



St Alban's Newsletter



10 December 2023, 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Advent Fayre

What a wonderful afternoon it was last Friday. It was great to see many children and adult stay behind after school to join in the fun and cheer. Our sincere thanks to the PFA for organising such an enjoyable event.

Advent Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Service last night. Our thanks to, Father Paul and Monsieur Henri, for joining us. A special thanks to, the White and Blue Chaplains for leading the service, the Year 3 Liturgical group and choir for their amazing singing, recorder group and of course Mrs Burrows. Thank you to everyone who donated mince pies and wine which made a wonderful end to the evening.

Some of you will have seen that we had iPads out asking you about your thoughts on the service. If you were not able to give a comment, you still can do by following this [link here](#).

In the future we would appreciate your feedback on events/celebrations, and so, we will continue with this format to help influence how we organise similar events in the future.

End of term mass, 19th December 10.00am in OLEM. Dressing the Stable, 1.30pm in school hall
Dressing the stable is a combination of Carols and Christmas songs, a fun occasion.

Reception Class Nativity

Congratulations to all the reception Class for their performance of Whoops a Daisy Angels. They were amazing! We are sure all the Mums, Dads and Grandparents had a lovely time and are very proud of their little ones.



Office Administrator

Unfortunately, we have been unable to recruit an Office Administrator to work between 8.30 am and 3.30pm. We are very fortunate that Mrs Assimakos is helping us out during the day but we are desperately seeking to employ in this area. Please could you share this advert with as many people as possible in order to attract a wider interest. Although the closing date is next week, we will consider applicant after that if we cannot appoint. This is become an urgent priority for us. Thank you.

Recycling assembly

On Monday the children were treated to a very informative session on recycling. Brigitta Laurent from AMEY (Waterbeach) shared with the children how our waste is recycled and reused [link here](#).

Our choir sins out loud!

Well done to all of the Choir and Mrs Burrows for a fantastic performance at the Rotary Club's annual Christmas Carol event at West Road.

Poppy Appeal

Our school raised **£101.68** for this year's Poppy Appeal which went towards the **£3130.57** raised by Cambridge schools – Thank you.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch on the 13th December

The School Council would like to raise £200 next week for Save the Children charity. Therefore all children who come to school in a Christmas jumper, trousers, dress etc are asked to make a donation of £2. This can be done by dropping the money in a tub at the school gate next week. Thankyou

Christmas Cards

Please ensure the child's name and class is on the envelope. Ideally, collate them with a rubber band to help with the sorting.

Achievement Letter for December

There has been a lot to celebrate in and out of school. Well done everyone, please see attachment.

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](#).



Save the Children



Christmas Jumper and Lunch
13th December



School Christmas post box



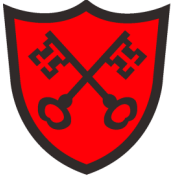
Dressing the Stable on the
19th December at 1.30pm,
All welcome

Please keep all the suffering
in your prayers



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HousePoints: **Corinthians 2675 Galatians 2131 Ephesians 2100 Thessalonians 1171**

Good behaviours spotted by the House Captains this week:

- Reception Sveva: For being kind.
- Y2 Georgina: For helping others.
- Y3 Toby: For letting people in his games.
- Y3 Luke: For trying his best in everything.
- Y4 Kocio: For playing tennis nicely with others.
- Y5 Carter: For good sportsmanship in the playground.
- Y5 Sara: For saying her Please and Thank yous.
- Y5 Henry: For being kind on the playground.
- Y6 Mark: For always being positive and for encouraging others.

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Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

Advent Fair 2023

Thank you so much to everyone who visited, donated and volunteered at the Donation Day and Advent Fair last week. We had a wonderful afternoon laying on festive stalls, crafts and treats for the children when they visited in their classes and were delighted to see so many parents, carers and adults visiting the Fair after School to sample the festive food, partake in the Tombola and enjoy some outdoor Carol singing too! We hope you all had a wonderful time and thank you for your support of this PFA fundraising event.

We would also like to say big thank you to the generous local businesses who helped support the Fair. Specifically, the following businesses who provided our super raffle prizes - Festive family hampers, Eclipse Bakery, Harvest, Gymwear, Botany Foodie, Cake Box, Tony and Remi, Maison Clement, Norfolk Street Bakery, Cambridge Kids Club, Target Dance Company, The Plough Coton, De Luca and the Gonville Hotel.

All proceeds from the Advent Fair will help fund ongoing commitments to the school (such as science week events, classroom materials and books and IT equipment) so we look forward to sharing with you soon how much our Fair fundraising efforts have raised. If you didn't have the opportunity to visit the Fair and wanted to donate you can do so online via **BOPP**: <https://bopp.app/link/0t5yn>. We wish you all a wonderful last few weeks of term.

Happy Birthday

Xanthe in Year 6 who will be 11 years old next week

Raphaella in Year 6 who will be 11 years old next week

Tom in Year 3 who will be 8 years old next week



Quiz— We are now in the season of Advent and the school has been preparing for Christmas day.

The first candle on the Advent wreath to be lit was purple and this was for Isaiah, but what is the next candle to be lit.

At the Advent Service the focus was on Mary and what Mysteries?

The Advent wreath is round as it signifies there is no end and no beginning to God's love and authority. What do these two signs mean?

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Advent is a time to prepare. What sacrament should you receive before Christmas Day?

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Work submission days 11th – 15th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3					Maths: 8 times table activities Spellings: List 7
Year4				Maths: Multiplying 3 numbers History: Anglo-Saxon design	
Year5	No homework				
Year6				Spellings: including sentences English: Reading comprehension	