



# WEEKLY BULLETIN 17TH OCTOBER 2025

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

This week the weather has continued to allow us to enjoy the outdoors for all break times as well as games lessons and some outdoor learning. The weather forecast for next week looks a little more unsettled, so please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them everyday.

We have also had lots of visitors to school this week, including our annual visit from Hampshire Improvement and Advisory Service which explores the effectiveness of teaching and learning across the school as well as other areas, such as safeguarding. I know that the whole staff team have worked incredibly hard over the past 18 months to ensure that we are a good school for every single child, regardless of their starting points. I am incredibly proud of the work that is happening in our school every day and how we are striving to meet a wide range of needs as effectively as we can. The Hampshire Inspector noted that **'teaching and learning across English and maths is miles better than it was during my last visit'** and that **'children who struggle to access learning are having their needs met in the classroom'** through **'staff who are inspired by the school leadership to do their very best for every child.'** Moreover, the inspector observed **'excellent behaviours for learning'** as well as kindness, fellowship and love for one another in lessons and around the school. Well done to the whole team and all the children too!

### 2 stars and a wish!

Your children brought home a '2 stars and a wish' speech bubble last week. Please do complete this and 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.

### 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.

### Helping out...

**If you have an hour, or two, to spare each week or once a half term, please let us know. We really need your support, especially in listening to children read.** Have a wonderful weekend!

**IMPORTANT:**  
Please remember that there should be **no nuts or items with nuts in your child's packed lunch. Please help us to keep EVERYONE safe - we aim to be a NUT free school.**

### What's in this bulletin?

- **Headteacher message: catch up, 2 stars and a wish and School Nursing Team**
- **Wake Up Wednesday: Memes!**
- **Uniform Reminders**
- **Celebrations**
- **Have you...?**
- **Attendance**
- **Collective Worship**
- **INSET days**
- **Reminders for next week**

I liked to see things about our school...

I would like to see better...

Please ask your children for this speech bubble, fill it in and return to us ASAP.



## Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's #WakeUpWednesday, focuses on Memes! They're everywhere online, but do you really know what memes are saying? 😬 This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the role of memes in youth culture - and why they're not always as harmless as they seem. From hidden messages to misinformation, 🧩📱

There are also four simple ways parents and educators can guide young people to engage more safely with memes - encouraging empathy, critical thinking and healthier digital habits 🗣️🧠

**This will be added to the website**

<https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety-1> and shared on our school Facebook page.

## Attendance and Punctuality

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

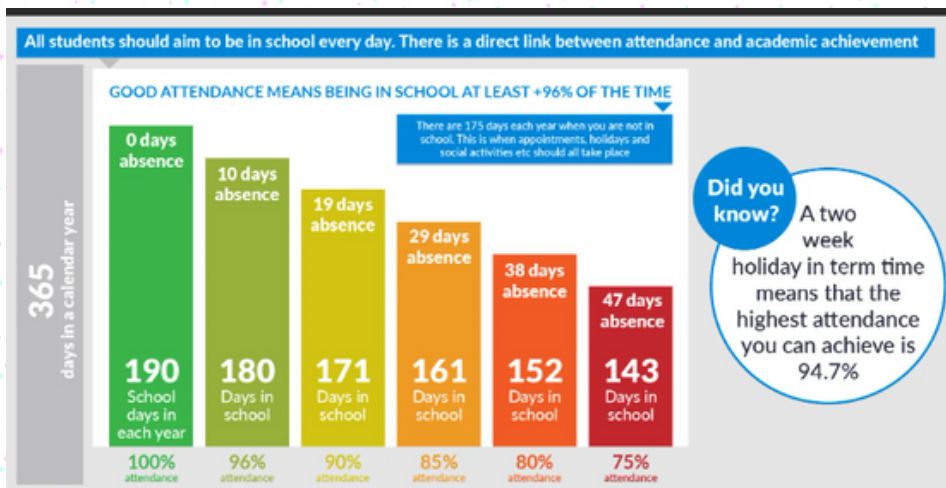
Bridget Phillipson (Education Secretary), August 2025.

- Whole school - 96% (national 95%) Let's keep up this great work!
- Oak (R)- 96%
- Cherry (1) - 92%
- Rowan (2) - 94%
- Birch (3) - 95%
- Hawthorn (4) - 98%
- Lime (5) - 98%
- Alder (6) - 98%



**Did you know...?**

*Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school, will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.*



## 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**.

**Love, Courage and Fellowship  
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with excellence and love.**

## Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to: Maddie

This half term we are focusing on the learning skill of **PERSEVERANCE**. These children have received a special award for continually showing great perseverance in their learning this half term.

- Year 1 - Leo and Amelia
- Year 2 - Zeb and Henry
- Year 3 - Everlyn and Dexter
- Year 4 - Ethan and Isabelle
- Year 5 - Ben and Laila-Rae
- Year 6 - Fraya and Tiffany

Step Badges go to:

Welcome to our Prefects: Paskal, Thomas, Tiffany, Annie, Oliver and Fraya

Have you...?

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.



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# Collective Worship



We are focusing on thankfulness this half term. We explored giving thankfulness, even in difficult times. This week the animal welfare officer from Hampshire County Council led an assembly on how to behave around dogs which was very useful for everyone and it has been good to see the children employing the strategies with Jarvis.

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 Worships 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

**20.10.25**

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal Collection  
- no boxes can be accepted after  
9am on Monday  
Y2 Weald and Downland Great Fire  
of London Workshop

**22.10.25**

Y3 Egyptians Workshop

**23.10.25**

HSA Discos for KS1 and KS2

### LEARNING QUEST CELEBRATIONS

- please check the calendar for  
your child's presentation date and  
time!

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school.co.uk/](https://www.stalbansprimaryschool.co.uk/)