



St Alban's Newsletter



1 October 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Month of October is devoted to the Rosary

In school the children will be learning about the Rosary and the Mysteries, and, will be using them to pray. At home we would appreciate your support if you were able to take a set of beads to church and use them for their prayers. Thank you.

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You will be aware of our campaign and we would like some volunteers to hand out leaflets in other schools, as well as our own. There will be more details later but if you are interested please contact Alexis Zavros: zavrosa@yahoo.co.uk

Sickness

A number of children have been sick lately, in order to save any confusion about the time a child should be absent from school with an illness, please see [Guidance on infection control for schools](#) which outlines what we should do. Please look at this especially be aware that a child should be absent for 48 hours if they are sick at school or home.

Parking on Lensfield Road

Please be aware that it is illegal to park on double yellow lines or in disabled bays unless you have a Blue Badge.

Contacting the school

Please ensure the school knows why your child is absent as soon as possible. Do not tell the teacher or Mr McCrossan, an email or a message is more reliable. Thank you.

Please note when contacting the school there are a few options. Two options Finance and Kitchen are not available to parents, these connections are for agencies and services.

Office Administrator

We are re-advertising for this post. If you or who you know someone might be interested please share it with them. We would also be grateful if you could share it on any other links you may have in the business/job/employment platforms, please see here for [more details](#).

Phonics Workshop 11th October 3.30 to 6.00pm

A reminder that this will be an opportunity to get a greater understanding of Monster Phonics. The session will be an opportunity for parents to chat informally to teachers about this new approach. We will be sending an email before the meeting informing parents how to create their login to access e-books. This is aimed at the new Reception and KS1 parents.

PFA

Congratulations to the PFA for holding a very successfully attended AGM. It was very encouraging to see new families and to know the officer posts are filled for the coming year. Our thanks specially to Emma Boland who stepped down from the Secretary position and to Carolina Stannard (Treasurer) who has now left the school. Both mums have been instrumental in establishing a very cohesive and efficient PFA. Thank you.

Dates

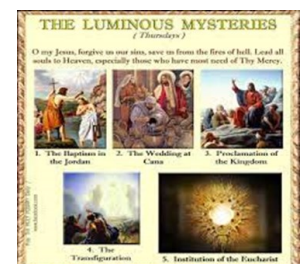
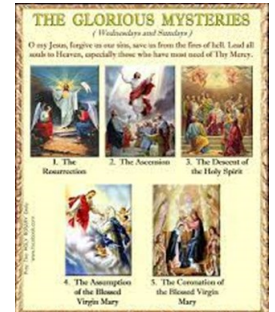
Last week there were a lot of dates for your diary. Please look on our website for any additions, updates or changes as there will be times when it will be necessary to look at other dates.

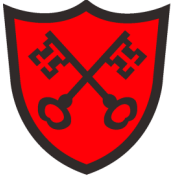
Foodbank Collection

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

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

October is the Month of the Rosary





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Headteachers Award

Year 1

Nusia: For her excellent work on part-whole models in maths.

Siddharth: For his thoughtful work on prayer in RE.

Year 2

Raphi: For fantastic effort in his writing!

Lucy Mary: For her confidently leading a maths game for the class.

Year 3

Arthur P.: For always setting the right example.

Abrielle: For being a fantastic learning partner and friend to everyone.

Year 4

Matteo: For showing full focus in class and achieving in all lessons.

Filomena: For showing a positive attitude in class and improving her spelling.

Year 5

Sophie: For beautiful written work in RE and thoughtful prayers & class comments.

Henry: For being kind and supportive to all children in Year 5.

Year 6

Tom: For giving excellent oral answers during guided reading. Well done!

Henry: For settling in really well to Year 6 and St Alban's— Well done!

PFA

Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

Thanks to everyone who came to the PFA AGM on Wednesday evening, please see last PFA meeting [here](#). It was lovely to see so many new faces in-person. Special thanks go to Carolina Stannard for her commitment to the PFA over the past 4 years as she steps aside from her role as Treasurer and of course Jane Burke and Hélène Fernandes who have volunteered to take on the role together.

Upcoming events:

Our cake sales return next Friday 6th with Y5 in the KS2 playground, thanks to all those making donations of cakes and helping on the stalls.

Second-hand uniform sale also next Friday 6th in the KS1 playground. Volunteers needed to help setting up from around 14:00 onwards on the day. Help to sort the donations would also be welcome.

Happy Birthday to all the following children who birthday is next week

Kaleb Yr2 —7 yrs old

Phoebe Yr3 - 8 yrs old

Georgia Rec — 5 yrs old

Theo Yr2—7 yrs old

Amelia Yr2 – 7 yrs old

Laurie Yr2 – 7 yrs old

Julius Yr2 – 7 yrs old



Quiz—At assembly the children learnt about Our lady of Walsingham and Saint Vincent De Paul

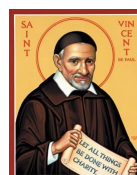
What is a Parish? What is our/your Parish?

What diocese do we live in?

Where is Walsingham and why is it so special?

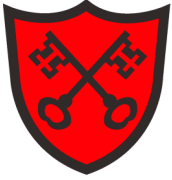
Saint Vincent De Paul was a very special man. Why?

How do we remember him in our parishes today?



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Work submission days 2nd – 6th October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					English: Non-chronological report research Spellings: List 4
Year4				Maths: Rounding to 10 or 100 Roman numerals English: Find an instruction text	Spellings
Year5				9x table	Spelling: determined—especially
Year6	Spellings Maths factors			Maths: adding negative numbers	

Irish Music Taster Day - 8th October at Cambridge Music Hub. Irish music day hosted by Cambridge Music and Cambridge Comhaltas. All ages and abilities welcome to explore whistle, fiddle, bodhran, harp and concertina and experience Irish dance and language. Please see more [details here](#).

Cricket - Winter Nets at City Of Cambridge Cricket Club (CCCC): CCCC (City of Cambridge Cricket Club) will be coaching on Saturday afternoons at Hills Road Sports Centre in winter nets. There are many age groups for boys and girls. Please contact Jonny Kent at jonnykent76@icloud.com and Matt Holt at hello@cityofcambridgecc.co.uk for more information or for coming along to taster sessions. (Please copy me too on stevfarrukh@outlook.com). CCCC is a friendly club and it will further help in their development as young cricketers.

Free swimming: A local swim school in your area and are going to be offering swimming lessons for free over the half term break. Giving any child who is currently not a swimmer with us the opportunity to try out a one off class. More [details here](#).