



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

## Newsletter

17th January 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we are focusing on our third core value which is FELLOWSHIP. We have started by exploring the quote: **'Encourage one another and build each other up'** (1. Thessalonians 5-11) and thinking about how we can all do this and support one another as best we can. All staff are supporting our children to look for the good in everyone and in every situation and to also learn to give a compliment to others. Therefore, we have introduced a 'Star of the Week' to every class so that they can practise this. Giving compliments and showing that we value our friends is a crucial part of how friendships are developed. It is far too easy to say or do negative things and these often cause relationships to be damaged beyond repair.

All day long, in everything that the staff do, we encourage our children to show their core values and to be the best friend that they can be. We use the stories that Jesus told to illustrate this and we also try to show forgiveness and restore friendships when things go wrong, which they will because they are children and they are learning! Your support with our core values is invaluable as these values are good values for life, not just within our school walls.

We want to build a community that supports one another and works in fellowship with one another to achieve great things, rather than being critical and negative about everything. Our children and staff want St. Alban's to be the best it can be and I'm sure you all want this too. In school, we know that we have to work together and overcome and celebrate our differences to do this. I want to continue to work in partnership with you to



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ensure that every child achieves the most they can from their time at our school. I am here to listen to what you think will help shape the school further as we continue with our school improvement. Therefore, I appreciate those of you who share your thoughts and comments openly and are able to attend meetings, information sessions, learning quest celebrations, class worships etc. If you, like me, are a working parent, I know this can be difficult. This is why we try to publish as many dates as possible at the beginning of the academic year so that diaries can be arranged where possible. There are always several reminders of dates and events sent through Facebook, newsletters and emails. However, sometimes getting into school can be difficult so you can always telephone or email the school and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

### **Learning Quest Overviews**

You should have had a paper copy of these sent home to you by now. If you have not seen it, please check your child/ren's bags. These support you, as parents, in knowing what your children are learning in each quest. Please do refer to them and ask your child/ren questions about their learning. Why not try asking them: *What was your favourite thing that you learnt today? What was the best fact? What was the best thing about today?* The home learning activities and expectations are on the back of these too. They are also published on our school website and can be found [here](#).

### **Earrings**

There are a lot of children who are getting their ears pierced during the school year. Our school uniform policy, which can be found [here](#), states that only children in year 6 may wear small studs to school. The safe management of ear piercings is incredibly difficult and time-consuming for staff to manage. Staff cannot take earrings out; they cannot cover them with tape. Your child needs to manage these themselves. Therefore, please do try to assist us with concentrating on teaching and learning by arranging for your child to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the Summer holidays when you can teach your child/ren to look after them properly. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **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](http://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](http://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.

## STEP badges

Introducing our new STEP badges. We are focusing on encouraging all children to use their manners at all times so we will now be nominating children for these badges which they can wear—with pride— to school. Manners are often little things, that mean a lot. These are things such as saying 'please and thank you', saying 'excuse me' and 'sorry' as well as replying to an adult when they say good morning to you, or opening a door, or standing aside for someone else.



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...and THANK YOU to the following children for showing exemplary manners and setting a great example to us all!



Lottie, Josh, Isaac, Lucy,  
Wilfred

# This is Year 5's project for the KS2 playground.

Does any parent have a 'free' source of woodchip or any of the other materials that might be needed for this project? We would love to hear from you!

## EAST BORDER

- Improve for nature and people
- Improve grass for wildlife (more biodiverse)
- Log seating
- Soil mound (beetles)
- Log piles and deadwood
- Bug hotel
- Clear hazards but keep important habitat
- Trees



Ideas for a logo?  
Must include project name  
School name?  
Image of a tree?  
Image of a hedgehog?  
Badges?



## SOUTH BORDER

- Add woodchip pathways so area can be used in all seasons
- Seating by playground edge



