



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School  
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# WEEKLY BULLETIN 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Autumn is well and truly upon us now and although the mornings have been quite chilly, we have been blessed with some beautiful sunshine which has allowed us to get outside for lots of learning and activities. As the weather continues to cool down, please remember that your child will need a warm, waterproof coat in school as we will take them out for break times and activities in all but torrential downpours!

### PE/Trailblazer Activities Outside - Please send in named wellies!

This year, your child will take part in Trailblazer activities on one of their PE days so it is essential that they come into school with their warm PE kit on. This MUST be a PLAIN NAVY BLUE TRACKSUIT over PLAIN NAVY BLUE SHORTS and a PLAIN WHITE POLO STYLE T-SHIRT. We would also like to ask that every child has a pair of wellies that they keep in school so that we can utilise our beautiful grounds as often as we would like to. Please ensure they are named and put in a named bag so they can be kept at school and not get lost. If you would like some help with buying wellies for your child/ren, please do let us know.

### Headteacher Catch-up!

I would like to invite you all to this half term's Headteacher Catch up on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**. Depending on numbers, we will either head to The Green Room or the hall. This is a chance for you - as parents - to have your say about our school. A chance to share the things that are working well in our school and the things that we need to keep working at.

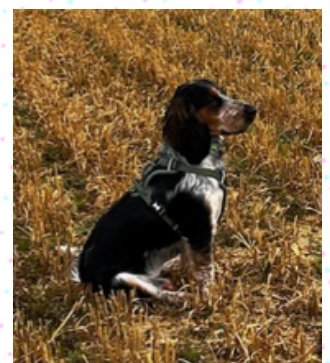
Please let the office know if you are thinking of attending and also, please share your thoughts with us if you are unable to make the meeting: [admin@st-albans.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-albans.hants.sch.uk)

Just a reminder that these are the only acceptable earrings for school:



## What's in this bulletin?

- Headteacher message
- including Trailblazer activities and Headteacher 'Catch Up'
- Wake Up Wednesday: Self-Regulation focus
- Uniform Reminders
- Celebrations
- Have you read...?
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Collective Worship
- INSET days
- Reminders for next week



## Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



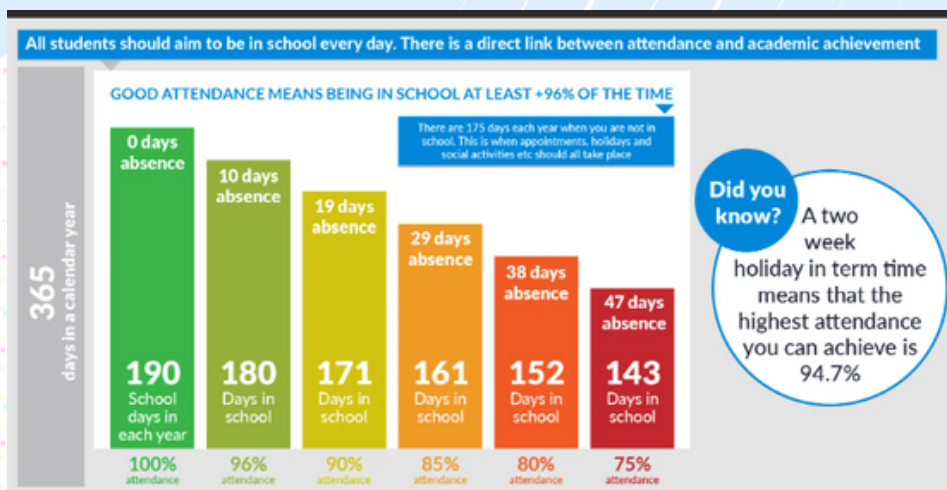
Through **#WakeUpWednesday**, we aim to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health and wellbeing; and climate change and sustainability. Each week we will aim to share a poster to support you - as parents - in supporting your children. **This week is about self-regulation - please see the PDF attached to this email.**

### Attendance and Punctuality

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

#### A few reminders:

- If you are filling in a Leave of Absence Form, these MUST be completed before the date/s you are requesting (ideally a month before the requested dates). If not, they will automatically be unauthorised.
- If your child is absent for any reason, please ensure that you contact the school office before 9:10am when the registers close.
- Medical appointments need to be made outside of school hours; we must see evidence of any appointments made during school hours.



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### 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**.

# Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to: Lilly-mae, Dargo, Euan

Merit Awards go to:

Y1: Theo, Esme

Y2:

Y3:

Y4:

Y5: Cruz, Wilfred

Y6:

Step Badges go to:

Have you read:

- your child's 'Meet the Teacher' PowerPoint
- the Learning Quest overviews and Home Learning activities
- the Relational Policy
- the Anti-Bullying Policy



What else would you like to see on our website? Let us know!



Check out our re-designed website!  
<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk>



## Reminder - GRAPES

Please be reminded that if your child is bringing in grapes for their snack or lunch - they MUST be sliced in half longways. Whole grapes are a serious choking hazard for children of all ages.

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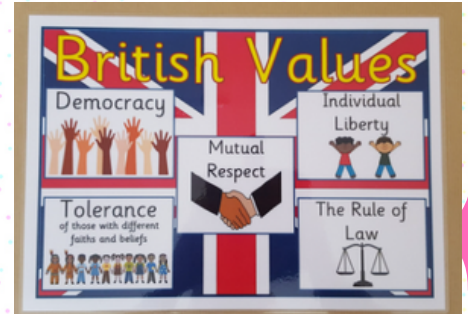


# Collective Worship

We are focusing on thankfulness this half term. We have been busy practising our songs for our Harvest celebration as well as being thankful for creation, others and learning to be thankful - even in difficult times. We have started a thankfulness tree in the hall so that we can take a moment to appreciate the wonderful things we have in our lives.

**'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->



## 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.

Headteacher:  
Mrs Sarah Goldsworthy BA QTS NPQH

## Reminders for W.C.

- 1.10.25 ALL YEAR GROUPS - Flu immunisations
- 2.10.25 Year R Parent Phonics Workshop 9am
- 2.10.25 CENSUS DAY
- 3.10.25 Year 5/6 parents - deadline to pay for Stubbington Residential

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