



St Alban's Newsletter



11th December 2020, 3rd Advent Sunday

Gaudete Sunday

WEDNESDAY WORD—[JOY](#) (please click)

Siblings starting in September 2021 URGENT

If you have a sibling starting in September 2021 don't forget to apply to the Local Authority for a place at the school and submit your Supplementary Information Form. Over 65 Catholic families have expressed an interest in coming to St Alban's so far.

Events in the school

Congratulations to Year One and all the staff for their wonderful Nativity performance which was watched and loved by parents and grandparents around the country. Photo link [here](#).

Well done to Year 6 for their wonderful dressing up as evacuees on Monday and Tuesday. It was clear they had done a lot of research. Photo link [here](#).

Also, well done to Year 5 who looked fantastic in their bright costumes dressed as Mayans. See [link](#).

Home learning survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey, and thank you for your comments too. This information will be very useful if we have to close classrooms. Please follow [the link](#) to see the outcomes. Once we have scrutinised the comments we will send out a summary of the areas which you have identified as successful and those which need to be developed.

Zoom meetings

A few parents are joining the Zoom performances late and some are there in plenty of time. Unfortunately, we might miss families who join late so it is important to be there at the start. One suggestion is to not have a waiting room and people can join when they can. However, this is not possible as we will be doing last minute arrangements to get ready for the performance and it would not be appropriate for adults to see this. We hope you can understand and still enjoy watching the children.

Look out for the events taking place next week. See below .

Reports

Next Thursday your child will be bringing home their termly report. We hope you find this useful and that gives you a better understanding of their progress so far.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday the 16th December the children and staff, and of course parents, are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school. Today is the national Save the Children campaign and the School Council would like to collect £1 from everyone who wears a jumper to school on Wednesday instead. They will have buckets in school and the money will stay in the tubs for 72 hours before being sent to the charity.

Achievements and congratulations!

A few children deserve a mention for their achievements this month; Matteo in Year 3 went to hospital on Monday and waited many hours to get a test carried out which he passed with flying colours and Alexander (Y3) successfully passed his Grade 1 violin exam .

Congratulations to all the families with new babies this term. In Reception; Oscar has a new brother called Oliver, Mary a sister called Beatrice and John a new sister called Kasia. In Year 4 and Year 1 Evangelina and Gabriela have a new sister called Natalia.

City Kids—Please follow [the link](#) to the City Kids newsletter.

Cycle instructors needed: Please see [the link](#).

Events – All events will be on Zoom and details will be sent out on Monday 14th December

* Tuesday 15th December at 10.30 – Reception class Dressing the Crib

* Wednesday 16th December—Christmas jumpers & dinner, and Year 2 performance at 9.30

* Thursday 17th December—Advent Service for KS2 – 10am, all parents invited

A reminder that the school is closed on Friday 18th

Photos of the Evacuees, the Mayans, and Year 1 performance



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Gabriel - For his wonderful picture depiction of the Creation story.

Sebastian - For settling in so well to reception class and getting to know all the routines so quickly.

Year 1

Paolo - For his excellent sequencing of the Nativity story.

Owen—For writing fantastic information sentences about Neil Armstrong.

Maria—For her amazing work on number bonds to 10.

Nico—For writing a lovely poem to Mary, Mother of God.

Michael— For working hard on locating the different countries in the UK.

Tevin—For making excellent progress in reading and good understanding of a factual text.

Year 2

Peter - For an amazing clay pumpkin sculpture, made and painted in the style of the artist Yayoi Kusama!

Damian - For making a really good effort to create a set of imaginative similes to describe St. Nicholas in a poem.

Year 3

Nina – For a positive 'can do' attitude all term.

Enoch – For making excellent progress with his time telling skills.

Year 4

Oscar—For creating and delivering an excellent science presentation on amphibians, whilst also showing a great focus in class.

Giovanni—For working hard on his handwriting this week and keeping his words evenly spaced apart.

Year 5

Kelly—For outstanding poetry writing all week.

Samuel—For outstanding poetry writing all week.

Year 6

John—For superb 3D plane making and giving advice to others.

Akira—For excellent group work during our Battle of Britain project.

PFA

The Y1/Y3 craft sale has gone really well, the total raised was £222.10. It was organised by Helen, parent in Y1 and Y3, and all the crafts were handmade by Hilary, Helen's mum, and so a St. Alban's grandparent. Thank you so much to Helen, Hilary, and everyone who supported the sale.

Happy Birthday

Jaden in Y2 will be 7 years old on the 12th December

Angel in Y5 will be 10years old on the 12th December

Antoni in Y4 will be 9 years old on the 13th December

Raphaella in Y3 will be 7years old on the 14th December

Thomas in YR will be 5years old on the 15th December

Lucia in Y4 will be 9 years old on the 16th December

Sara in Y2 will be 7 years old on the 16th December

Charlotte in Y2 will be 7 years old on the 16th December

Matas formerly in Y1 will be 6 years old on the 17th December



Quiz— This week in assembly we have been thinking of Mary.

What colour of candle is lit this Sunday?

The Hail Mary is a prayer is about who speaking to Mary?

Why was Mary very surprised that she was going to have a baby?

Where did Joseph live as a boy?

Why did Mary, Joseph and Jesus flee from the stable after the Kings visited?

What is the prayer which is about Mary celebrating God's greatness?