



St Alban's Newsletter



6th December 2019, Second Sunday of Advent

9th December– Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY WORD - PREPARATION

Dressing the Crib (Last day of term)

This has become a big favourite with everyone and we often get former pupils returning just to be part of the celebrations.

As part of the celebrations we invite children and adults to come forward to play / sing a Christmas or Advent piece. Next week the children will have auditions to play something and we would like to invite parents and adults to volunteer too. If you would like to play for the children or play with your child please contact the office before next Friday.

Choir performing at Great St Mary's [Photo link](#)

This was really a very special treat for the children as they sang to raise money for three charities supported by the Cambridge Rotary Club. The children were fantastic, and, our thanks to Rosa's and Eva's dad for accompanying the choir on the piano and of course to Mrs Burrows for arranging our participation. Below is an email Mrs Burrows received from the Rotary Club

Dear Ruth,

An enormous thank you to you and your children for the music last night. They participated with great enthusiasm as always. There was a lovely atmosphere about the Concert and that emanated from the children's happy involvement. I personally loved 'Christmas Cake' - what a lovely piece. And I am glad we managed to get the music sorted for 'Donkey' with its amusing actions. Please say thank you to everyone involved.

Thank you to you personally for your continued support for this event.

John

Year2 St Clement's Church visit

Year 2, 3 and 4 had a great morning taking part in an Advent workshop at St Clement's Church on Wednesday. When they arrived at the Church they listened attentively to the Nativity story. They then took part in different Advent activities, including clay modelling and paper crafts. Children were able to bring home a beautiful bag with a range of items which they collected to remind them of different parts of the Nativity story. Thank you to St Clement's, and Victoria for inviting us to take part in the workshop. [Photo Link](#)

Cross Country Run

Congratulations to the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who represented the school at Cross Country last Friday at Netherhall school. There were over 100 children in each race and all of the children rose to the challenge exceptionally well. The children were very supportive to each other and showed excellent endurance and sportsmanship. A special well done to Lucia in Year 3 who won the 'Spirit of the Games' sticker for determination.

Results: Year 3 girls-9th and 23rd, Year 3 boys-8th and 9th, Year 4 girls-19th and 34th, Year 4 boys-21st and 33rd, Year 5 girls-17th and 19th, Year 5 boys-18th and 61st

Breakfast Club for St Alban's

The breakfast club at St. Paul's Primary School every day the school is open by Premier Education, to children of all years. At the end of the morning session St Albans school children will be walked over to the school by a member of the Premier Education team and a member of St Alban's staff, enabling them to start the school day on time. Reception to Year 6, 8:00 am - 8:55 am, Cost: £5 per session. Book your child's place now at www.premier-education.com. Please call the Regional office on 01638 751176 or alternatively email: krayner@premier-education.com [Flyer link](#)

06/12	Advent Fair and Service
09/12	GenR8 Performance
11/12	Reception class Nativity
11/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
12/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
18/12	Christmas Dinner
19/12	Termly Reports Out
19/12	End of Term Mass
19/12	Dressing of the Crib 2pm



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Open Day for new 2020/21 Reception children on Monday 9th December 9.30 –11.30 and 1.30—2.15

Please remember to tell friends, neighbours and families that this will be the last opportunity to visit the school

New Reception Class intake 2020-2021

If you have siblings starting in reception class next year (2020-2021), please apply to Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions online and send us the SIF and baptism certificate as soon as possible.

From PFA

THANK YOU everyone for a wonderful Advent Fair - an enormous effort from so many and, hopefully, a wonderful day for the children. Please do come to our first new PFA meeting next Friday at 2pm, where we will decide on our plans for the year ahead - social and fundraising and Facebook! We will be finished by 3:15 and pre-schoolers are welcome to join us. Be lovely to see faces familiar and new.

Bags2school on Monday - though any bag will do - no uniform please but shoes are great as we are paid by weight!

Finally, a big thank you to Celia for our lovely Christmas wares which came home this week.

From the Governors:

Our Lady of Walsingham Multi Academy Trust (OLWMAT)

The governors met last night with representatives from the MAT; a head of school, an Executive head and a chair of governors. It was a very interesting meeting and the governors were able to get more information about the impact the MAT had on the quality of teaching and learning, and the governance of a school in the MAT. The governors were given a blank due diligence document from a school which has recently joined the MAT, to help them focus on the necessary questions to be asked before making any decision. This will be looked at in the coming months.

Performance and Standards meeting

The next governor meeting is the Performance and Standards sub group which will be scrutinising the curriculum the children are receiving. Before the end of term you will be able to see this in great detail and will hopefully give you a better understanding of what is being taught in the school. If you would like to do some light reading about each subjects go the [Dfe website](#) where you will see the expectations for each subject. The school has looked at these and is ensuring all areas are covered.

Memory Development Study

Play computer games, wear a fitbit for a couple of days. Contribute to science and earn **£10**

Eligibility: Children age 8-13, Location: Downing Site, Cambridge CB2 3EB, Two sessions: 2 x an hour

Interested? Contact Panpan at pg470@cam.ac.uk, <https://www.camblab.psychol.cam.ac.uk/participate-in-research>

Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis courses for 4-7 year old, £29.99 FOR 6 X 1 HOUR LESSONS, Sundays 12noon to 1pm, 12 January to 16 February 2020, 1 March to 5 April 2020. Book your place on our website www.cambridgeitc.com. [February Half Term camp flyer](#)

Homework

Year 3	Time
Year 4	Co-ordinates
Year 5	Write an Advent prayer/poem
Year 6	Angles at a point

Quiz

Which saint did you learn about in class worship?
Why is this saint often known as the first Santa?
This week at mass which coloured candle is lit and who do we remember?
Who is on the poster outside the office?
Why was this person so important to prepare the way for Jesus?