



St Alban's Newsletter



17 November 2023, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY WORD—**TALENT** (please click)

Goodbye Mrs Koehler

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Joanne. You will all know that she has been the “face” of the school for a number of years and she was the first point of contact when you first came to the school. Joanne has been a great colleague and a valued and trustworthy member of staff. We know that parents, staff and children will all miss her lovely personality and we all join together to wish her well for the future. Thank you Joanne.

Gates opening at 8:35

Following a recent complaint of children, bikes and adults blocking the pavement on Union Road we have decided to open the gates on Lensfield and Union Roads at 8:35am. This means parents must stay with their children in the playground until the teachers come out at 8:45. If you arrive after 8:45 then you are very welcome to send your child through the gate unaccompanied.

Admissions Consultation

At this time of the year we have to make you aware of the annual consultation of our Admission Policy for 2025/26. Please find it attached. There are no amendments to this policy since the 2024/25.

MAT update FAQ

As you will be aware the school has applied to join the Our Lady of Walsingham Multi Academy Trust as directed by the Bishop. As part of the process parents and staff will be invited to ask questions to the Trust about the transition and being a member of the Trust. There will be a formal letter sent to you in the coming weeks but we thought these FAQs might help to answer some of your initial thoughts.

Shakespeare Y6

Congratulations to Year 6 for a spectacular performance of Shakespeare's “Much Ado About Nothing” at the Apex Theatre in Bury St Edmunds. The children were amazing and our thanks to all the staff who supported them, especially the amazing Mrs Burrows who directed them over the last few months.

Goodbye note

Saying “goodbye” is one of the most difficult things I have to do, and I will surely miss seeing your children. St Alban's is a happy place, and my family has been lucky enough to call this our “second home” as my children had the best childhood here that we could dream of. I have learnt so much more in the past 6 years from all the school staff who are the true unsung heroes, your children and the whole community than in three continents during my life. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say “Thank You” to all the current and ex members of staff as well as all the parents who make this small community feel supportive and cosy. This school has given my children and myself so much that I shall be forever grateful. I hope to see many heroes and legends from your children one day. Last of all, hope the weekly Foodbank collection carries on, every little helps, [the link](#) please, thank you. Take care and very best wishes to you all and your loved ones – Joanne

Flu jabs on the 22nd November

A reminder that unless you have informed the school, all the children will receive their flu jab on this day.

Office Position

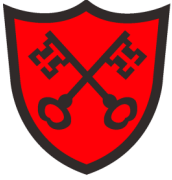
We will be advertising for two positions in the office in the coming weeks. As you know, Joanne has left us and Flower will be leaving in February. Therefore, we need a new team to start as soon as possible. We will be looking for an Office Manager and an Office Administrator. If you are interested in either of these posts please contact us. The adverts will be out next week, but an initial expression of interest would be very welcome.

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



We pray for Peace in all the world where there is war and conflict.





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Headteacher Awards:

- Y1 Juliet for her wonderful vocabulary in story writing
- Y1 Demetra for her knowledge in our candle investigation
- Y2 Ewan for his hard working attitude when writing independently
- Y2 Francesco For always listening carefully and putting hi hand up lots to answer questions
- Y3 Tom for working really hard on his presentation
- Y3 Danielle for leading small group work about equal groups in Maths
- Y4 Evie for representing the school fantastically well during our school trip
- Y4 Ralph for challenging himself during maths lessons
- Y5 Zoe for her 100% commitment to all learning and exemplary work in R.E this term
- Y5 Elyse for her 100% commitment to all learning and exemplary task work in R.E this term
- Y6 Zanthé for being an excellent role model for other children and always working hard
- Y6 Nina for working extremely hard I her maths learning and always being sensible

PFA

Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

Friendly Reminder: PFA Advent Fair – December 1st

Excitement is building for our annual PFA Advent Fair on December 1st! Join us from 3pm to 5pm for festive fun, delicious treats, and carol singing to support your school. Browse through our festive stalls, including favourites like children's gifts, toys, books, and more. The adult tombola and bar will also be open. Don't miss out on hot food, including turkey rolls, pretzels, snacks, and waffles. Support from volunteers is crucial - look out for messages from your year rep. Let's make this Fair unforgettable together!

Donations Day – November 29th

Your contributions help make the Fair a success. Please generously contribute chocolates, confectionery, wine, toys, crafts, stationery, and more. Please drop off your donations at the school on the morning of November 29th. Thank you for your generosity!

Happy Birthday

- Benedetta in Year 2 will be 7 years old today
- Eliza in Year 1 will be 6 years old next week
- Francesco in Year 2 will be 7 years old next week



Quiz— This week the meditation assemblies were about Peace.

What is the symbol of peace?

What does this symbol mean? -----

In mass, when do you hear the word Peace being used?

Why is it important to find Peace?

What is the correct spelling of the park, across from the school - Parker's Piece or Parker's Peace?

What hymns do you know that have the word Peace in them?



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Work submission days 20th – 24th November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					Reading - Comprehension Spelling - List 4
Year4				Maths - Area R.E - Annunciation	Spelling practice
Year5				4 a day Maths sheet Apostrophes for possession and shortened forms Spelling (Competition - Desperate) Reading comprehension tasks 3 different levels	
Year6	Weekly spellings - for a test on Monday (week 4) Maths - Time maths facts for a test on Monday Daily reading (30 minutes)			SPAG– please complete the conjunctions homework task (due in on Thursday)	