



St Alban's Newsletter

26 February 2023, 1st Sunday of Lent

01 March St David's Day



WEDNESDAY WORD—**LENT** (please click)

Ash Wednesday Service

Our thanks to Father Paul for leading us in the service. It was a pleasure to see the children very engaged in his Homily and being so respectful waiting for their ashes. It was also good to see so many parents join us.

Lenten activities

We are delighted to welcome Victoria Goodman from the Church Schools of Cambridge who will be leading the children in Lenten workshops in the coming weeks. The first is on the 7th March and it will be Godly Play on Lent and the other will be on the 30th March about Holy Week.

We are also pleased that our friends from GenR8 will be leading the much loved assembly on Lent on the 20th March. At the end of the term 31st March, Father Paul and the Chaplains will be leading Stations of the Cross for each class in KS2. Parents will be very welcome to join their class at the specified times. (More details later)

Lenten Walk

The children will be starting their weekly 1km walk next week. The money they raise will go straight to the Cafod, Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal. Follow [this link](#) if you would like to donate. When you do so, please complete the Sponsor Form which the children are bringing home today. When the children bring the form back they will receive a sticker to show they have "Told Others". By the end of the term all the children who have completed the 5 week walk (1000km+ for the school) will receive a certificate.

Closing gates

A reminder that the gates will close at 8.55 am every morning. At the end of the day the gates will close at 3.30pm, including the side gate beside the Parish Centre (City Kids). Any child attending an outdoor after school activity will be dismissed from the playground gates at the parish centre or on Union Road. If your child attends an indoor after school club they will be dismissed from the front entrance ie Music school, Latin and Italian clubs. Irish dancing is the only exception as the children will be dismissed via the Parish Centre gate by the Dance Leaders because older children will be coming for the later session. Our thanks to those who have cooperated with us without any notice.

The Curriculum - Have a look

Follow [this link](#) to see some of the displays in the school. The displays are a combination of Learning Walls where teachers change daily to reflect the learning reference for the children and a Topic Displays, a celebration of the learning in the class. They are very colourful and interesting.

NEU Strike Action 1st March

The school will remain open on this day unless you hear otherwise.

Assessment Week

Next week all the children are being assessed in Reading, Maths, Arithmetic and Spelling and Punctuation. Please ensure they have a good sleep the night before and they arrive on time at school.

Science Week –Week beginning the 13th March

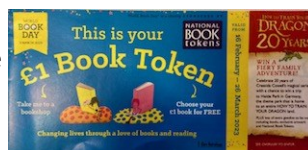
If you would like to support the children in Science talking about your job or interest, please contact Mr Wright; CWright@stalbens.cambs.sch.uk

Eating Vegetables during Lent

This is proving to be very successful and the KS1/Rec children are enjoying getting their sticker and colouring in the chart.

Book Fair and World Book day

All next week the children will have the opportunity to visit and purchase at the book fair. Next Friday the children are invited to come to school in the costume of a favourite book character. There will be no request for a donation. We look forward to seeing many colourful outfits. Today the children are coming home with a book token.



Congratulation Adam Y1, and to his mummy and daddy, as Adam has a new baby sister called Emilia.



We pray for all the children and families in the troubled countries.



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HousePoints: [Galatians 11,114](#) [Ephesians 10,666](#) [Corinthians 9941](#) [Thessalonians 9287](#)

Writer of the Month

Year R - Jedrek, for his fantastic "Lost" poster to help find Zarg the alien

Year 1 - Raphi O, for his amazing use of adjectives to describe a fire

Year 2 - Toby, for creating his own rhyme this week

Year 3 - Emil, for creating an excellent animal poem using all the key language features taught

Year 4 - Aron, for using a wide range of description to describe a mysterious setting

Year 5 - Lorcan, for his wonderful "Hobbit" like story. It was full of extended noun phrases, advanced vocabulary and imagery – Outstanding

Year 6 - Madalena, for writing neatly in all subjects

PFA

Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

Please remember to switch off your engine when parked during school drop off and pickup

World Book Day

Many thanks for your donations to today's Costume Sale of amazing £45. All proceeds go towards funding the KS1 play area. If you weren't able to buy a costume here are some [easy last minute book-themes ideas](#)

Key Dates for your Diary

02.03 World Book Day 📖

07.03 [PFA Zoom meeting](#) 📺 at 8.15pm

21+22.03 Parents consultation

28.03 Bag 2 school 9am

31.03 Hat- Day 🎩

21.04 Take-Over-Day

Happy Birthday

Irena in Reception will be 5 years old next week

Oscar in year 6 will be 11 years old next week

Julian in Year 6 will be 11 years old next week



Quiz— This week saw the start of Lent.

How many days are there in Lent?

Father Paul said at the Ash Wednesday Service that we are thinking about the beauty of our what?

What colour is your Prayer Focus?

Why do we eat pancakes the day before Ash Wednesday.

Pancake Day is also know as what Tuesday? HRVSEO

What are you doing for Lent?

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Work submission days 27th February – 3rd March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					<u>English:</u> Fairy tale comprehension <u>Spellings</u>
Year4				<u>Maths:</u> Perimeter of polygons <u>English:</u> Research for letters <u>Spellings</u>	
Year5				<u>Converting:</u> Fractions, Decimals, Percentage <u>Shakespeare research</u>	
Year6	<u>Daily Reading</u> <u>Pre-teach reading</u>	<u>Maths:</u> Shape nets	<u>History:</u> Revision of World War 2		

Parent Consultations 21st March 1.15 to 7.00 and, 22nd March 3.30 to 7.00, More details later.