

ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome

What another fantastic year at St Alban's! We have had some very special successes, our Platinum Sports Award, amazing phonics and KS2 results and the election of some brand-new House Ambassadors and appointment of new House Leaders.

I know that everyone will have been getting hot and tired over the last couple of weeks but children have continued to be amazing right up until the very end of term.

It has been a privilege to meet every one of you this year- parents, children and staff- and I cannot wait to see what new adventures we all have in 2024-25.

Have a blessed Summer.



It's been a Summer of Sport at St Alban's, with all of our Sports Days being hugely successful (despite some rain!). We also celebrated our reward Platinum Sports Award with a 2 day celebration of sport and



Amazing Events in EYFS

This half-term saw the return of a previous St Alban's tradition - the EYFS wedding!

Children have been learning all about rites and important events in different religions. Pupils in Nursery and Reception attended a 'wedding' at St Alban's Church to learn all about how some Christians might celebrate a marriage.

It was a wonderful event that children absolutely loved.

Keep an eye out for the 'Christening' next year.



Nursery children also went on their very first school trip in July. Armed with picnic blankets, snacks and lots of parents, they walked super sensibly to the park. Children made sure they were safe by walking in pairs and staying away from the kerb. All of the adults were so proud of their outstanding behaviour.

Uniform

Buying new uniform over the Summer?

Remember to check our uniform policy first. This can be found on our website.

Please be mindful of the requirements we have for pupils' PE kits. We allow children to wear PE kits all day when they have PE lessons, but we can only continue to do this if it is kept just as presentable and consistent as the rest of our school uniform.

On PE days, children can wear:

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black hoodie or sweatshirt (no logos or colours)
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Black trainers are preferable, but we understand that this isn't always possible.



The PTA have had a very successful Summer term, raising funds for school and giving our children amazing experiences. We are still counting the money from all of those ice creams (129!) sold at the Summer fair and we will update you in the new school year. Many thanks to Katie Shemwell and Leanne Worsdall for all of their hard work over the years - they will be missed!

Collective Worship

Our first Collective Worship theme in September will be all about Forgiveness.

We will be reflecting on what the Bible and Jesus says about Forgiveness, as well as how it features in our daily lives.

This is a really interesting religious and philosophical subject, so here are some questions you might discuss at the dinner table over Summer to get your children thinking about it:

Can you make someone apologise?

Is there anything unforgivable?

Who should we ask for forgiveness?

Do we always have to forgive someone who says sorry?

Some deep questions, but I know our children will relish the opportunity to do some great thinking and have some reflective discussions.

Our featured Bible Verse:

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15

My Happy Mind

My Happy Mind is our school's preventative program that supports positive mental health and resilience.



This half-term the focus has all been on Relationships. We have helped children to understand the roles relationships play in our happiness, where we might be going wrong with them, and how we can build more positive ones!

Summer 2024 Sponsored Read



Thank you so much for all of your support for our Sponsored Read. At the time of writing we have raised more than £1000 for our school library.

Spotlight on... Food technology

Year 2 have designed, made and evaluated their own fruit smoothies for other children to encourage them to eat more fruit.



In science, they have been learning about the importance of a balanced diet and know that fruits and vegetables are a very important part of this! Their smoothies needed to: have a catchy name, have at least 2 fruit in and be sweet and tasty!

First, they did a sensory analysis to help them decide which fruit they wanted to include in their smoothies. They then practised cutting techniques like the bridge and the claw.



The best part for children was definitely the marking, and of course... the tasting! They finished their unit of work with thoughtful evaluations. Amazing work Year 2!

Important Dates

Date and Time	Event
Thursday 5 th September	Children return to school.
10 th -17 th September	School Book Fair.
Tuesday 10 th September	2.30pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 11 th September	2.30pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting
Thursday 12 th September	2.30pm Year 3 Welcome Meeting
Friday 13 th September	2.30pm EYFS Welcome Meetings
Monday 16 th September	2.30pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 17 th September	2.30pm Year 5 Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 18 th September	2.30pm Year 6 Welcome Meeting
Monday 23 rd September	2.15pm Parent Workshop: Key Stage 2 spelling The St Alban's Way (recording available after)
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Monday 30 th September	8.45am Harvest Festival Worship at Church Families.
Tuesday 1 st October	2.15pm Parent/Carer Workshop Reading with your child at home (EYFS/KS1)
Wednesday 16 th - 18 th October	Y5 Residential to The Oakes
Wednesday 23 rd October	2.15pm SEN Parent Coffee Club
Friday 25 th October	Holy Communion in Church Families welcome. Break up from school for half-term.
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day - no children in school.
Tuesday 5 th November	Pupils back in school for Autumn 2.

We do our best to ensure dates are correct at the time of publication, however occasionally these need to be amended. Please check the ClassDojo calendar and Newsfeed to keep abreast of any changes.

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September are all INSET days.

Children come back to school on Thursday 5th September 2024 for the new academic year. For all the latest dates, please subscribe to the school calendar on our website.

<https://wsap.academy/events/month/2024-07/>