

ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

First of all, I'd like to say thank you for your kind words during my illness. I'm looking forward to returning to school after February half term, fit and well. I am truly grateful for the support that we received from DSAT in my absence. Mrs Adair and the central team worked closely with SLT to take care of St Alban's, allowing me to truly recover- thank you.

Parent Survey

Thank you for completing our parent survey. We had the highest parent response in DSAT!

Collected responses are compared against 29923 parent answers, from 34 Trusts and 321 UK schools.

Key Performance Indicators

St Alban's scored above national in all areas. Where we have scored lower, many parents responded with not applicable.

Whilst we are immensely proud of our school we are not complacent as we continually look for ways to improve. The leadership team have analysed the data and comments and are working hard to further improve St Alban's.

A few parents commented that they would like to get more involved with the school.

We couldn't agree more. It is now time to reintroduce some of the lovely things that we did prior to Covid. Face to face parent meetings are back, and we have many curriculum workshops planned for the future.

Key performance Indicators

Strengths: top results

Positive Responses	Against Benchmark	
86%	Plus 29%	In general, how satisfied are you with the school's efforts to engage you as a parent?
93%	Plus 29%	How satisfied are you with the school's efforts to engage you as a parent?
87%	Plus 19%	Communication methods
87%	Plus 14%	Pupil needs

Weaknesses: bottom three results

Positive Responses	Against Benchmark	
66%	Plus 10%	How informed do you feel with regard to how your child is doing socially at school?
62%	Plus 14%	How often do you see that your feedback to the school has impact?
54%	Plus 6%	How confident are you that being part of the Trust is beneficial for pupils?



Rugby Match

St Alban's v's St Mary's

Our year 3 and 4 children competed against St Mary's. The score was 7-3 to St Alban's. The rugby teams played exceptionally well.

Special Mentions

Mrs Jepson would like to praise Ralph for his excellent defending. Thomas for holding his position and remarkable passes. Finally, Carter, who was unstoppable, scoring try after try. Well done team St Alban's!

Year 5 & 6 Athletic Festival

20 year 5 & 6 children competed against Rotherham schools at Cramworth Road on 1st February.

Overall St Alban's finished in 8th place- well done St Alban's! Team spirit was high. In every track and field event the children cheered for each other.



Sports continued..

A huge thank you to Mrs Barthrop, who supported Mrs Jepson and the children. Also, thank you to all the parents that were able to take and collect the children. Without this support, it would be difficult for us to attend these competitions.

School Visitors



Year 5, Norse Day



Year 1, Fire of London Day

Under the spotlight: Art

Art and design isn't just a subject to learn, but an activity you can practise: with your hands, your eyes, your whole personality." Quentin Blake

In 2020, with the guidance of our retired assistant head teacher (Mrs Teale) we further developed our art curriculum. Having seen the success of our art curriculum, DSAT schools are now adopting our art scheme. In retirement, Mrs Teale continues to nurture creativity!

At St Alban's, each child is taught twelve projects in drawing or painting, and three projects in each collage, textiles, printing and sculpture. Allowing them to systematically build on their skills and knowledge throughout the whole art curriculum.

Each year, children learn about artists, including the genre and movement that they were involved with. Ask your child which artist they are learning about this term. What is this artist known for?

This academic year, Miss Nightingale started art club for children to further develop their art skills. This half term, the children have focused on drawing faces.

Here are some eyes, lips, ears and noses that the children have been working on. Super creative work children.



Important Dates

February

20th February	All pupils return to school
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March

10th March, 2:30pm-3:00pm	Rearranged KS2 parent spelling meeting (Hall)
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21st March	Year 3 class visit to Murton Park
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27th March	Year 2 class visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
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31st March	School closed to pupils - INSET. Parent/teacher meetings in the hall. Further information to follow.
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Mrs Cooper's Assemblies

In assemblies, Mrs Cooper teaches children about special educational needs and disabilities.

What challenges may someone have? How do they overcome these challenges? How can we make our school supportive and treat people equally?

This half term, Mrs Cooper has led assemblies on dyspraxia, visual impairment and physical disability. It is so important to teach equality in schools. One day, we hope our children will be leading the country, so it is imperative that they learn how to treat people equally and fairly.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term.

Mrs Gurner

Head teacher