



St Alban's Newsletter

27 November 2022, 1st Sunday of Advent

St Andrew's Day 30 November



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

Advent

This week the children have been preparing for Advent and, our wonderful Flower has made advent wreaths for each class. Thank you Flower.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Advent Service on the 6th December at 7pm in OLEM which will be recorded by Radio Maria to go out on air over the Christmas period. This will be an opportunity for families to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please note this is not a Carol Service. There will be mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.

Carol Service – There will be a short carol service at the Advent Fair on the 2nd December after school. There will be more mulled wine and festive good to enjoy.

Donation day – In advance, thank you for all the donations you will be bringing in on the 29th November. Please bring them to the office where members of the PFA will collect. Our thanks to Alice's (Y2) parents who have donated lots of wine and bubbly for the Advent fair. We are so lucky to have so many kind and generous parents.

Advent Fair – children to bring a plastic bag, and please try to bring in money in coins and in a purse, that would be very helpful. Thank you.

School Business Manager

Emma-Jane, our School Business Manager, has reluctantly resigned from her post due to family commitments. We would like to thank Emma-Jane for the support she has given to the school in the time she has been in this role. We will be advertising for this post next week.

Congratulations Year 6

On Monday evening Year 6 gave a resounding performance of Macbeth at the Apex Theatre in Bury St Edmunds. They performed with two secondary schools and did not look out of place. Well done Year 6 and our sincere thanks to Mrs Burrows, our wonderful Performing Arts Director, and to the staff and parents who supported the children. Some photos are on the next page of the newsletter.

Traffic Consultation

On the last page of the newsletter is a message from the Director of Services to inform you of what is being proposed. In addition, there is also an [interactive journey planner](#) that you may find useful and a [brochure](#). This allows you to see what your journeys / commutes would be like under these proposals once the enhanced London style bus service is in place in the region.

Parent governor election

A reminder to cast your votes by the end of the day.

Sickness

A number of children have been sick lately although it has been better this week. In order to save any confusion about the time a child should be absent from school with an illness, we attached a Guidance on infection control for schools which outlines what we should do. Please look at this especially be aware that a child should be absent for 48 hours if they are sick at school or home.

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

Library class of the month in Year 2



Thank you Raphaela for making the golden trophy



**Advent Service
6th December at 7pm**



Donations Day is the 29th November



Christmas tree collection on the 30th November





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Year 6 at the APEX theatre, Bury St Edmunds, performing Macbeth November 2022



House Points: **Corinthians 620 Ephesians 544 Galatians 475 Thessalonians 426**

Children noticed by the House Captains who got extra points for their House are;

Yumi (R) for continuously smiling, Eno (Y4) for always holding the door open, Gisele (Y3) for being polite, Danielle (Y2) for good manners, Nicolas (Y1) for being polite, Hilary(Y4) for being a good friend and letting people play games, Nathan (Y3) for putting the equipment away at lunchtime, Genevieve and Angelica (Both in Y1) for always playing nicely together, Elis(Y2) for being kind and helpful, Marianna (Y5) for having a positive attitude throughout the day, Ollie (Y4) for inviting people into his games and Yusef (Y3) for always putting away the equipment.

Joeys recycling award goes to Year 6 this week.



PFA

Please go to Page 4 of this newsletter for all the details. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

Henry in Year 4 who will be 9 years old this week.

Emmanuel in Year 4 who will be 9 years old this week.

Tevin in Year 3 will be 8 years old this week.



Quiz— This week the children have started their preparations for Advent

Why is the wreath circular and green?

What does each candle represent?

How many weeks are there in Advent.

What does the word Advent mean?

When does Christmas time begin?

What colour of candle is lit this week?



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Work submission days 28th November – 2nd December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					Spag Science: Healthy meal Spellings: List 4
Year4				Maths: 3, 6 & 9 times table RE: Drawing of the Annunciation	Spellings
Year5	Reading aloud orally, focus on: - Fluency - Accuracy - Intonation			Mayan Tourist information research Maths: Perimeter	
Year6	- Weekly spelling - Daily reading (30 minutes daily) - Maths Facts revision (practise): Fractions, decimals and percentages - Topic tasks: Air raid shelters. Due Friday 2nd December				

Consultation on Travel in the Greater Cambridge Area

Below are details on the changes proposed to manage transport in Cambridge City. It is important schools in Cambridge engage especially around those who might be exempt from the charges for the sustainable travel zone (see question 16). Please share with all your staff –

The Greater Cambridge Partnership and CCC have launched their Making Connections consultation. You can have your say on proposals for faster, cheaper, more reliable bus services and safer cycling through the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone:

1. *From as early as mid-2023, we're proposing to transform the bus network through more services to more locations, with cheaper fares at £1/£2 per journey.*
2. *Alongside the bus network, we're proposing more investment in new sustainable travel schemes, such as better walking and cycling links.*
3. *From 2027/28, we propose to introduce a Sustainable Travel Zone in the form of a road user charge on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council as the Highway Authority. Vehicles would pay to drive in the Zone at certain times.*

There would be discounts, exemptions and reimbursements for some, including those on low incomes and blue badge holders.

Shaped by extensive consultations, we're seeking input to this step-by-step plan for better, cleaner, safer transport. You can complete our survey online or contact the GCP by post, phone, email or social media from today (Monday 17th October) to midday Friday 23rd December. Find out more about the ways to respond online: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022.

You can hear more about the proposals at a series of drop-in events across the region. There are also online events. All events are listed here: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022. There are materials to share at: <https://greatercambs.filecamp.com/s/3QQqPRbNCVhUhluA/fo>



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Advent Fair - Friday 2nd December

Donations Day - Wednesday 30th November

We are looking forward to celebrating the start of the festive season with you all at our annual PFA Advent Fair on Friday 2nd December! The children will visit the Fair during the School day and adults are invited along from 3pm until 5pm to browse the festive stalls, enjoy your first mince pie and mulled wine with friends, and sing carols whilst raising funds for your School. There will be a range of festive stalls including some familiar favourites (e.g. children's gift, toy and book stalls, chocolate fountain, prize games, craft stalls, lucky dip bags and snowballs) then when adults visit the Bar and adult tombola will be open too.

New this year - we are putting on much more food - turkey rolls, pretzels, snacks and waffles - to fill you up and encourage everyone to stay for the carols. Do please support this element of the Fair.

As always, we have our Advent Raffle and tickets will come home with the children soon.

Donations Day enables us to run the Fair and so we would be very grateful for your donations of chocolates, confectionery, wine, alcoholic bottles, children's new and nearly new toys, books, crafts and stationery, unwanted new adult gifts and smellies. Donations can be brought to School the morning of Wednesday 30th November - please give generously.

Cambridge City Netball, more details here: <https://www.cambridgecitynetball.com/>