Make it easier to use compost bins

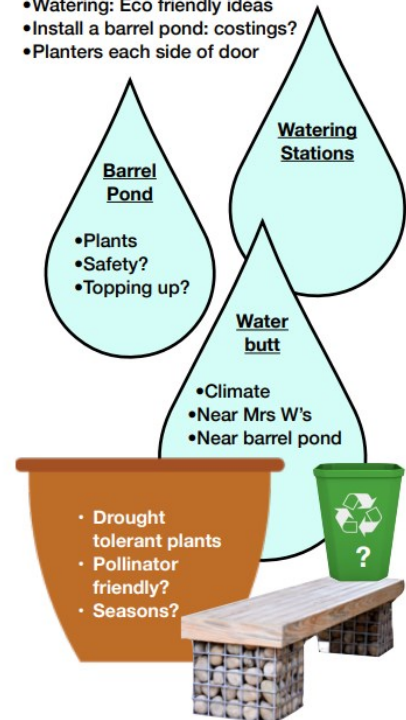


**Fundraising:** Plant sales, cake sales, donations of cat food?

**Helping hogs campaign:** Water for wildlife?

## PATIO AREA

- Seating: Explore 'doable' ideas
- Offer to improve/look after Mrs Welton's area
- Watering: Eco friendly ideas
- Install a barrel pond: costings?
- Planters each side of door



## Year 3 History

Year 3 have been busy being hunter and gatherers in the Stone Age. They made bowls and spears, hunted Bison, and gathered berries to experience how it felt to collect their own food.

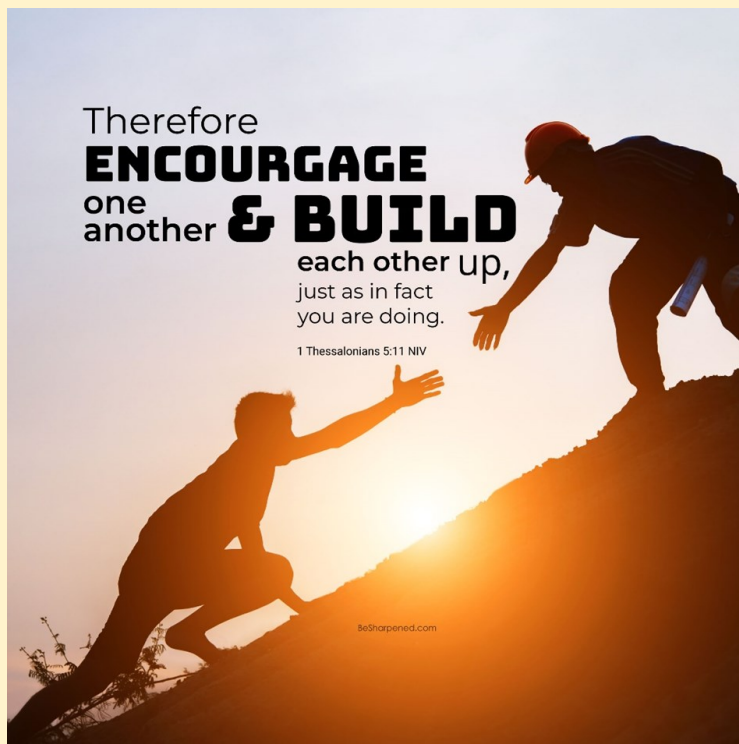


## Collective Worship

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.	6.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	
Year 2	Louis, Leila, Elliot, Ruby, Amaya
Year 3	Arthur, Luca
Year 4	Lucy, Jess, Clara
Year 5	
Year 6	Kallie, Jenson, Thomas, Aurora

w.c.	13.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Luca, John, George
Year 4	Madison, Tommie, Arnold
Year 5	Layla, Imogen, Thomas, Sean, Albie, William, Euan
Year 6	Ollie, Evelyn, Johnnie, Chloe, Thomas, Delila, Jack, Jenson, Kallie

## 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.	6.1.25
Year R	Olivia W, Aiya
Year 1	Lottie, Oakley, Luke, Henrik
Year 2	Everlyn, Lillymae, Aiden, Dolly
Year 3	Ethan, Muhammed, Santino, Harry
Year 4	Arnold, Isaac, Nyah, Elizabeth
Year 5	Bessy, Harry F, Euan, Kyra
Year 6	Hattie, Maggie, Henley, Samuel

w.c.	13.1.25
Year R	
Year 1	Zeb, Josh, Theon, Henry
Year 2	Alfie, Frankie, Cornelius, Amaya
Year 3	George, Harry O, Theo, Sophie R
Year 4	George, Clara, Georgia, Ava
Year 5	Deacon, Tiffany, Ridhen, Oliver W
Year 6	Ollie, Toby, Jack, Kallie

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

## January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	SPRING TERM					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				9am Y6 Presentation to parents	9am 'Coffee and Catch up' for parents with children on SEND register	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			3.40-6pm –Parents Evening for children on SEND register	9am Y5 Presentation to parents		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
				9am Y4 Presentation to parents		

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## 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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