



# St Alban's Newsletter



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

### Miss Binnie

Most of you will be aware of the terrible accident Miss Binnie was involved in last year. She has been recovering over the year but unfortunately will not be returning to St Alban's. In the short time she was with us she was loved by the children, parents and staff. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

### Anna our lovely piano teacher

We were all saddened by the death of Anna last week and she will be a great loss to us and to Cambridgeshire Music.

While we continue to keep Anna and her family in our thoughts and prayers at this time Anja Irwin (PFA) has arranged a shared card of condolence to which you are welcome to add your own message. The card can be found via the following link and will be open online until Friday 28th May, after which the messages will be included in a printed copy of the card:

<https://groupcards.co.uk/AddMessageFromLink.aspx?EventCode=Nh1jEBNie1ussUkoNDWq>

Please also find below a link to a shared collection for Anna which you are welcome to contribute to, if you would like to. At the appropriate time we will arrange to discuss with Anna's family how the proceeds from the collection might be best used.

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8zrDFMjOBR>

### Goodbye Miss Waterson

Miss Waterson will be leaving us at the end of the term. Miss Waterson is leaving to develop her career in education. Miss Waterson has been a fantastic teacher and has played a vital role in the success of the school. We are very sad that she is leaving us but we wish her every success for the future. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to say goodbye to her properly at the end of term.

### Primary teacher

We are now recruiting for a full time primary teacher. Please follow [the link](#) to see the details.

### Birthday cake

We are so pleased with the response to our Birthday Cake appeal. With your donations and future donations we will continue to give the children a cake every Friday on their birthday until at least the end of term.

### Ely Cathedral Chorister Experience for families

Enjoy musical games, fun activities and Evensong under the famous Octagon Tower on Saturday 22 May, 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Contact [music@elycathedral.org](mailto:music@elycathedral.org) to register, or Edmund Aldhouse (01353 660336) or Glen Dempsey (01353 660311).

**Premier Half term holiday club:** Please see [the link](#).

### Eat them to Defeat them starts on the 7th June

Next week the children will be taking home fun packs to encourage them to eat more vegetables. This is a national schools' programme and we are delighted to be taking part. To know more please look at the website [eatthemtodefearthem.com](http://eatthemtodefearthem.com)

### Gates opening and closing

A reminder that the gates will open at 8.45 am and close at 8.55am. They will then open at 3.00pm. Siblings will enter at 8.45 am and they will leave at approximately 3.15pm. See previous email sent this week.

**Treasure Island** - Family-friendly theatre shows at Madingley Hall, details and booking here:

[www.everymantheatre.org.uk/shows/treasure-island/](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk/shows/treasure-island/)

**[Book amnesty or donations. Please see a request on the last page of the newsletter.](#)**



## The year of St Joseph



The diocesan youth team is called



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## Headteachers Award

### Reception

George - For his super bird labelling work.

Luke - For his persistence in our threading button challenge.

Sophia - For working really hard with her number of the day work.

### Year 1

Frida – For using imaginative adjectives in her descriptive sentences.

DJ – For showing kindness in class and working hard on improving his handwriting.

Owen – For writing a lovely poem entitled 'The Summer Nature Table'.

### Year 2

Stephen - For super Science work, describing his favourite toy and what it is made of.

Alexander - For Super Science work, completing investigations at home and school this term.

### Year 3

Isabella - For excellent progress in our fractions work this week.

Tom - For an outstanding attitude to all aspects of his learning.

### Year 4

Jack - For writing a fantastic dramatic story set in Ancient Egypt. Well done, keep up the good work.

Jim - For trying really hard to progress his Maths skills this week when learning about area. Well done, keep up the good work.

### Year 5

Vivian - For outstanding work on "The Hobbit" this week.

Lucile - For science task work on pollination.

### Year 6

Eva - For excellent research and work on her project about Australia.

Lennan - For good progress on his reasoning and percentages work in maths - well done.

## PFA

The Friday school discos are still happening! This evening's disco is for Year 4 students.

A reminder we are still accepting uniform donations at the Reception desk of good condition uniforms with the school logo, ahead of our first second hand uniform sale, taking place next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

A date for your diaries: the next Bags2School collection will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## Happy Birthday (Photos on 3rd page)

Jim in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 22nd May

Sophia in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 26th May

Klara in Reception class will be 5 years old on the 26th May

Kyan in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 26th May



Please put donations for the birthday cakes in an envelope like this.

Many, many thanks to all those who have simply given a donation for the cakes.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Quiz — The children have been thinking about Pentecost in the assemblies this week

What does the celebration of Pentecost bring to an end?

What amazing event happened in the house where the disciples were staying?

The Holy Spirit is often shown as two things. What are they?

The apostles could not understand each other after they were given the power of the Holy Spirit. Why?

When do Catholics receive the Holy Spirit?

It is a very special day, but who comes all the way from Norwich to celebrate the occasion?

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## Work submission days 24th – 28th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					<b>English</b> Design a front cover for your 'Warning story' <b>Maths</b> Sumdog challenges
Year4				<b>Maths</b> Area <b>Literacy</b> Spelling, Prefixes	
Year5	<b>Reading</b> Reading orally 15-20 minutes each night		<b>Maths</b> Verbal reasoning test papers <b>Reading Comprehension</b> "Bilbo the hobbit meets Smaug" <b>All timetables</b> Revision at speed		
Year6	Chapter 5 Notes - Employment and Population		<b>R.E.</b> Facts about Islam <b>Spelling test</b>		Word Problems

### Book appeal

A number of Key Stage One children are progressing well in their reading, leading to a greater demand for early chapter books. Unfortunately we are now low on these as a school. If you have any of the following at home and would be willing to donate them to the school then we would be very grateful.

Any of the following schemes or publishers: Sprinters; Walkers Stories; Treetops; Young Corgi; Young Puffin; Early Reader; I Am Reading; DK Readers.

Any of the following series: Horrid Henry; Dirty Bertie; Amelia Bedelia; The Magic Treehouse; Dotty Detective; The Never Girls; Winnie and Wilbur chapter books; any other short chapter books that you think might be appropriate for 6 and 7 year olds.

There will be a box in the office for donations. Thank you so much for considering passing on your unwanted early chapter books to the school.



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