



# St Alban's Newsletter



30 April 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

### Rosary

Next week, all the children will be given a set of Rosary Beads, as we will be saying a decade of the Rosary each day during the month of May. Each decade will be followed by the Fatima prayer. Attached is a **pamphlet** to help you at home. It describes each Mystery and the Prayers of the Rosary.

### Attendance

At the recent Governors' meeting the attendance of each class was discussed. It was agreed that if the attendance figures do not improve for the rest of the term, families will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer and Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued. This is the practice in most Cambridge schools and we have held off because our attendance figures have been good. Although our attendance (**95.4%**) is above the national (**93.9%**) to date, this is below the target set (**96.2%**).

**The government's expectation of primary school attendance is 96%.**

See below the attendance of each class:

**YR— 91.96%, Y1—95.76% Y2—94.98% Y3—96.2% Y4—96.64% Y5—97.46% Y6—95.48%**

### Parking illegally on Lensfield Road

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking on double yellow lines and blocking the kerb for bikes to enter the school on Lensfield Road. This is very dangerous and must stop immediately. If this does not stop, Mr McCrossan will be required to stand on the pavement ensuring there is no illegal parking.

### Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10 girls from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Girls Football Competition at Coleridge Secondary School.

120 girls from 13 schools took part in the 7-a-side competition. The St Alban's team won 3 out of their 6 matches, scoring at least 1 goal in 5 of the games and coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the competition. The girls played fantastically well throughout the competition, demonstrating positive team work and great determination against some tough opponents.

### **SATs / Assessment week**

**This begins on the 9th May. The weekend before is the Coronation and bank holiday. Please ensure the children are rested, especially Year 6.**

### Strike Action

The school has managed to keep all the classes open during the strike action. However, next Tuesday there may be an increase in the number of staff involved in the strike and we will not be able to keep all the classes open. We will therefore have to prioritise "vulnerable" children, as we did during Covid. We are not yet in a position to tell you which classes will need to be closed.

### Coronation Day

Next Friday the children are invited to come dressed as Kings or in Red, White and Blue. During the day the children will receive a lesson on the Coronation.

### Invacuation Drill

This week, the children took part in an "Invacuation Drill". They were briefed beforehand about why we needed to practice this and they were very sensible and calm during the drill. Well done to all children and staff involved.

### Bee hive in the Reception area

Please be aware that there is a bumble bee hive in the ground in the Reception area. We have put fencing around the bees to protect them and the children.

### Foodbank Collection

Weekly Foodbank collection on Mondays, please see their latest most needed items via [this link](#).

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

**May is the month  
of the Rosary**



**The King's Coronation is on  
the 6th May**



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lines on Lensfield Road**



**We pray for the people of  
Sudan**



**We continue to pray for the  
people of Ukraine**





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## Headteachers Award

### Reception

Nina-Louise - For her beautifully colourful "Jesus is Alive" poster.

Amelia - For her enthusiasm and perseverance with her writing.

Celina - For her amazingly detailed "Jesus is Alive" poster.

### Year 1

Cecilia - For persistence and fantastic progress in tennis.

Ewan - For excellent attitude and engagement with our "Castles" topic.

### Year 2

Sophia - For super effort to re-read her writing in Year 2.

Mary - For working hard independently in Year 2.

### Year 3

Nico - For taking care over his presentation during Maths.

Sophie - For producing a beautiful RE Piece about The Resurrection.

### Year 4

Emilio - For displaying brilliant skills in PE lessons this week.

Olie - For always showing a super attitude to learning and being a great laptop monitor.

### Year 5

Jude - For his creative poetry this week and his outstanding oral delivery of cinetic alphabet.

Marianna - For her excellent leadership skills in class and "football" skills on the field.

### Year 6

Giovanni - For showing a mature and hardworking approach to all learning this week, well done.

Jack - For listening carefully in all lessons and giving some outstanding verbal answers.

## PFA

### Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

### The Big Take Over Day

Congratulations everyone. Over £1400 was raised for this event. The children had a very enjoyable time and took great pleasure doing things that they would not be expected to do normally. They especially enjoyed "What the Headteacher doesn't know". Mr McCrossan was oblivious to the techniques, strategies and "lookouts" put in place to prevent him from knowing what the class was up to.

### PFA Meeting

Our next PFA Zoom meeting is next Tuesday 9th May at 8:15 pm. Please join us - Zoom link from your year reps.

## Happy Birthday

A lot of birthdays are on the 1st May next week

Margarida Year 6 will be 11 years old

Elis in Year 2 will be 7 years old

Nicolas in Year 1 will be 7 years old

Mrs Koehler in the office will be xx years old on the 1st May

Mrs Paul in Reception class will be xx years on the 2nd May



## Quiz— The road to Emmaus

Why did the disciples not recognise Jesus?

What were the disciples talking about?

When did the disciples realise it was Jesus who they were with? What did Jesus do to show them who he is?

What did the disciples decide to do after their meeting with Jesus?

Why are the priests vestments and the altars in white cloth during Easter ?

When did Jesus appear to the disciples again?

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## Work submission days 1st - 5th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					- Maths: Multiplication wheels - History: Romans comprehension - Spellings: List 3
Year4			Science: Box for box guitar	- Maths: Dividing 1 & 2 digit number by 100 - English-Art: Design a front cover for your story	Weekly spellings
Year5		Reading 30-40 minutes each day.		- History: Democracy, today and during ancient Greek times.	
Year6		Practise this week's spellings for a test on Tuesday	- Maths Fact - Reading challenge		- Maths arithmetic tests - Revise the Maths and Grammar



**Congratulations Lorcan (Whistle) and Felix (Fiddle) for winning the Regional Fleadh finals and who will now go to the UK finals in Stirling Scotland. Good luck boys!**

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