



St Alban's Newsletter



17 December 2023, 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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.

Dressing the Stable

If there are any parents who would like to perform a Christmas Carol or piece of music, please let Mr McCrossan know by noon on Monday. Thank you very much.

Admissions

Please see attached a reminder from the Local Authority, of the closing date for submitting an application for Reception 2024. LA reminder also that if you have a sibling in the school you must still complete the application and send us SIF and baptism certificate.

KS1 Performance

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 2 for a magical performance this week! They were so good to learn all their lines, sing the songs and follow all the stage directions. There were a lot of proud parents in the audience on Tuesday and Thursday.

Spanish lessons with The Leys students/staff

Our Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed the presence of Year 12 students from The Leys. They assisted in creating puppets related to a Spanish Christmas carol 'Mi burrito sabanero'. Andrea Sanchez Serra, the Spanish Assistant, also supported our Spanish lessons in Year 5 and Year 6, they learnt Christmas Spanish vocabulary and practiced it through the Bingo game. Our students were all very engaged with it.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

Our thanks to Alba and Laura for preparing a delicious Christmas lunch for the children and staff on Wednesday. [Photos here](#). Our thanks also to the PFA for the lovely crackers the children received at their Christmas lunch.

The School Council raised £282 for Save the Children. Well done to all the school community.

CityKids Christmas Party

The CityKids had a great time on Monday evening. They were treated to lots of lovely goodies, a magic show and to top it all Santa visited them too. Thanks to Sue and all her staff for looking after the children throughout the year.

Eco Council would like you to consider over the festive season the following;

The school Eco Council have put together a list of ideas of how to make your Christmas more environmentally friendly:

- Remember not to ask for too many things this Christmas!
- Think about donating unwanted toys to charity,
- You could ask for the second-hand version of the item you want to buy!
- If you have any leftover Christmas dinner you should save it and freeze it,
- Try to have a vegan or vegetarian Christmas dinner,
- Try to avoid wrapping paper with glitter,
- Try to avoid single-use plastics,

Avoid crackers with plastic toys.

And have a Merry Eco Christmas!

MAT Consultation for Parents 9th January at 9.15am and 2.00pm

A reminder that this is the only meeting parents will be invited to with the diocese and the Multi Academy Trust.

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



THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON
THE 20th December
The children return on the
8th JANUARY

The children will be given a tea light to light, saying the candle prayer, on Christmas Day before the family's lunch. It is a small gesture to bring the school community together on this wonderful day.



Dressing of the stable on the 19th December at 1.30pm, All Welcome

From all the staff and Governors at St Alban's Catholic Primary school
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Please keep all the suffering in your prayers





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Headteacher Awards

Year 1

Yumi: For her fantastic performance as an angel

Joseph: For always being kind and polite

Nina-Louise: For a wonderful biography of Amelia Earhart

Year 2

Genevieve: For always showing patience and compassion to her friends in Year 2

Nicolas: For brilliant acting and signing in the Christmas Nativity Play

Year 3

Y3 Phoebe: For creating some wonderful similes in English

Y3 Frederico: For showing excellent sportsmanship in Hockey

Year 4

Delna: For showing great understanding of how to create a bar model

Nico: For achieving a distinction mark in his violin exam

Year 5

Sara: For R.E work on Advent and improved Maths knowledge in decimals/fractions

Hilary: For outstanding R.E work on Advent and improved understanding in fractions, decimals and percentages

Year 6

Samuele: For always working to the best of his ability and producing some excellent work in Maths

Mario: For always working incredibly hard in all subjects

PFA

Anti-engine idling - Protect our Children

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

A reminder about [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) and how we can raise funds for the PFA simply by using their site and being redirected to the website we want to shop from via [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org). They currently have an Advent calendar (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/prize/advent-calendar/>) with increased donations to our cause and the daily chance to win a £100 donation for the PFA, as well as a Christmas

Day Grand Prize Draw of £5,000. Thanks for your continued support. **Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Happy Birthday

Sara in Year 5 will be 10 years old next week

Charlotte in Year 5 will be 10 years old next week

Jude in Year 6 will be 11 years old in the following week

Matteo in Year 6 will be 11 years old in the following week

Dan in Year 2 will be 7 years old in the following week

Mary in Year 3 will be 8 years old in the following week

Kocio in Year 4 will be 9 years old in the following week

Emilia in Year 5 will be 10 years old in the first week of the new year

Kasi in Year 1 will be 6 years old in the first week back at school in the new year

Raphael in Year 2 will be 7 years old in the first week back at school in the new year

Toby in Year 3 will be 7 years old in the first week back at school in the new year

Alexander in Year 6 will be 11 years old in the first week back at school in the new year



Quiz— The children have been learning about Advent and now are almost prepared for Christmas day.

When does Advent finish and when does the season of Christmas start and finish?

What do all the candles represent on the Advent wreath?

What sacrament are Catholics encouraged to receive before Christmas day. Years 4, 5 and 6 received it this week.

What does Advent mean?

What mysteries have we been learning about during Advent?

What do Catholics and Muslims refer John the Baptist and Isaiah as?

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