



# St. Alban's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 6th September 2019



Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to lots of exciting things in school this term.

It was lovely to see all the children back in school on Wednesday in their uniforms, they look so smart. As I looked across the hall during our welcome liturgy on to a sea of gold and burgundy, it really felt like our whole school community was back together again.

If your child is starting in Reception Class, Year 3 or Year 7 and you are entitled to free school meals, there is a uniform grant that you can apply for to help you with costs. Miss Churcher has the details in the school office, or you can find them later on in this newsletter. You can still apply even if you have already bought the uniform!



The pupils and staff enjoyed Mass this morning at St Alban's Church. It was such a great way to begin our new term, and reflect on how we can share Jesus' love with others. We are all looking forward to next Friday's Mass already!

Please keep a look out for the letter sent home today with details of all our after school clubs that will be running this half term. Some of the clubs are very popular and fill up extremely quickly.



Term dates and details for inset days can be found at the back of the newsletter. Other dates for your diary will be updated next week.

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.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter has been sent home today (Friday) regarding after school clubs which are starting next week. Please bring the completed slip into the school office. Here is a list of all the clubs on offer.

Day	Time	Year Groups	Club	Teacher
Monday	3pm – 4pm	Year 5 & 6	Football (Maximum 15)	Mr Flanagan
Tuesday	3pm – 4pm	Year 1 - 6	Lego (Maximum 10) Cost of £27.96	Mr Whittle
Tuesday	3pm – 4pm	Year 3 - 6	Football (outside agency) Cost of £20	Mr Brazil
Wednesday	3pm – 4pm	Year 4 - 6	Netball (Maximum 15)	Mrs O'Brien
Wednesday	3pm – 4pm	Year 4 - 6	Rugby (Maximum 15)	Mr Flanagan
Wednesday	3pm – 4pm	Year 1 - 6	Gardening (Maximum 10)	Miss Cabrera
Thursday	3pm – 4pm	Year 3 - 6	Minecraft (Maximum 10)	Miss Richards & Miss Pitman

*Lord Jesus,*

*I ask for Your help as I begin this  
new school year.*

*Allow me to experience Your presence in the many  
blessings You put before me.*

*Open my eyes to the new challenges and  
exciting opportunities that this  
new school year brings.*

*Open my heart and mind to new friends  
and new teachers.*

*Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic  
with my studies and courage to  
accept new opportunities.*

*Help me to be attentive to my teachers  
and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.*

*Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!*

*Amen*

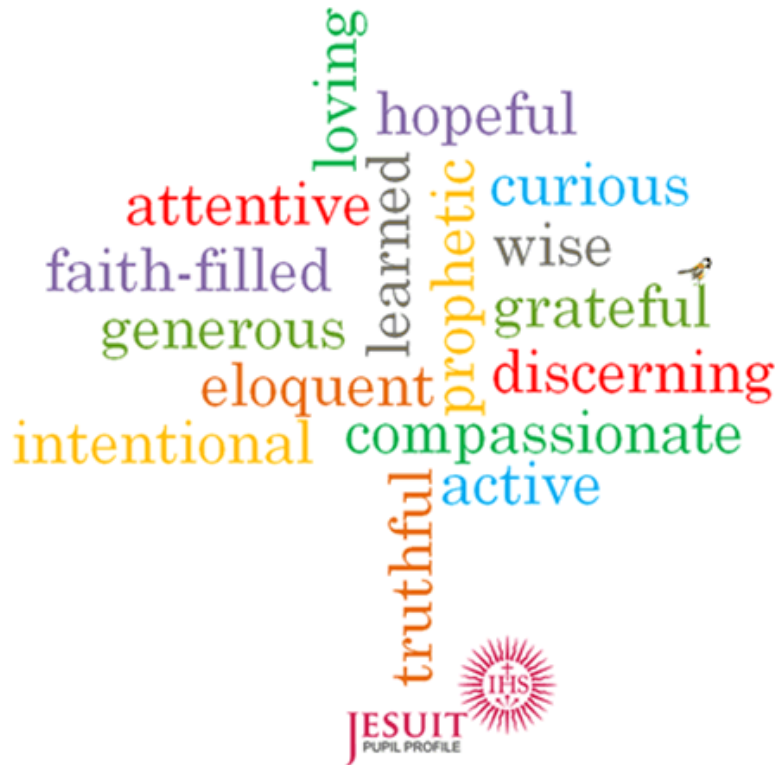
## Useful Contact Details

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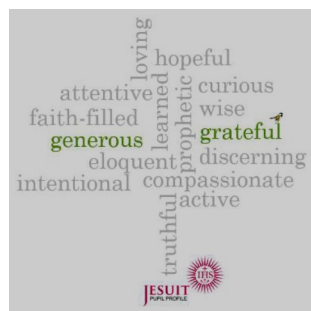
## Virtues from our St Alban's Pupil Profile

Each half term, the children develop their understanding of two new virtues and strive to apply these to their everyday lives.

