



# St Alban's Newsletter



21 May 2023, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

### Ascension Service

On Thursday, the children had an assembly on the Ascension which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Unfortunately, we could not get to mass but we came together and spoke about the mixed feeling of the disciples saying goodbye to Jesus. We tried to create empathy by releasing three eco friendly balloons. Mrs Seebeck, Mrs CZ and Mr McCrossan released the balloons in KS2, KS1 and Reception respectively. Please see the [photos here](#).

### Tests and Assessments

A number of parents have asked about seeing the scores of their child's recent assessments. These will be shared in the annual reports which will be coming out at the end of the year. Please note, that the tests contribute to support the overall teacher assessment and are not the only indicator. A copy of the KS1 and KS2 report template is [here](#). The Reception class will differ from this.

### Phonics Screening— Year 1 only

This begins on the week commencing the 12th June

### Class Photos Friday 26th May

Please ensure all the children come to school in full uniform as we will be having class photographs.

### New Reception Parents meeting 19th June at 1.30pm

Please note this is a change of date

### Year 5 and 6 Yellow team Netball Competition

On Tuesday 16th May 7 children took part in a Netball Competition at Netherhall Secondary School. The children competed against 8 other schools and showed great determination and team work against the odds. A special thank you to Samuele, Rosa and Xanthe from Year 5 for stepping in last minute to cover absence. Great work team, well done!

### Netball County Finals

On Wednesday 17th May our red netball team took part in the Cambridgeshire County Schools Netball Tournament Finals. 19 schools took part in this competition who has all qualified 1st and 2nd in their local tournaments. The St Alban's team played 6 matches, scoring a total of 6 goals and winning 2 games. After 2 rounds of division games, their final position was 12th out of 19. A fantastic achievement and a brilliant result! Well done!

### Stop Idling signs

You will have noticed new signs on Lensfield Road and Union Road aimed at drivers when queuing at the lights and crossroads. Our thanks to Alexis (parent), PFA and Astra Zenica for funding the project.

### Invacuation

There will be another Invacuation drill on the 23rd May. This time, the children will have the drill while they are in class. We are doing this to check our communication protocol is robust. Please note, there have been no incidents of this nature. We are just making sure safeguarding is paramount in the school.

### Foodbank Collection

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

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

### Thank you

Our attendance since September 2022 to the present is 96.4%. This is a big improvement,  
**Well done everyone!**

Thank you to the parents on Lensfield Road for keeping the pavement clear when dropping off the children

Next week, in RE lessons, the children will be learning about the Islamic faith.



**Roman sandals made by  
Year 3 children**



**We pray for the people of  
Sudan and Ukraine**





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**HousePoints:** Galatians 21662 Ephesians 18562 Corinthians 17768 Thessalonians 17036

## Trips to support topics

In the coming weeks the following classes will be visiting local museums

24th May—Y5 Field trip to the Fitzwilliam museum to study Ancient Greeks

7th June—Y3 Field trip to the Museum of Archaeology

12th June—Y4, Y5 and Y6 are visiting the Corn Exchange to see Michael Rosen giving poetry workshops

21st June—Y4 Field trip to the Fitzwilliam museum

21st June—Reception going to a Bird Sanctuary in Bedford

27th-30th June—Y6 Residential to Hilltop

29th June—Y1 Field trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

12th July—Y6 Pilgrimage to Walsingham

## PFA

### Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

Thank you to Anthony Mbadiwe and Alexis Zavros !

A BIG thank you to Anthony Mbadiwe, Reception dad, and his family, who helped us to sign off this year's PFA's accounts. He had to give up some family time for meeting with our Treasurer. We really appreciate it.

You may have seen the appearance of 2 very impactful yet sympathetically designed anti-idling signs on Union Road and Lensfield Road. A HUGE thanks goes to Alexis Zavros for spearheading the campaigning and coordination of these signs that help keep towards making the air quality for your children and the environment healthier.

### Save the date!

**Second-Hand Uniform Sales (Please donate any good quality uniform and leave in a bag at the school reception):**

Friday 26th May and Wednesday 7th June for new Reception families

### Ice Cream Sales:

Y6 26th May, Y5 9th June, Y4 16th June, Y3 23rd June, Y2 30th June, Y1/R 7th July

### Summer Fair:

Saturday 1st July, 12:00-15:00

**Leavers' Disco (all welcome):** Friday 14th July, 18:00-21:00

## Happy Birthday

Siddharth in Reception class will be 5 years old next week

Adrian in Year 5 will be 10 years old next week

Jim in Year 6 will be 11 years old next week

Sophia in Year 4 will be 9 years old next week

Klara in Year 2 will be 7 years next week.

Ms Barlow (Alice) was XX years old this week



**Quiz—**Next week the children will continue praying the rosary. The focus will be The Five Glorious Mysterious.

What are these events;

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption

The Crowning of the Virgin Mary

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## Work submission days 22nd – 26th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					<b>Maths:</b> Money reasoning questions <b>History:</b> Roman invasion tasks <b>Spellings</b>
Year4				<b>Maths:</b> Money conversions <b>Science:</b> Sound comprehension	<b>Spellings</b>
Year5				<b>Reading Comprehension:</b> Medusa's Head <b>Maths:</b> Plus and subtraction	
Year6	Weekly spellings		Non-chronological report research		

### City Kids seeks play workers

City Kids at St Alban's School is seeking to hire 2 play workers to join our friendly, small team in the afterschool club. This a permanent, part-time opportunity to work with children in a caring environment. Hours include 3-6pm Mon- Fri during term. City Kids is a nonprofit founded by parents and committed to supporting and developing staff.

Parents -- please share with friends, family, and colleagues. For more information, candidates can contact City Kids manager Sue at [citykidsplayleader@gmail.com](mailto:citykidsplayleader@gmail.com)

**Cambridge Diving Flyer:** welcome anyone aged 5+ who is confident in the water. There's no upper age limit! They offer FREE taster sessions. All at Parkside Pools in Cambridge. For more information, or to book a taster, contact [liz@cambridgediving.org.uk](mailto:liz@cambridgediving.org.uk), [www.cambridgediving.org.uk](http://www.cambridgediving.org.uk)

### **Ruby promotion**

A [letter here](#) sent to schools promoting Rugby. In addition the club is offering Holiday camps. Please feel free to read the letter to see if there is anything of interest.

### We are looking for an additional cleaner

The hours will be from 3pm to 5pm, five days per week

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested look out for the advert in next week's newsletter.



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