

ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back over the last few days, and to hear about the adventures everyone has had over the summer holidays.

We have talked a lot about it being the 'new year' with children and about how we can think of the new school year as a brand-new page. We might be nervous about making mistakes, or the pressure of being in a new year group, but we also have the chance to start afresh and be the best that we can be. It's been amazing to see children rise to the occasion and get settled into their new classrooms and to build relationships with their new teachers.

It's a busy half-term ahead though, we have residentials, school visits, Harvest Festival, visitors from the Church and much, much more.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Gurner and Mrs Higson

This month's edition of our newsletter is mostly full of updates and notices, but don't worry - our next one will once again be packed full of learning experiences and photographs of your amazing children.



The Cabin is here!

Over the summer holidays our ambitious outdoor building project finally began. Our school is now home to an additional room - currently named The Cabin- as well as a beautiful reading garden.

Children already love spending time in this area, and we know that once our custom benches arrive and our plants are more established, this will be a very popular spot at lunchtimes.

The Cabin will be suitable for small group sessions, parent meetings and workshops so everyone in our community will benefit from it. The garden is not only filled with beautiful mature trees, but also different herbs, so it's a multi-sensory experience.

We couldn't have done this without the support of our amazing PTA. We all feel very lucky.

Our very own Garden of Eden!

Changes to Home Learning

Feedback from parents in the parent survey and the reply slips to reports is always important to us. One thing we have reflected on recently is that many parents were unsure what their children were learning each week, and were sometimes confused by when and what homework was expected.

To make things simpler, especially for those with children in different years, we have agreed an approach which is consistent throughout every class in school.

All children receive Home Learning on Fridays.

All children from Reception to Year 6 have their weekly Spelling Quiz on Thursdays.

What Home Learning will my child receive?



Nursery: Children receive nursery rhymes to practise at home with their parents.

Reception: Children receive key sounds or spellings linked to their phonics learning.

Year 1&2: Spellings, a maths or reflex task and to read at home at least 3 times.

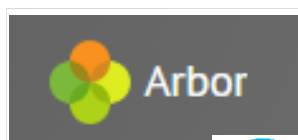
Years 3-6: Spellings, a maths or reflex task and to read at home at least 3 times.

Teachers will also give optional research or reading tasks linked to what is being learnt in the wider curriculum. e.g. find out about earthquakes, find a fact about Monet.

	<p>St Alban's CE Primary School</p> <p>Weekly Homework</p> <p>Friday 6th September 2024</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read at home at least 3 times.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Practise your spellings for our quiz on Thursday. invention action petition straight because cell	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get 3 Green Lights on Reflex or 3 Sound checks on TTRS.	
<p>Optional: Next week we will be learning about the water cycle in science. See what you can find out about it at home.</p>		

Y1-6, keep an eye out for the weekly Home Learning sheet in your child's Home Learning book.

Communication with Parents/Carers



ClassDojo

This year we have made some tweaks to how we communicate with parents. Here we explain what each one is for.

Arbor

- Signing up and paying for after-school clubs.
- Paying for school trips and visits (this is also your consent).
- Monitoring your child's attendance.
- General emails from the office around attendance.

If you haven't received an email about using Arbor yet, or you're having problems using it, please see the school office and someone will support you.

ClassDojo

- Seeing upcoming events on the calendar.
- Contacting your child's teacher to ask a question or to request a phone call.
- To see photos and celebration posts.

Please do not send messages about dinners or attendance via ClassDojo as these are sometimes missed before cut-off times. Please call the office instead.

As always, we welcome calls from you on: **01709 542878** or emails to **enquiries@sap.dsat.education**

Key Dates for the Year

These are Key Dates for the year that are currently set. Other dates will continue to be communicated in the half-termly newsletter and ClassDojo.

INSET Days (no children in school)		Monday 2 nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Wednesday 4 th September 2024 Monday 4 th November 2024
Parents' Evening		Wednesday 13 th November 2024 3pm-6pm
		Thursday 14 th November 2024 3pm-6pm
		Friday 28 th March 2025 (all day)
School Reports to Parents/Carers		Friday 18 th July 2025
Harvest Festival Service in Church		Monday 30 th September 8.45am (Parents welcome)
Christmas Performances	Y1&2	Tuesday 10 th December 9am (Y1 parents)
	Y1&2	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm (Y2 parents)
	EYFS	Thursday 12 th December 9am (Nursery parents)
	EYFS	Thursday 12 th December 2pm (Reception parents)
	KS2	Tuesday 17 th December 9am (Parents welcome)
	KS2	Tuesday 17 th December 5.30pm (Parents welcome)

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.

School Holidays 2024-25

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

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Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes School Holidays



Denotes School Inset Days