

# ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educating for life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

It is that wonderful time of year again, the Christmas tree is in the hall, the nativity scene is outside my office and you can hear children rehearsing songs in the classrooms. Christmas is in full swing at St Alban's!

## Parent Survey

The Diocese Of Sheffield Academies Trust survey on parental engagement is underway, and we wanted to share the link again - please click here to complete: [edurio.com/poll/D0ishS](https://edurio.com/poll/D0ishS) or use the across QR Code.

If possible, please add comments so that we know what we are doing well or ways to improve.

If you have any questions or encounter technical issues regarding the survey, please reach out to us or contact Edurio at [support@edurio.com](mailto:support@edurio.com).

The survey will be available until the 16th December.

Thank you again for your time and effort!



## Year 6 Hockey Festival

A huge well done to the year 6 children who attended the hockey festival. Mrs Jepson said that the children were incredible, getting through to the semi finals and placing 3rd out of 26 schools.

Well done!

## Christmas Productions

This is a gentle reminder that you need tickets to watch Christmas productions. This is due to the amount of people that can be safely in the hall due to fire regulations. Parents can swap tickets if a different showing is more convenient.





## Christmas Raffle

Raffle entries are available to buy now on School Money - Shop

£1.00 per entry

All money raised will go towards buying extra special things for the children. Including, Bibles, Christmas presents and a new lighting system for school productions.

## Glee Club

Glee Club will be singing for the OAP's that attend WING (Wickersley Neighbourhood Group) at their Christmas party. The event is at Wickersley Library at 10:30am on Thursday 15th December. This event is open to all members of the public, if family and friends would like to listen.

## Parent Spelling Meetings

Spelling is one of the essential components of successful writing. Without spelling skills individuals can struggle with their writing.

Armouring pupils with adequate spelling skills can create confident spellers and, in turn, lead to confidence in all aspects of literacy.

At St Alban's we explicitly teach a variety of spelling strategies. We want to share these strategies with you and give you a few useful tips to try at home.

The sessions will be approximately 20 minutes long.

To accommodate parents, we will host face to face and zoom spelling meetings. The meetings are exactly the same content, repeated to try and reach a bigger audience.

### Zoom Meetings

Foundation and KS1: 4pm, Wednesday 18th January.

KS2: 4pm, Thursday 2nd February.

### Face to Face Meetings in the Hall

Foundation and KS1: 2:30pm, Friday 20th January.

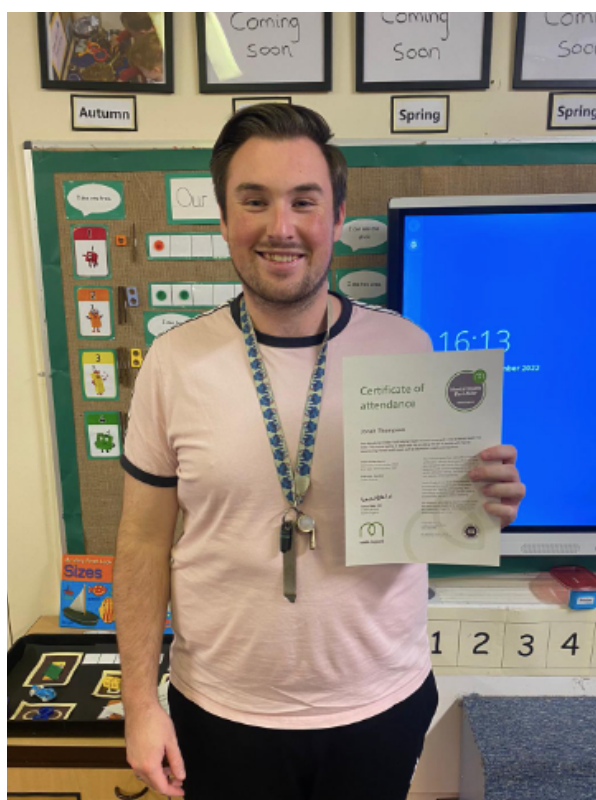
KS2: 2:30pm, Friday 3rd February.

## Mental Health First Aider

Introducing our first Mental Health First Aider. Last week, Mr Thompson completed a two day course learning how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis. He is the first of many staff to complete this training.

At St Alban's we support children's mental health through teaching them the skills they need to recognise and deal with their emotions, and help those with difficulties get the support they need.

If you would like any further information about how we support children's mental health, then please get in touch.



## Important Dates

### December

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 6th December            | Nursery Nativity (am)<br>Reception Nativity (pm)                         |
| 7th December<br>1pm-4pm | Whole school trip to the pantomime                                       |
| 8th December            | Year 1 Nativity (pm)<br>Year 2 Nativity (am)                             |
| 12th December           | Year 3 Production (am)<br>Year 4 Production (pm)                         |
| 13th December           | Year 5 Production (am)<br>Year 6 Production (pm)                         |
| 14th December           | Christmas Day (Christmas dinner and children can wear Christmas clothes) |
| 16th December           | School closes at 1:30pm  |

### January

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 3rd January         | Return to school                                |
| 12th January        | Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day                          |
| 13th January        | Year 1 Fire of London Day                       |
| 18th January 4pm    | FS and KS1 parent spelling zoom                 |
| 20th January 2:30pm | FS and KS1 parent spelling face to face meeting |
| 2nd February 4pm    | KS2 parent spelling zoom                        |
| 3rd February 2:30pm | KS2 Parent spelling face to face meeting.       |

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Mrs Gurner

Head teacher