

St Alban's Newsletter



25 June 2023, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY WORD—<u>COURAGE</u> (please click)

St Alban's Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and celebrate the feast of St Alban. Our thanks to Father Keane who celebrated mass with us, please see <u>photos here</u>.

Next week on the **29th June at 10.00** we will be celebrating the feast of **St Peter and St Paul**. We look forward to seeing our parents once again joining us.

First Holy Communion class

Congratulations to all the Year 3 who received their First Holy Communion in the last few weeks. It was delightful to see them receive the Eucharist at the mass for St Alban.

Catholic Survey

As we come to the end of the year we would like to get your views on the Catholicity of the school. This will be good evidence to help us develop our mission at the school. So please, take 5 minutes to answer a few questions. <u>https://forms.gle/MK3aTepdayYCQNqJ8</u> Thank you. We are also asking the children to complete a small questionnaire too. This will be done during lessons.

Our Lady of Guadalupe relics

A reminder that the children will be going over to the church on Monday 26th June at 9.10am to see a short presentation and parents are welcome to join.

Goodbye Mrs Koehler but not too soon

Our wonderful Joanne (Mrs Koehler) has made a difficult decision to leave us next term. However, as you would expect, she would like to help the new Office Administrator to settle in. We will have the opportunity to say goodbye to her next half term but in the meantime we need to find someone to be "the face of the school".

Advert for Office Administrator

We will be advertising for this post next week but if you or you know someone who might be interested in this rewarding position, please contact Joanne and she will give you an insight into what it is like to work at St Alban's.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who have been very considerate of our attendance target. We are pleased to say that we are now at a satisfactory attendance percentage of 96.08% which must not decrease in the last few weeks of term.

Class WhatsApp

It has been brought to our attention that in some class chats there has been dialogue about what is being taught in the school. A gentle reminder that the class WhatsApp was set up by the PFA to communicate with parents about school events and support at school. If parents would like to talk to the class teacher they can use Classdojo or email. If there is another concern then Mr McCrossan will happily make an appointment with you. Thank you.

Class trips

It has been great seeing the children going out and getting involved in Educational visits. Please see <u>photos here</u> for Reception Owl Sanctuary visit, Year 2 trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Foodbank Collection

Weekly Foodbank collection on Monday, please see their latest most needed items via <u>this link</u>. **Newsletter from OLEM**, please see the link <u>here</u>.



Congratulations to Year 1 for a fantastic performance





Collection Day for the Fete is Wednesday the 28th June. Don't Forget!

Don't forget children. KEEPING IN THE SHADE







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Headteachers Award					
Reception					
All of Reception class - For behaving impeccably on their trip to the Owl Sanctuary					
Dree - For superb hockey skills in PE					
<u>Year 1</u>					
Sabela & Raffi L - For being a responsible and mature member of the School Council					
<u>Year 2</u>					
Sophia - For the tremendous improvement s in Phonic					
John - For excellent participationin discussions in Year 2					
<u>Year 3</u>					
Raphael S - For contributing confidently to class discussions					
Delna - For always setting the right example					
<u>Year 4</u>					
Hilary - For being a super buddy and helping a new classmate					
Elyse - For excellently setting into the Year 4 class					
<u>Year 5</u>					
Michal - For being a brilliant "office organiser" all week					
Maelle - For her outstanding maturity shown in her extra "lunchtime duties" - brilliant job Maelle					
<u>Year 6</u>					
Joey - For continuing to monitor the recycling					
Evengelina - For speaking so well to the new Reception parents					

PFA

Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

Please see more on third page. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

A big happy birthday Agnes in Year 3. You are the only child who has a birthday this week

Happy Birthday to Mr Scarr (Year 4 teacher), we hope you have an enjoyable weekend



Quiz— This week we celebrated the life of St Alban What job/profession did Alban do? Who did he hide and why? What happened to Alban's life and why? Alban is a martyr but what does martyr mean? We also celebrated the life of two other martyrs. Who are they? Statues of them were on the altar. What can we learn from St Alban's actions?

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Work submission days <u>26th – 30th June</u>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					History: Roman soldier job advert Spellings: List 4
Year4				Maths: Angles, triangles and quadrilaterals English: Animal imagery poem	Spellings
Year5	 Personal Readings 3 acts of kindness to family members 				
Year6	Hilltop :-)				

PFA: School Summer Fete - Saturday 1 July - 12:00-15:00 - HELP NEEDED

Many thanks to those who have sponsored the BBQ equipment, meat, strawberries and ice cream. Sponsors still needed for the following items to help cover the costs of our main school fundraising event of the year:

ltem - Amount (£)

Sports prizes 70

Bar 200

Crafts (4 stalls) 60 per table or 240 total

Glitter Tattoos 50

Eco tableware 100

We are URGENTLY seeking more voucher prizes for our raffle. This could be a voucher for your professional services or for Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, hairdressers etc.

Please sign up with your Year Reps if you can volunteer on the day itself. Helpers needed to set up from 10:00 am onwards right through to tidying up and packing away at the end.

If anyone has any empty wine bottles (with lids on) and old newspaper please please drop them off on Monday (26th) for the "Water and Wine" stall

Profits from the event will fund much-needed KS1 playground repair and enhancements. Any support you can provide will be warmly received by the school and PFA as well as appreciated by the children themselves.

Preschool advert: "A local pre-school popular with St Albans's families offering morning, afternoon and full school day sessions, now taking registrations for the September intake.", please see details <u>here</u>.

Free family summer events: There will be a variety of fun sports and dance on offer, which families can take part in together at various locations around the City, see details <u>here</u>.