning outside and being active is incredibly important for our well-being and for positive mental health. It is known to reduce stress and increase happiness. By providing our children with hands-on outdoors experiences, we are supporting more children to engage with nature and real-world contexts, making learning more meaningful and memorable. As it has been national Children's Mental Health week this week, it has been wonderful for our children to be able to spend this time learning outside and we have also used the film *Inside Out* to explore some of the feelings we have, especially sadness and joy. Please ask your children about this.

Our Inclusion Team

We are incredibly fortunate to have a wealth of experience and knowledge across our entire staff team and we want to use this as effectively as we can. If you have concerns about your child, your first step is to ask to speak to your child's class teacher.

If you require further support, you can ask to speak to a member of our newly formed Inclusion Team. This will work like a 'triage system' to ensure that we match a child's needs to the expertise and support within the school. The Inclusion Team meet every Tuesday morning and discuss how we can support a child/family. If—as a parent—you feel your child, or your family needs some additional support, please speak to the office staff and a member of the Inclusion Team will make contact with you.

Our Inclusion Team consists of the following members of staff:



Inspired to make a difference in God's world with excellence and love.

Love, Courage and Fellowship

Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy—Headteacher/DSL/SENCo

Mrs Sharon James - Deputy Headteacher/DDSL

Mrs Jo Welton—Home-School Link Worker/ELSA/TALA/ DDSL

Ms Adele Brooks—ELSA/DDSL

Mr Adrian Smith—ELSA

Thank you for your support with this change. We hope it will help us to help more of you.

Wearing PE kits on designated PE days

I know that for some of you, the change in uniform expectations on some days has been a difficult transition. However, this approach has been adopted to enhance the overall experience for all our children and for the staff, and we appreciate your support in making it a success. Here is a reminder of the key benefits.

Key Benefits:

- 1. Maximises Learning Time** - By arriving in their PE kit, children spend less time changing and more time engaged in physical activity, ensuring they get the most out of each lesson.
- 2. Reduces Lost Property** - Children are less likely to misplace items of clothing, as they do not need to change multiple times throughout the day.
- 3. Promotes Comfort and Readiness** - Wearing appropriate sportswear throughout the day allows children to feel comfortable and prepared for physical activity, reducing disruptions and making transitions smoother.
- 4. Encourages Independence** - Younger children often struggle with changing quickly and may require assistance. By wearing their PE kit, they develop greater independence and confidence in managing their clothing.
- 5. Maintains Hygiene** - Wearing a clean PE kit from home minimises the risk of sharing clothes and forgetting essential items, which can impact hygiene and comfort.

We kindly ask that children wear the correct PE kit, as outlined in our school uniform policy, and ensure it is suitable for weather conditions. Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting an active and efficient learning environment for all our pupils.

Inclement Weather

Every child now needs to be wearing a waterproof and warm coat to school for the next few months. Hats, scarves and gloves are also advisable. Our children will go out for breaks and learning outside in all but the worst weathers.

If, inclement weather is forecast and the school may need to close, we will update the home page of the school website for details: www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk where we will use the scrolling banner on the home page to inform you of any school closures. We will also email you as well as updating the County



site: www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures. We always try to keep the school open, but our priority is always to keep staff, children and their families safe.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy

Headteacher

The remaining INSET DAYS for 2024-25 are:
Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025

**Well done to the following
children for demonstrating
good manners!**



"Good manners are just
a way of showing other
people that we have
respect for them."

~Bill Kelly

Well Done!

**Luke, Leila, Everlyn,
Christian, Bella, Tahlia,
Annie, Tiffany, Rafe, Jack C**

"During Children's Mental Health Week, it's hard to beat birdwatching and hot chocolate and winter sunshine! Thank you to Mr Hampton for his time and expertise. We had 14 species land for our survey but also spotted red kites flying overhead."



" Year 6 pupils lent a hand with our KS2 playground project. As well as digging, they constructed a willow archway for us to walk through. Thank you to the volunteers for their help, including removing some very tough bramble!"



Year 3 Trip To Buster Farm

'We had the best day!'

'We all smelt of fire when we got home!'

