



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

## TOTH OCTOBER 2025



### Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Walking to church for our Harvest Celebration was a real highlight of our week. It was lovely to listen to the children talk to their buddies from different year groups and also to celebrate altogether in our local church. Thank you for all of your wonderful donations which will be shared with the Beacon Food Bank (we can accept donations up until 9am Monday morning).

Please check that all of your child's uniform is named: we have a lot of unnamed items that need to be reunited with their owners. Please check and name! Thank you.

#### Headteacher Catch-up!

Thank you to those of you who came to this meeting today and for your valuable insight into our school and how we can continue on our journey of school improvement. To aid this further, your children will be bringing home a '2 stars and a wish' speech bubble today. Please do share your thoughts with us; it would be lovely for all the staff to read the positives about what we are doing and, as always, we are focused on making our school the best it can be, so please share what you think would make the school even better.

#### Listening to Readers and Helping in class

We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to help in school; listening to readers, supporting the learning of times tables and supporting small groups of learners. If you would like to help our learners be the best they can be, please call into the school office and ask for them to start a DBS check for you. A DBS check ensures that all adults who work with children are suitable and is part of our rigorous safeguarding practices. If you can only commit to an hour a week, or an afternoon a half term, every little counts.

#### School Nursing Team

We are delighted to share that we are trialing a bookable school nurse clinic once a half term for our school. This will give you the chance to meet face-to-face with a team member to discuss any concerns you may have about your child. Please see the poster attached to this email for more information. Have a wonderful weekend!

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



### What's in this bulletin?

- **Headteacher message: catch up, helping and School Nursing Team**
- **Harvest Celebration**
- **Wake Up**
- **Wednesday: Supporting Children through Trauma and Challenging times**
- **Uniform Reminders**
- **Celebrations**
- **Have you read...? Wellbeing Support**
- **Attendance**
- **Collective Worship**
- **INSET days**
- **Reminders for next week**



Please ask your children for this speech bubble and return to us ASAP.



# HARVEST CELEBRATION



**THE JOURNEY OF THE HUMBLE POTATO - YEAR 5**



**ACROSTIC HARVEST POETRY - YEAR 3**



**THE ENORMOUS TURNIP YEAR 2**



**HARVEST POETRY - YEAR 4**

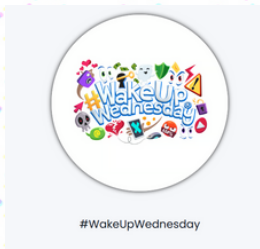


**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PEOPLE - YEAR 1**

**THANK YOU TO YEAR 6 FOR OUR PRAYERS.**



## Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's **#WakeUpWednesday**, online safety guide explores how to support **children who are dealing with traumatic and challenging** events.

This guide offers compassionate, practical advice for helping children cope with traumatic or challenging events – such as bereavement, bullying, or family upheaval – and begin the healing process. **This will be added to the website <https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety-1> and shared on our school Facebook page.**

## 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**.

## Attendance and Punctuality

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

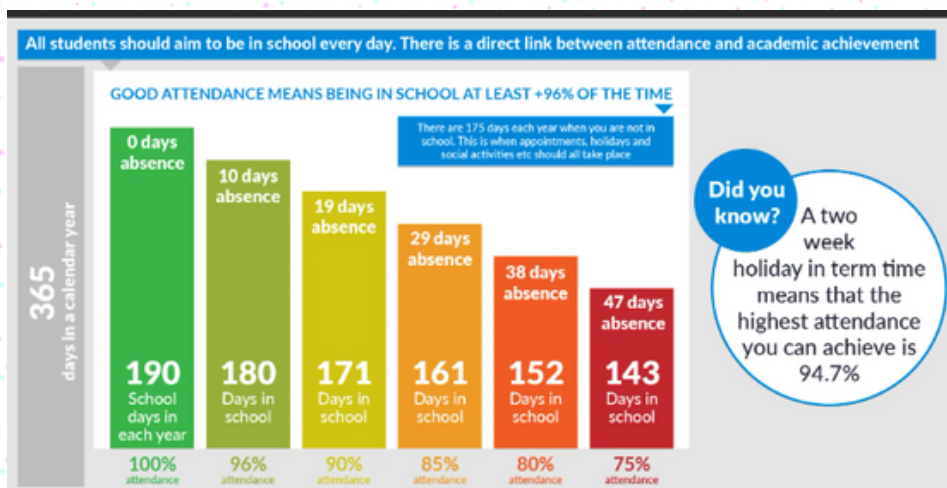
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025.

- Whole school - 95% (national 95%)
- Oak (R)- 94%
- Cherry (1) - 98%
- Rowan (2) - 99%
- Birch (3) - 97%
- Hawthorn (4) - 95%
- Lime (5) - 99%
- Alder (6) - 97%



### Did you know...?

- *At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time.*



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## Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to: Nancy, Dexter, Rafe, Joy, Leila

This half term we are focusing on the learning skill of **PERSEVERANCE**. These children have been awarded Merit Awards for showing perseverance in their learning:

Y1: Lola-Violet, Leo

Y2: Harry, Arnie

Y3: Louis, Everlyn

Y4: Ralphie, Eliana

Y5: Joy, Charley

Y6: All of year 6, Carson

Step Badges go to:

Have you read:

Check out our new website:

Have you visited the Wellbeing Support page under the PARENTS tab?

There are lots of supportive suggestions to help you as well as information about My Happy Mind.

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing-support>



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE YEAR 6 CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART IN BIKEABILITY THIS WEEK AND SHOWED GREAT COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE. WELL DONE!**

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# Collective Worship



We are focusing on thankfulness this half term. We explored giving thankfulness, even in difficult times. We shared the story of Daniel and the Lions and how Daniel gave hanks to God even when he was faced with being thrown to the lions: Daniel 6 11-24. Our thankfulness tree in the hall is now full of the many different things that we are all thankful for.

**Loving God, Thank you that you are always with us -  
in good times and in bad. Help us to be strong and thankful,  
just like Daniel. Amen.**

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. 13.10.25

### Monday 13 October

- Whole School Dog Safety Talk (delivered by Hampshire County Council Animal Welfare Officer)
- Phonics Workshop for Year R Parents, 3.40pm in Year 2

### Friday 17 October

- End of Half Term Celebration Worship (invitation only), 2.45pm in the Hall

### ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL -

Please pop to the office to collect a shoe box! So far we have 6 boxes (thank you!) but we'd love to beat our target of 50 again this year.

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