



# St Alban's Newsletter



16 January 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Covid update

As you are aware, the school is currently facing very challenging conditions. The positive cases are rising in each class and we now have: 5 TAs, 1 teacher and the caretaker, testing positive.

We will be introducing "ring fenced" classes (described as bubbles before) from Monday. This will mean that the whole school will be having staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. As you can imagine this is stretching us but we will do all we can to keep the children safe.

Classes will not close as long as we have a member of staff able to be with the children. If it is not a teacher then we will rely on our wonderful Teaching Assistants.

It is therefore important that we all follow the guidance; Ventilation, washing, sanitising, face covering and avoiding touch.

With this in mind, the children should come to school dressed appropriately and if they wish to wear their coat in class or ear muffs/hat then this will be permitted.

We hope we are reaching the peak of the cases, and once the number of positive cases falls below 5 in a class, the class will no longer be "ring fenced".

**If your child is not in a "ring fenced" class and waiting on a PCR test outcome, please keep them at home until the result comes through.**

**If your child's class has been ring fenced and your child has recently had covid, there is no need to take a PCR test as it will probably come back positive. However, please continue to take an LFTs each day and if this is positive then please isolate. If your child's class has been ring fenced then please follow the guidance, [follow this link](#).**

The current numbers of positive cases in each class;

Reception - 4, Y1 - 15, Y2 - 3, Y3 - 7, Y4 - 4, Y5 - 2 Y6 - 6

Could all children arrive and be collected at the following times please.

**KS2 children** -the gates will be opened from 8.45am and children should enter both gates as normal.

At the end of the day Y3 and Y4 will be on the playground for 3.05pm and Y5 and Y6 be on the playground for 3.15pm.

**KS1/Reception** should continue to arrive and leave as they have been doing, Reception and Year 2 from 8.45am and Y1 at 9.00. At the end of the day, Y1 to leave at 2.50pm, Reception at 3.00pm and Y2 at 3.10pm.

**All siblings should arrive and leave with the youngest child.**

### After school club and other clubs

All clubs which are outside the school playground will continue as normal but if the weather is bad we will need to cancel. Please look at the forecast each morning and plan accordingly. We will let you know as soon as possible if we have to cancel.

**If your child attends any of the clubs or City Kids and you are able to take them home at 3.15pm, please do so. We know this is a great inconvenience but we hope it will only last for a maximum of two weeks.**

### Reception Class 2022/23

The closing date is tomorrow.

**Year 1 places— We still have 2 places available in Year 1.**

**Newsletter from OLEM**, please see the link [here](#).

Please see a statement from City Kids on the next page.

## The Year of St Joseph



Please wear a mask outside the school gate



Get your jab.

There is a Walk In Centre in Cherry Hinton.



Welcome to your Test and Trace account

[Order test kits](#)  
Order 1 pack of 7 rapid lateral flow home test kits to be delivered to you

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And the staff and pupils at St Alban's

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## Headteacher's awards

Reception: Raffi - For his super Polar animals picture.

Laurie - For his amazing retelling the beginning of the "The Snowman" story.

Year 1: Oscar - For always trying very hard to achieve to the best of his ability.

Tessa - For her excellent manners and a sensible and mature attitude in all lessons.

Year 2: Michael - For his enthusiastic approach towards story writing.

Yusuf - For excellent use of initiative.

Sveva - For a fantastic start to St Alban's...MOLTO BENE!

Year 4: Tom - For supporting others when they needed help.

Marianna - For her caring attitude and always being polite.

Year 3: Alexander - For showing a positive, hardworking attitude to all subjects this week.

Felicity - For working hard in all subjects and writing a good set of instructions.

Emilio - For showing a really focused attitude in class and always looking to complete tasks to the best of his ability.

Year 5: Jim - For a brilliant oral explanation on "Forces".

Patrick - For his improved work output and now fully focused upon all tasks— especially Science.

Year 6: Lorenzo - For working hard to adjust to changes and new challenges.

Kelly - For being on task and focused.

## CITY KIDS

City Kids is experiencing a high number of Covid cases within the setting and this includes children and staff.

As a small team, we will struggle to continue to provide a full provision if any more staff members need to isolate. With this in mind please can parents continue to be vigilant for Covid symptoms and do not send your child to the club if they are unwell.

Many thanks,

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City Kids'

## Happy Birthday

**Zoe in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 15th January**

**Carter in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 20th January**

**Flavio in Year Reception will be 5 years old on the 20th January**



Quiz— This week the children have been learning about John the Baptist in assembly.

Who was John the Baptist?

Who did people think he was?

What did he say when he saw Jesus?

Who wanted him killed?

How did he die?

What do you call a person who dies for what they believe in?

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## Work submission days 17th – 21st January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday
Year3	<b>Literacy</b> Spelling practise			<b>Literacy</b> Home reading - 15 minutes per day <b>Maths</b> - x 9 times tables practise - 2 4 8 multiples	
Year4					<b>Maths</b> Formal method multiplication <b>Science</b> States of matter sentences. <b>Spelling</b> Weekly spellings for tests
Year5	Reading 10-15 minutes orally for fluency and intonation daily			- 'The Hobbit' chapters 3-4 for English and analysing character dialogue. - Forces experiments continue with a focus on Mass /Weight and gravitational force. - Tables focus 11x - 10 Spellings (available to community)	
Year6				<b>English</b> Connectives <b>SPAG</b> Adverbs and Adverbials <b>Maths</b> Divide decimals to solve problems	

**Holiday Camp Survey at Netherhall school:** <https://forms.office.com/r/3DAjNEMPOf>

**Half term club on February 14th 'The Mini Medics'**, this course is a child friendly introduction to First Aid and Defibrillation aimed at children between the ages of 8 and 11, but it can suit children of any age. The course is kept at a basic level with no use of confusing terminologies, it is made interesting and interactive. In the afternoon the children will have the opportunity to practice the skills have learnt as well as fitness, games, arts & crafts. We're also offering a performing arts session for those who require a later collection - <https://cambridgepac.co.uk/book/p/halftermclubs>

PAC is the ultimate wrap around care and performing arts after school club in Cambridge that offers all aspects of performance training for your children. We want to add value to your working week not complications. Your children will learn valuable skills in dancing, singing and acting, all information and booking can be found here - <https://cambridgepac.co.uk/clubs>