



# St Alban's Newsletter

09 September 2022, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### Welcome back

'Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and peaceful summer break. It has been a great pleasure listening to some of the stories the children have been describing about their holidays, and I look forward to hearing more next week.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank all the parents for your generous gifts and comments at the end of the year. We really appreciated your thanks and acknowledgement for teaching your children.

As we start another year we do so with full of optimism and excitement. We have new teachers, new children and hopefully, Covid is behind us.

The new Reception class children have started the next chapter of their life, and we look forward to welcoming them and the new families to the school.

We remember all of the children and staff who left us at the end of last term and wish them every success for the future.

I look forward to continued success this year and ask you keep us in your prayers so that St Alban's can continue to Believe, Succeed and Achieve. Everyone is invited to join the school children and staff at the

**Welcome Back mass on Thursday 15th October at 10.00am"**

*Joseph McCrossan Headteacher*

### Welcome

Miss Nye (Y3) and Mr Hor (Y2) have joined the teaching staff this term. We are confident they will be a great asset to the school.

### Health and Safety

Last term we had a Health and Safety audit and we identified a few things we needed to do to ensure we kept our school safe. One of them is closing the gates and playing in the playground after school. At the end of the day all gates will close at 3.30pm, and during the time when the children are dismissed to the gates being locked, it is the parents responsibility to look after the children. The equipment can be a dangerous place so please monitor your child's play. Children travelling to school by bike have three designated places. In KS2, the courtyard next to the parish centre, and in KS1/Rec the entrance at Lensfield Road and up by the KS1 doors. Parents and children can enter either side of the school and pass through the playgrounds to drop off your child. However, in the KS2 playground we would prefer that only the children enter the school in the morning. At the end of the day, everyone is welcome in both of the playgrounds.

### Strategy meeting on the 12th October 6pm

An email was sent out today to invite you to a strategy meeting with a short survey [here](#). It is very important we get your views and we look forward to seeing many people attending this meeting. Thank you.

### End of year outcomes

Please follow [this link](#) to see how the school compared to the local and national data. You will see that the school achieved significantly higher in all areas at the end of KS2. We are delighted with this, and our children and staff deserve a **BIG** congratulations.

### Lateness

It is important all children arrive at school between 8.45-8.55am as the gates will close promptly, and it will mean having to walk through the car park where there is a large compound. Please try and avoid walking through the car park at any time. Children with bikes can enter the school via any gate and walk to their relevant playground with their bikes.

### Absences

Any parent who has been delayed returning to school, please complete an absence request form asap. This can be found on our [school website](#), a paper copy can be collected at the school office.

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

## Queen Elizabeth



May she rest in peace



2021. A Word in Season  
**EDUCATION SUNDAY**



**Sunday 11th September**  
Is  
**Education Sunday**

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## Clothing

Your child may come home with an unmarked jumper or cardigan today. This is because a number of clothing items have been unclaimed. If you do not want it please could you return it to the school. To avoid this in the future please write your child's name on their clothing. Lost property does cause us unnecessary work.

## Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing red jumpers/cardigans, black trousers/skirts, white/red shirts/dresses and predominantly black shoes (preferably Velcro for the children who cannot tie their laces). Children must change for PE, except Reception class. Red tops and black shorts must be worn but as the colder days come in, children can dress appropriately and not worry about the colours.

## Packed Lunch

A reminder that no crisps or chocolate bars are allowed in the boxes. Bringing these to school not only upsets other children but it is not good practice as we are a healthy eating school. So please give it careful consideration in the mornings, (we know it can be a challenge).

## Birthdays

We will only be mentioning the names and year groups in our Birthday Box in the newsletter from now on.

## Swimming at Parkside Swimming Pool

Swimming lessons begin on Tuesday the 12th September. The classes attending will be Y2 and Y5 in the Autumn term.

## Work in the school

During the holidays we had our Fire Alarms system, Emergency Lights and Fire Doors all updated. We also are having new boilers installed which will not be completed until the first week in October. The children have been told about the compound in KS1 but if you are in the playground please be aware of this and their van which is parked near the gate on Lensfield Road.

## Work in the church

The church is also having boilers installed and their work is due to finish by half term.

## Entering the school

Please avoid entering the school via the car park as it is too dangerous at this moment. As mentioned earlier, children can enter via any the Lensfield Road or Union Road gates.

## After School Clubs

These resume next week. To join any club you need to register your child at the office or contact the club directly.

## St Bernadette Relic tour

We are having the St Bernadette Relic tour coming to Olem for 24hrs on the 15<sup>th</sup> October/16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Canon Eugene would like the school children and their families to attend at some point on the Saturday. Canon Eugene would also like the children to maybe draw St Bernadette; we then can display these either in the Church entrance or the Parish Hall. Please see the attached leaflet - a reflection pack for the children.

**Little Explorers Montessori Nursery:** one of our parents has recently opened a brand new local nursery, <https://www.littleexplorersmontessorinursery.co.uk/>. It is a short walk to the Cambridge Train Station, 5 min bike to school. To book a visit please visit the website or email: [office@littleexplorersmontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:office@littleexplorersmontessorinursery.co.uk)

## Happy Birthday to

**Abrielle in Year 2**

**Marianna in Year 5**



**Quiz — This week the children have been reflecting on the school's mission statement "Believe, Achieve and Succeed" and the school Behaviour Policy.**

**Can you name as many phrases as possible which are used by famous companies?**

**Our Principles of Behaviour are taken from the Ten what?**

**Believe— What/Who do you believe?**

**Achieve— How can you achieve something?**

**Achieve— What should you do if you have success?**

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