

ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. Time is already flying and we are starting to look for signs of Spring outside.

Since returning from the Christmas break, children have had some absolutely fantastic experiences and a great start to the new year.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to the new nursery children who have started with us this half term, and their families.

Thank you for your ongoing support and kind words about our school in the recent parent survey.

Our children represented our school beautifully at Young Voices again and some wonderful new memories were made by staff, children and parents.



Trips, Visits and Visitors

We are very proud of the enrichment opportunities we offer all of our pupils at St Alban's. This half term we have had some amazing workshops from visitors to school. Year 5 learnt all about life in the past from a Norse soldier, and our Year 1s did some hands-on learning about the Great Fire of London.

In January Mr Dawson managed to secure a very special experience for the Year 3s. They had a VIP tour the Houses of Parliament, led by our local MP, Jake Richards.



PE Uniform Changes

Following some feedback from parents, we have made the decision to expand our PE uniform options so that children can wear either a plain white t-shirt or a plain black t-shirt on PE days. We understand the challenges of keeping a white t-shirt white when you have small children, and want to give a more practical option.



Please continue to ensure children's PE uniforms are as plain as possible. This is to ensure no one feels excluded by not having the latest brands or trends.



To volunteer for the PTA or to find out more information about events taking place this year, please join the PTA WhatsApp group.



Collective Worship



Some of our wonderful children following the tradition of 'chalking the door' for Epiphany.

Ordinary Time

Reverend Thomas came to speak to children about 'Ordinary Time' this week. A time in the Church calendar where there are no major festivals, but we have time to enjoy the everydayness of life and deepen our love of God.



He challenged us to find some ordinary things in life which are beautiful and meaningful, even though they're there each day.

My Happy Mind

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



Last term we focused on Celebrate.

This unit was all about character strengths, identifying and celebrating our own and helping others to do the same.

The 5 character strengths we all talked about developing were:

- Love and kindness
- Teamwork and friendship
- Bravery and honesty
- Exploring and learning
- Love of life and our world

Conversation starters to get your child reflecting on their work in Celebrate:

I want you to think back to last year when you were in the year below. Think about...

What were your Top Character Strengths?

How did you use them over the year?

This half term we are moving onto the Appreciate unit, which has one of our favourite phrases - Attitude for Gratitude!

Spotlight on... Science



Teaching science is all about making the invisible, visible to children and this is something we do really well at St Alban's. Practical work and experiences happen in almost every science lesson to educate, motivate and inspire. Recently, two dentists kindly came to work with the class during their work on teeth. They used disclosing tablets to reveal just how effective their toothbrushing is!



Our Year 6 children have been learning about evolution, and imagining some of the huge numbers can be really tricky. Luckily, with Mrs Cooper's help, they made a human timeline outside to help them visualise just how long ago the big bang was and the dawn of mankind.



Important Dates

| Date and Time | Event |
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| Friday 7 th February | Hindu Visitor for Y4 & Y6 |
| Friday 14 th February 8.45am | Holy Communion at St Alban's Church - all welcome |
| Monday 3 rd -Friday 7 th March | Year 5 Bikeability |
| Thursday 13 th March pm | Year 5 Art workshop with parents |
| Thursday 20 th March am | Year 1 bridge building workshop with parents |
| Friday 21 st March | Y3 visit to Murton Park |
| Wednesday 26 th March | Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Friday 28 th March | INSET - closed to children Parent consultation meeting day |
| Wednesday 16 th April pm | PTA Easter Fair |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | Y5 visit to Weston Park Museum |
| Friday 9 th May | Y2 Parent workshop |
| Wednesday 18 th June | PTA Summer disco |
| Tuesday 24 th June | KS2 Sports Day |
| Friday 27 th June | Y6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Tuesday 15 th July | KS1 Sports Day |
| Wednesday 16 th July | EYFS Sports Day |
| Friday 18 th July | PTA Summer Fair |

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.

For all the latest dates, please subscribe to the school calendar on our website.
<https://wsap.academy/events/month/2025-2/>