



St Alban's C of E Aided Primary School  
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# WEEKLY BULLETIN 24TH OCTOBER 2025

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/carers,

The much-needed half term break is finally here! It has been an extremely long, but incredibly rewarding half term with many new families joining our wider St Alban's family. Thank you to those of you who have attended your child's Learning Quest celebration this half term - we hope you enjoyed sharing in your child's learning as well as having some fun together.

### Home Learning

Over the half term, please do encourage your child to read everyday or share a book everyday so that their learning from this half term continues to be embedded. Your child may also bring home some times tables learning as well: please encourage them to do a little everyday - practise makes progress!

### Drop in Sessions in The Green Room

We are really excited to share news of our 'drop-in' sessions which will happen **every Wednesday morning from 8.45am - 9.30am in The Green Room**. Both Mrs Welton and I will be available to offer support and advice with all sorts of things, from improving your child's sleep patterns to how to access support from other agencies. There is no need to book. Please just turn up, enjoy a cuppa and ask your questions!

### Staffing update

I would like to share that we will be saying goodbye to both Miss White and Mrs Wilson (both Learning Support Assistants) this week. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care, and commitment they have shown to our children and school community during their time with us. Each has made a lasting contribution, and they will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues alike. We wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours and thank them for all they have given to our school. We are delighted to share that Miss Hughes and Mrs Austin will be joining us after half term as Learning Support Assistants in Year 2 and Year 3 respectively.

Mrs James continues to be unfit for work: this has now been confirmed until the end of December 2025. To ensure that her teaching commitments are adequately covered, Mr Legg will be joining our teaching team and will be based in year 3 Monday to Friday. Miss Gaffney will now be teaching in year 2 on a Thursday and Friday and will be covering PPA and leadership time for some of the other teachers. If your child is in year 2 or year 3; you should have received more detailed communication regarding this matter and your child will be bringing home a social story to help them get used to the change.

Have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November for the start of the second half of the Autumn term!

### 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?

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# You said, we did...

I really like these things about our school...

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It would be even better if...

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

Thank you to those of you who have already filled in the '2 stars and a wish' speech bubble. If you haven't done so already, please do so over half term and return to us.

You asked for a smarter PE kit! So, from the middle of November you can purchase tracksuit trousers with St Alban's written down the side, a sweatshirt with St Alban's written on the back and pre-order hoodies. All available from Skoolkit in Havant!



## Year: 2 Learning Quest Map and Autumn 2 2025

### Safeguarding

We'll be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe using the road as a pedestrian. We will look at the Green Cross Code and put this in to practise by going out in small groups and crossing the roads around our school safely.



### History

As mathematics we will develop our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, explore patterns and as well as naming, and sorting a variety of...

You asked for us to teach your children how to cross the road safely! Our Safeguarding Curriculum ensures that we teach this to year 2 children every year. We have also started walking to church for special occasions which will help your children develop better road safety awareness.



## Safeguarding: Wake Up Wednesday!



This week's #WakeUpWednesday, focuses on Fortnite. Although there is an age-restriction of 12, we know that many of our children already have access to this game, therefore it's even more important that you know how to keep your children safe when they are playing with this game. Fortnite's latest season is packed with eye-catching features – but that can mean longer screen time, pressure to spend, and the lure of party chat with strangers 🎮 This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shines a spotlight on what parents and educators need to know to help young players stay safe.

**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.

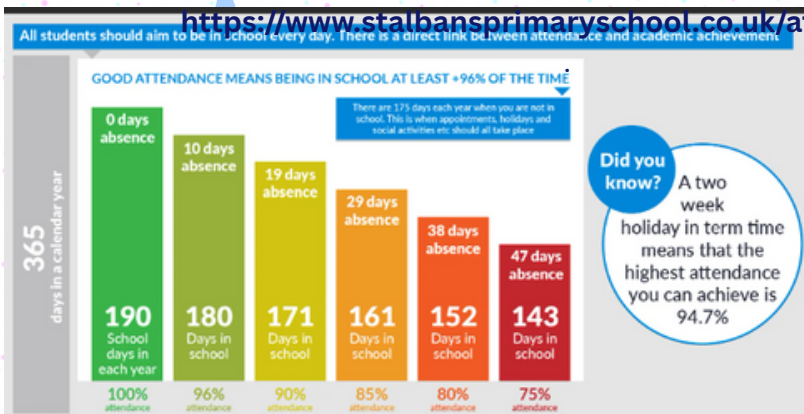
#### • Whole school - **93%** (national 95%)

**THIS IS BELOW NATIONAL AND IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH...PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY UNLESS THEY ARE REALLY UNWELL; IF your child feels under-the-weather, please send them into school**

- Oak (R)- 90%
- Cherry (1) - 92%
- Rowan (2) - 98%
- Birch (3) - 92%
- Hawthorn (4) - 91%
- Lime (5) - 94%
- Alder (6) - 93%

If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school if they are unwell, please look at this page on our website:

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



## 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**.

**Check out the new designs - available from mid-November!**

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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## Celebrations

Headteacher Awards go to: Leah (x2), Ralpie

This half term we are focusing on the learning skill of  
**PERSEVERANCE.**

- Year 1 - whole class
- Year 2 -
- Year 3 - Ava-Grace and Elliot
- Year 4 - Luca and Sophie R
- Year 5 - Olivia Y and Ava H
- Year 6 -

Step Badges go to:

Congratulations to our House Captains and their Deputies:

Winchester: Sean and William

Durham: Thomas and Annie

York: Tiffany and Dominic

Canterbury: Bessie and Layla

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.



Using their democratic vote, the whole school has decided on a pyjama day for Children in Need on **Friday 14th November**. More details to follow after half term!



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# Collective Worship



We are focusing on thankfulness this half term. Ms Pangbourne led Collective Worship this week and focused on how we can all live more thankfully. Showing gratitude and being thankful for all the little things that we have is so important.

**"Whatever you do, do it all... giving thanks to God."**

Colossians 3:17

Our thankfulness tree in the hall is now full of the many different things that we are all thankful for.

**"Thank you, God, for teaching us to be thankful. Help us to live thankfully – with our words, actions, and attitudes. 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. 4.11.25

**3.11.25**  
INSET DAY

**5.11.25**  
Drop in surgery 08:45-09:15  
YR Portsmouth News Photo

**07.11.25**  
HSA Meeting 09:00

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