'We learnt lots about living in The Stone Age'

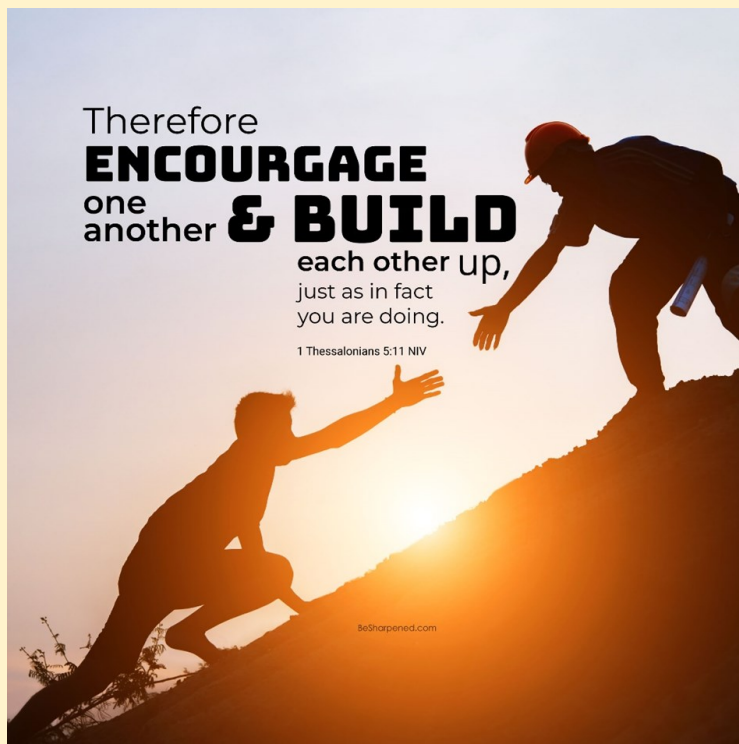


Collective Worship

This half term, we will be exploring the value of FELLOWSHIP within our Collective Worship. This is one of our core values.

- We show fellowship through learning to live together and collaborate with one another, whatever our differences may be.
- We encourage everyone to feel valued and to value the differences in others, both in our school community and wider afield.
- We think about how our actions may affect others.
- We encourage courageous advocacy for the things which we believe in and seek to find ways to support our world in becoming a better place.

If you would like to explore our Collective Worship theme further at home, you can find all of our worships on the new page on our website, dedicated to Collective Worship: [Collective Worship | St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School](#)



‘And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds...encourage one another...’

Hebrews 1:24



Headteacher Awards



These will be presented on FRIDAYS!

These are presented to children when they have gone the extra mile with their learning. They have put in extra effort, persevered and made progress.

We celebrate progress, not perfection!



w.c.	20.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	Hugh, Shetra
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Fletcher, Jack, Sean, Thomas, Albie
Year 6	Delilah

w.c.	27.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	
Year 2	Iris, Jude
Year 3	
Year 4	Arnold, Alana, Isla, Shanuli, Dominic, Beth, Lucy, Jessica
Year 5	Harry, Tahlia, Dexter, Jack,
Year 6	

w.c.	3.2.25
Year R	
Year 1	
Year 2	Oscar W
Year 3	Theo, Harry L, Muhammed (x2), Ethan, Calum, George, Santi, Elsie
Year 4	Willow
Year 5	Ridhen, Thomas, Bessie, Deacon,
Year 6	Bow, Caleb, Bella , Holly, Evelyn , Charlie , Thomas Chloe

Celebrations

The following children have been awarded with merit certificates
over the last two weeks.

Congratulations to each and every one of you.

We are really proud of you.

w.c.	20.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	Kshetra, Hugh, Eli, Rylie
Year 2	
Year 3	Harry O, Luca, Sophie E, Alexis
Year 4	
Year 5	Year 5 - whole class worship
Year 6	Aurora, Bella, Nevaeh, Charlie

w.c.	27.1.25
Year R	Savannah, Teigan, Esme, Olivia
Year 1	Alfie, Penelope, Jaxon , Sylvie
Year 2	Rafe, Aiden, Ivy, Ruby
Year 3	
Year 4	Giles, Cruz, Alana, Olivia
Year 5	Evie, Oliver O', Paskal, Amelia
Year 6	Chloe, Caleb- James, Nevaeh, Esme

w.c.	3.2.25
Year R	
Year 1	Ella, Flo, Hunter, Mariam
Year 2	Beau, Dargo, Freddy, Ava-Grace
Year 3	Olivia, Charlie, Santi, Oliver
Year 4	
Year 5	Judah, Fletcher, Imogen, Layla
Year 6	Stanley, Brooke, Rosie, Jenson

A reminder that our school calendar can also be found on our website [here](#) which may have additional dates not included on the newsletter. Reminders can also be found on our Facebook post each week.

February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Children's Mental Health Week		9am Headteacher 'Catch up'	Year 3 Presentation to parents		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3pm End of LQ Celebrations Y4	Safer Internet Day 9am End of LQ Celebrations Y2 3pm End of LQ Celebrations Y6	3pm End of LQ Celebrations Y5	9am End of LQ Celebrations Y1 3pm End of LQ Celebrations Y3 BREAK up for HALF TERM	INSET DAY	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM		
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	BACK to SCHOOL					

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March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	BOOK WEEK			World Book Day		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Year 2 Presentation to parents		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Year 1 Presentation to parents		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					ANNUAL REPORTS to PARENTS (Y1-6)	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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