



# St Alban's Newsletter



18th December 2020, 4th Advent Sunday

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

### From Mr McCrossan

*It has been a challenging term for everyone and I am sincerely grateful for your cooperation and support helping to protect our children. I know there have been a few inconveniences but hopefully the changes have not had too much of an impact on your or the children's lives. As you know there has been no need to close a bubble and I am extremely grateful to all the staff for implementing the changes and sanctions so successfully.*

*We are now all looking forward to a well deserved break and I hope you all enjoy the time with your family and keep safe.*

*On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generous gifts. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful parent community.*

*My thanks to all the staff and governors in the school for their support and I would like to say a special thanks to all the volunteers who regularly come in at lunchtimes to help supervise the children. Everyone's commitment to the school makes St Alban's a great place to be.*

*Merry Christmas*

### Goodbye

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to a few children. They have brought fun and laughter and we wish them well in their new schools. Goodbye Sean Y1, Lyra Y1, Arthur Y3, Oliver Y5 and Jaden Y2.

### Travelling abroad

Please make sure you all adhere to the government's guidance if you are travelling around the country or abroad. Please let the school know if you are in self isolation too. Thank you.

### Covid contact

An email went out during the week regarding informing the school if your child is tested positive for the coronavirus. Please note you must contact the school ([office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk)) up until Sunday if you have had a test or tested positive.

### Thanks to the PFA

Many thanks to the PFA for organising the Christmas gifts for staff and children, and for the Christmas crackers too. We are so lucky to have them.

### Candle light to light on Christmas Day

The children are all bringing home a small tea light. Please could you allow your child to light this when you are sitting round the Christmas table. In this way the whole school comes together in prayer to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### Achievements

Well done to all the children who made this week a very special time. The Year 2 performance was fantastic, the Reception class was filled with great joy and the Advent Service was very prayerful. Follow [link](#) to photos.

Other achievements this week: Oscar Y4 was singing solo and the School Council raised a lot of Christmas jumper money for the Save the Children charity.

### Reports

Today the children are bringing home their reports. Well done children you are all stars!

**The school opens on the 4th January**

### A week of Joy

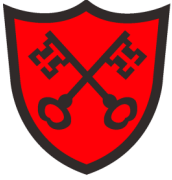


Dressing the Child  
Reception Class 2021



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## Headteachers Award

Well done to all the children for receiving the Headteacher's Award this term. The children will be bringing home their certificates today. There are no Headteacher Awards this week but instead we have the Writer of the Month.

### Reception

Joseph for carefully writing the letter X

### Year 1

Evie- writing a fantastic story based on a familiar structure and plan

### Year 2

Sophie- using imaginative imperative verbs and adverbs

### Year 3

Raphaella- a fantastic Greek myth using exciting sentence openers, direct speech and adverbs

### Year 4

Aisling- describing a mysterious setting and using editing to elevate her writing

### Year 5

Maia-writing a wonderful mysterious gothic story, full of adventure

### Year 6

Cleona- writing a wonderful continuation of Samuel Pepys' diary

Overall Writer of the Month is Aisling in Yr4

## PFA

The Paypal pool for Christmas Jumper Day today has raised £333 for the local Cambridge City Foodbank. Thank you to all who donated to this cause, and for all coin donations today towards Save The Children.

We on the PFA would like to thank all parents for their continual support of the school through the PFA throughout what has been a strange year. A special thank you also to our Year Reps for their time and dedication.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2021.

## Happy Birthday

Jude in Yr3 will be 8 years old on the 20th Dec

Matteo in Yr3 will be 8 years old on 20th Dec

Samuel in Yr6 will be 11 years old on the 21st Dec

Gabi in Yr4 will be 9 years old on the 21st Dec

Isaac in Yr4 will be 9 years old on the 23rd Dec

Mary in Reception will be 5 years old on the 26th Dec

Aurora in Yr6 will be 11 years old on the 27th Dec

Ashley in Reception will be 5 years old on the 27th Dec

Benny in Yr2 will be 7 years old on the 29th Dec

Samuel in Yr5 will be 10 years old on the 31st Dec

Quiz— During Advent we have all been preparing for the birth of Jesus.

How many names do you know for Jesus?

Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?

Why did Mary and Joseph have to leave Bethlehem so quickly?

What relation was John the Baptist to Jesus?

How many Sundays are there in Advent?

What coloured candle is lit last on the wreath?