



# St Alban's Newsletter

17 March 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare)  
19th March Mothering Sunday and St Joseph's day



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

### Science week

This week, the children have been celebrating British Science week by learning about a range of scientific areas. This included Climate and Weather, States of Matter, Height and Growth, Potions and Rockets, Optical Illusions and Medicine Discovery. The Year 6 class visited the science lab at Sanctum Wood school and enjoyed a live science show, led by our school STEM Ambassador Mrs Angelilio. During today's celebration assembly, each class awarded one child the science achievement award for their science learning this week! A special thank you to all the parents and adults that helped make our science week so special - we are very grateful for your support!

### Football tournament

Mr McCrossan and Mr Scarr took the Y5 and Y6 boys to this week's tournament and said it was the most enjoyable sports tournament they had ever been to. The boys were fantastic! They supported each other, they were competitive, they were respectful to the other teams, they behaved amazingly well and they played excellent football. Although they did not win the tournament they came joint second. The boys were great ambassadors for the school. Well done everyone!

### Year 5 performance of O Fortuna at Saffron Walden Hall

Last Saturday, it was a great pleasure for all the families and Year 5 children to take part in a spectacular recital of O Fortuna in conjunction with the Perse School. We are very grateful to The Perse for giving us this opportunity and our children were a credit to the school. Our thanks to Mrs Burrows for preparing the children and leading them on Saturday.



### Advert for a Spanish teacher

We are looking for a Spanish teacher to teach one day per week (Monday) in KS2. If you are interested, please visit our website by [following this link](#).

### Parent Consultation reminder

If you have not signed up please do so [following this link](#).

### Cafod— The Big Lent Walk

We are delighted to announce that the children have already raised £605, see [the link](#) and there are two weeks left. Thank you to all the donors so far and hopefully we will have a larger total by the end of the term. The children continue to walk round the school each week.

### Vegan Day—27th March

A reminder that all of the menu will have Vegan options. From the response last time the children will enjoy the choices.

**Wear a Hat Day** takes place on **Friday 31st March 2023** this year. This will be the final fundraising day as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month. It brings people together, raising much-needed, life-saving funds in a fun way that helps to give people important information and support across the UK and beyond, [details here](#). Children are encouraged to wear a hat at school all day next Friday.

### Stations of the Cross

Father Paul and the Chaplains will be leading Stations of the Cross on the last day of term. Each class in KS2 will have the opportunity to visit the church and witness the Stations of the Cross. Parents are welcome to join the children at the following times; **Year 3 at 9.30, Year 4 at 10.30, Year 5 at 11.00 and Year 6 at 11.30**

### Foodbank Collection

Our school has a weekly Foodbank collection, to check their latest most needed items via [this link](#). Thank you for your support.

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

Happy Mother's day to all the mums, grannies, aunts and big sisters



HAPPY  
**St. Patrick's**  
DAY



Thank you to all the parents and visitors who supported our Science Week



### Rosa's Prayer

Rosa in year 5 wrote a beautiful prayer bases around the gospel at mass last Sunday.

To read it follow this link



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## Headteachers Award

### Reception

Demetra - For super building a house of sticks.

Elodie—For excellent engineering skills.

### Year 1

Theo - For his positive attitude and careful work on a detailed map of an imaginary desert island

Claire Marie - For excellent focus and independent work in all subjects

### Year 2

Klara - For amazing participation in class!

Danielle - For wonderful effort to use phonics in her writing.

### Year 3

Frida - For treating everyone respectfully and kindly.

DJ - For trying his best to present each piece of work neatly.

### Year 4

Naishe - For excelling in all PE lessons and being our school hockey champion.

Emmanuel - For making fantastic progress in his swimming lessons.

### Year 5

Chloe - For outstanding oral leadership in running the whole school Assembly for World Book Day.

Theodore - For outstanding oral leadership in running the whole school Assembly for World Book Day.

### Year 6

Eidin - For always being a hardworking member of the class who listens carefully! Well done.

Felix - For writing an excellent scene description using skills to show not tell. Well done.

## Science Awards

Reception: Siddarth for building a model plane.

Year 1: Dan for his brilliant, precise and organised work in science.

Year 2: John for observing the growth of his bean plant.

Year 3: Ralph for being engaged during the session and wrote a fantastic summary of medicine discovery.

Year 4: Alexander for showing brilliant understanding during our science experiment.

Year 5: Samuele for solids liquids and gases then greater depth work in plasma.

Year 6: Gabi for science for asking excellent scientific questions throughout the week that progress discussion further. Well done.

## PFA

### **Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children**

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

**Bags2school - 28 March:** Please send all your old clothes and shoes/bags to the school please by 9:00 am on Tuesday 28 March - any bags are great for donations - the heavier the better!

**Be ready for the Big Take Over (BTO) on April 21st:** Children will take-over the school with a busy program of fun activities to show their creativity, have plenty of fun and at the same time support our PFA's fundraising towards KS1 playground. Watch this space for more information next week.

## **Happy Birthday**

Chenduo in Year 6 who will be 11 years old next week

Evangelina in Year 6 will be 11 years old next week

Adam in Year 1 will be 6 years old next week

Sophia in Year 2 will be 7 years old next week

Juliet in Reception will be 5 years old next week



**Quiz—** Collective worship was about St Patrick and meditation assembly was about The woman at the well.

**St Patrick is the patron saint of which country?**

**What do they say that St Patrick sent out of the county.**

**When Jesus was at the well, did he want water?**

**Jesus told the woman that if you believed in God you would never be thirsty. What does this mean?**

**The woman was a Samaritan. Why were the disciples surprised that Jesus was talking to the woman.**

**How are you doing with your lent? Are you still doing what you said you would do on Ash Wednesday?**

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## Work submission days 20th – 24th March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					<b>Science:</b> Parts of Plant activity <b>Maths:</b> Equivalent fractions <b>Spellings</b>
Year4				<b>Maths:</b> Adding fractions and finding equivalent fractions <b>English:</b> Postcards creation	<b>Spellings:</b> test on Friday
Year5				<b>Marie Curie:</b> Reading Comprehension <b>Maths:</b> x, ÷ word problems	
Year6	<b>Spelling test</b> <b>Daily reading</b> (20 minutes)			<b>Reading comprehension</b> <b>Maths</b> reasoning	

**Cambridge Hands-On Science Crash Bang Squelch Event:** Saturday 18 March 2023, CHaOS will be running our biggest event of the year: Crash, Bang, Squelch! (CBS) at the University Department of Zoology. The events are free, and bookings can be made via Eventbrite, linked through the QR codes in the posters. There are three components in this event, namely Hands-On, Talks and Robotics Workshop. Please see [here](#) for more details.

**St Laurence's Parish is delighted to welcome RISE Theatre**, a professional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their original play 'Faithful Companions' at St Laurences's Church on Sunday, 2 April at 5pm. 'Faithful Companions' explores the inspirational true story of Marie Madeleine d'Houët, foundress of an international Society of Catholic sisters called the Faithful Companions of Jesus ([www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)). A story of faith, love, loss, discernment, vocation, social justice and missionary zeal. Come and experience this exciting new play for yourself, performed with energy and passion by the RISE Theatre team - visit [www.risetheatre.co.uk/faithfulcompanions](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/faithfulcompanions) to watch the trailer. "A superb new play by RISE Theatre celebrating the remarkable life of the foundress of the FCJ sisters, Marie Madeleine [d'Houët]." Conference of Religious. The performance is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. The performance lasts approximately 75 minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+.



**Sturtle Easter workshop:** Please see the [link here](#) for more details.

