



School Newsletter

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Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year!

Croeso—Welcome back to school for a new term! It has been a wonderful first week back for both pupils and staff.

No doubt you will have heard the news before Christmas that the Archdiocese have written to the Local Authority to withdraw St Alban's from the proposal to close the school. We are now waiting for the official notification following the cabinet meeting which will take place the week beginning 20th January. This is fantastic news for the whole school community!

More information to follow once the cabinet meeting has been held!

Parish News

Baptism:

In the next couple of weeks, Fr Sebastian will be writing once again to parents asking you if you would like your child Baptised. He also asked me to remind parents that the Holy Sacrament of First Communion has been set for Sunday 14th June.

Please also see on page 2 the extract copied from Fr Sebastian's newsletter regarding **First Communion preparation**.

Applications for Admission to Reception Class September 2020:

Applications closed on Monday 13th January. If you know of anyone who would like to or may be thinking about sending their child to St Alban's in September, then please ask them to contact the school office for details.

THE TWITTER FEED IS NOW ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WEBSITE. SO IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TWITTER ACCOUNT YOU CAN STILL KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOL.
SEE THE WEBSITE ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

The Year of The Word

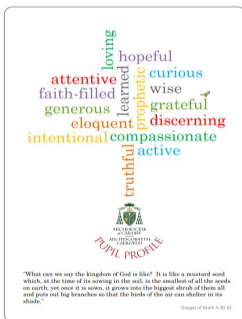
Throughout 2020 the Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join them in reading **Saint Matthew's Gospel**, just a few verses each day. If you are able to share that reading aloud with your family all the better.

Here is the official prayer for the Year of the Word which we can pray each day throughout the year:

Living God,
You walk alongside us and
speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to open our hearts and minds
so that we may be Your witnesses
throughout the world.
Amen.
Your word is our path and your truth is our light.
R. This day and every day.
V. Our Lady of the Annunciation
R. Pray for us.
V. St. Matthew
R. Pray for us.



St Alban's Pupil Profile



This half term we are all trying to be more compassionate and loving. Pupils in St Alban's are growing to be growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.



"I give you a new commandment: that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Jesus in John's Gospel 13:34-35

First Communion Preparation for Pupils

Please see the note about First Communion preparation classes below from Fr Sebastian in the Church newsletter last weekend:

Corpus Christi Sunday 14th June 2020

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & PREPARATION



Preparing for our children for the Celebration of their Reception of their First Holy Communion on the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi on Sunday 14th June 2020 at 10:00am** begins with the catechists on Sunday **2nd February at 5.00pm** (17.00). It concludes on Sunday **4th April**. Conscious of the complexity of modern family life, there are three ways of doing this preparation at St Alban's: (1) one to one: parent and their own child (*i.e.*, home-schooling); (2) as a group in the excellent Parish Catechetical Programme; or (3) as pupils of St Alban's Parish School. Please note that whichever way you choose for your child, the Parish Priest will need to know, so that the Catechetical materials can be organised for your child.

NB: *If your grandchild is of an age to make their First Holy Communion and doesn't necessarily have the practical support of their parents for whatever reason, grandparents may of course assist their grandchild in their expressed desire to receive this Sacrament.*

Pause Points

The pupils in school take time out of their day at different times to pause and improve their own wellbeing.

These sessions have been proven to improve concentration skills, foster resilience and encourage pupils to engage with learning.



Scout Stamps:

Well done to all the children, parents and friends who helped deliver the Scout Post. Not only did you bring joy to families who received the cards, but raised money for the school as well.

Thank you!

Internet Safety—Net Aware

Keeping younger children safe online

Talk to your child regularly about what they're doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have

Explore your child's online activities together. Understand why they like playing certain games and make sure they know

Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games. You can use

Manage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

If you need any help at all changing the settings on devices, please contact the school office and we are happy to help!



Attendance: Week 6th January 2020

Attendance has dropped this week unfortunately!

Please make EVERY EFFORT to send your child to school as every day counts!

Reception/Year 1: 92.05%

Year 1 / 2 : 98.28%

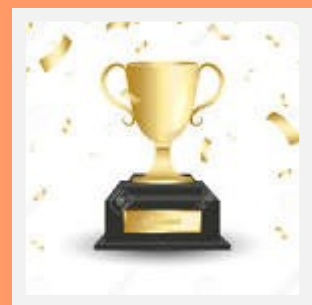
Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 98.68%

Year 5: 90.95%

Year 6: 99%

Year 3 have the highest attendance at 100% - well done!



Congratulations!

We love celebrating success here at St Alban's! Here are our [@ClassDojo](#) winners, our merit award winners and our class attendance winners for the first week of 2020. Ardderchog pawb

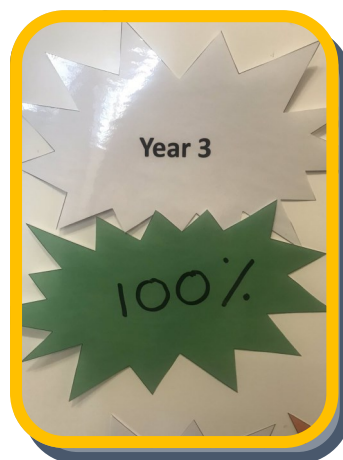
Dojo Winners!



Merit Awards



Attendance Winners!



For further information about what's happening in our school, please see our:

Twitter feed: [@StAlbansSchool1](#)

Facebook Page: St Alban's Catholic Primary School

(You just need to like the page to be able to follow)

Instagram:stalbansprimaryschool

Croeso! 13th January 2020

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Hobbies

Wyt ti'n hoffi nofio?

Do you like swimming?

Ydw, dwi'n hoffi nofio.

Yes I like swimming.

Nag ydw, dwi ddim yn
hoffi nofio.

No, I don't like swimming.

Wyt ti'n gallu nofio?

Can you swim?

Ydw, dwi'n gallu nofio.

Nag ydw, dwi dim yn
gallu nofio.



Dates for your Diary:

Monday 6th January	Inset Day—Training for Staff
Tuesday 7th January	School opens for pupils
Wed 15th January	Year 3 Music Taster at Willows High (Permission covered by local area visit consent form)
Tuesday 21st January	Mixed U11s Football Competition
Monday 10th February	Open Your Eyes Week
Monday 10th February	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wed 12th February	Multi Skills Event for Year 5 Team
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th February	No school for pupils—Half Term Holiday all week
Monday 24th February	Back to school for pupils! Yay!
Wed 26th February	Ash Wednesday—Mass and distribution of ashes at 9.30am
Friday 28th February	Mass at 9.30am in Church followed by Eisteddfod in school

Term Dates for 2019-20

SPRING TERM

Term Starts	Monday 6th January 2020
Half Term Ends	Friday 14th February 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020
School Re-Opens	Monday 24th February 2020
Term Ends	Friday 3rd April 2020
Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Term Starts	Monday 20th April 2020
Half Term Ends	Friday 22nd May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020
School Re-opens	Monday 3rd June 2019
Term Ends for pupils	Monday 20th July which is an inset day—school closed for pupils.