



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School  
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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

## 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been great to get back into the 'swing' of it this week, despite the wet weather! This week, all classes have started their learning across the curriculum and it has been great to see their enthusiasm for their learning and the care that they are showing with their presentation. The Learning Quest maps and home learning activities should be coming home with your children today and they will also be available on our newly, redesigned website:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/> Please do keep these safe, support your child/ren in completing the tasks and talk about the learning in each of the curriculum subjects.

Over the next few weeks we will be continuing to update the new website further with lots of important information. This will include the 'Meet the Teacher' PowerPoints and lots of information about our curriculum. It is there as a resource for you so please familiarise yourself with it: we have been promised it is 'phone-friendly'!

PE will start next week and it is expected that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Items **should not** have logos on them (small logos are acceptable on their black trainers) and all items must be the correct colour. If your child does not wear the correct uniform, they will bring a reminder home. Please help us to keep our uniform smart and consistent across the school.

Jarvis, our school dog, has been with us everyday this week and he is beginning to feel comfortable and happy as well as getting used to the structure of the school day. It has been a joy to see how the children are benefiting from having an animal in school: *'Jarvis makes me feel calmer really quickly.'*, *'I can tell him when I'm sad,'* and I have also been lucky enough to see lots of giggles and playful interactions between him and many different children this week.

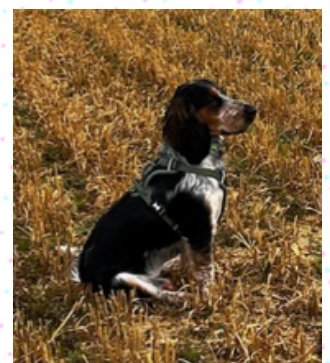
Please remember that earrings should be small and simple round studs only; in either plain gold or silver or a clear stone and that no jewellery should be worn on PE days. Thank you for helping us to keep every child safe during the school day.

These are the only acceptable earrings for school:



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## Safeguarding: Using Devices Safely

Many children across our school are using electronic devices of some sort on a regular basis. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it is to manage this and getting the balance right between rules and independence and freedom is really hard. However, children respond well to boundaries and it is important that the age of the child is considered as well as whether they have any additional needs. We are also seeing an increase in children using inappropriate language and comments that they have copied from things they have seen on-line. Often they have no idea what it means or how disrespectful these comments are. The NSPCC has a great resource to help us feel more informed so that we make the right decision for our children and our families. Please do take the time to read it.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

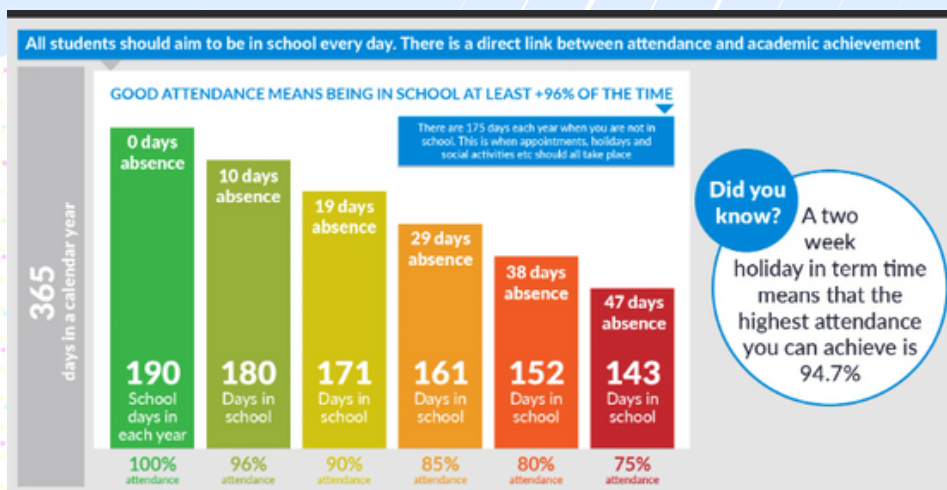
### Attendance and Punctuality

*"Every day of school missed is a day stolen from a child's future,"*

Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg7jk3rr225o>

We will continue to closely monitor children's punctuality and attendance every week. There are celebrations, including Mr Potato Head, and also reminders when attendance is less than 95% or punctuality is poor. At the end of the week, if your child has been absent or late, you will receive a short message from the office telling you how many minutes/ hours of learning your child has lost that week.



### Uniform Reminders

When purchasing new school uniform for the year, please consult the policy:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/>

#### **IMPORTANT**

PE kits **MUST** be a **PLAIN NAVY TRACKSUIT** or **SHORTS**- no stripes or logos and **T-SHIRTS** must be a **PLAIN WHITE POLO STYLE**. This is especially important as we are now in our PE kits more frequently and all day. 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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# Collective Worship

This half term we have already reviewed our core values and our British values. We have discussed the importance of these and ways in which we can show them through our daily interactions and charters. We have also explored how we keep every child safe at school and how they can keep themselves and others safe in school and beyond. We will continue to keep reinforcing these important messages at every opportunity.

For the rest of the half term we will be focusing on the value of 'thankfulness' and how we can be thankful even when things go wrong.

**'Give thanks in all circumstances'**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

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



## Reminders for w.c.15.9.25

**15th-19<sup>th</sup> Sep** YR part time

Please check the diary for **Meet the Teacher** dates/times:

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2025/09/>

## INSET DAYS 2025-2026

The remainder of the INSET days for this academic year are:

**Monday 3rd November 2025**

**Monday 5th January 2026**

**Friday 1st May 2026**

**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.

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