The virtues are what we use to promote character building with our pupils. They are as follows:



We have once again launched a focus on the virtues for this half term, following in the example of Pope Francis. The two virtues that we are focusing on are:



At St Alban's Catholic Primary School we are enabling our pupils to become:

**Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.





Thanks to South Wales Police

**What has been happening around school?**

**Our Food & Fun club had a great time over the summer holidays**



To Sport Cardiff

**Here is just a flavour of all the fun activities they took part in.**



The Firing Line Museum

**A big thank you to Mr Whittle and Miss Collings for running the club during the summer break.**



The Welsh Ambulance Service

**What has been happening  
around school?**



**The staff kicked started the new  
school year with a First Aid Training  
course in school.**

**Thanks to Amanda and Rachel for  
making it so interesting and teaching  
us how to use a defibrillator.**

**All staff then reflected on how  
grateful they were for their own  
gifts and talents and how they can  
use them generously in their  
service to others.**



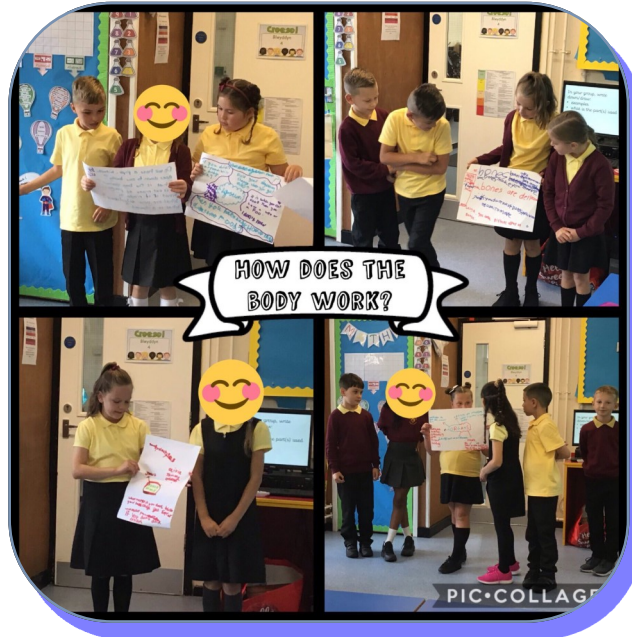


**What has been happening  
around school?**



**Year 3 started their year with  
team building activities and  
ice breakers**

**Year 4 were learning all about  
how the body works.**



**Year 1/2 were doing lots of fun  
activities on their first day.**



**What has been happening  
around school?**

**Today we held our first Mass  
of the new school year.**

**The message of generosity  
and love was a perfect  
reminder of our faith,  
which remains absolute.**



**Thank you to the  
parishioners and members  
of the wider community for  
attending what  
was a lovely Mass.  
Diolch!**





## Did you know?

**Grants are available to help families on low incomes buy school uniforms and equipment.**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Learners receiving free school meals can get a Welsh Government grant if they are:

- entering reception class in primary school
- at the start of any of the key stages, e.g. Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 (primary and secondary)
- aged 4, 7, 11 or 14 in special schools, special needs resource bases or pupil referral units.

Funding for looked after children is available in every school year.



Primary and secondary school children are entitled to **£125** for each application.

Children entering Year 7 can now apply for **£200** to help with the additional costs of starting secondary school.

The fund will cover school uniform and sports kit, equipment for out-of-school-hours trips (including outdoor learning), and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

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### How to apply

Contact your local authority:  
[gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access](http://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access)



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If you have a child starting in Reception, entering Year 3 or entering Year 7, you may be entitled to a uniform grant from the Welsh Government. Please see the information above and if you need any advice or help, please call in to the school office.

## Healthy Eating Initiative



As part of our Healthy Eating initiative, we have now re-introduced fruit for ALL children in the school. This is priced at 25p per day or if you wish to pay for the week in advance, it is £1. If you are paying the £1 for the week, this **MUST** be paid on a Monday . If you choose to pay daily, you will need to pay 25p each day. Paying on a Monday for the week makes it easier for the children who are running the fruit stall to keep a record of which children would like fruit.



The children seem to be enjoying their wholemeal toast at break time. If your child hasn't had any yet but would like to, all they need to do is bring in 20p each day in order to purchase it during morning break.



★ National Book Tokens are offering schools the chance to win  
★ £5,000 for our school library.

★ All you have to do is follow this link :

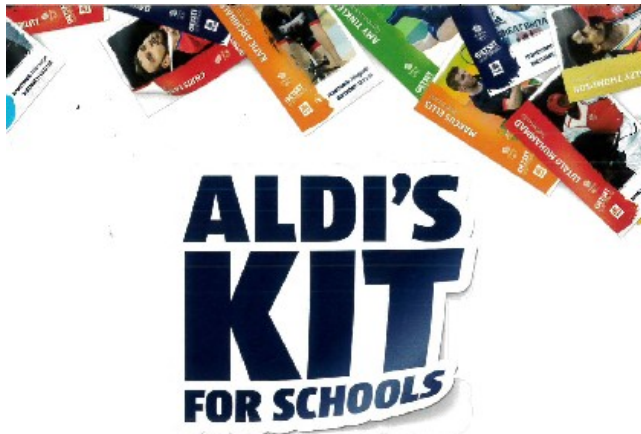
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★ Scroll down the page and fill in the details in order to nominate  
★ St Alban's. The more votes we get the better our chances! It  
★ only takes 2 minutes!

★ Please see the poster on the next page for further information.

★ Thank you for your support.





Get stuck in and help our school  
**win £20,000!**

Drop off Aldi Kit for Schools stickers here.



## Will your school win £20,000?

From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.

## How it works... Get involved!

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster. Once complete with 300 stickers send the poster back to us to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for your school.



We are asking all parents to help us to try and win £20,000! If you shop at Aldi and spend over £30 in one transaction, you will receive a team sticker in store. Please bring this sticker in to school so we can place it on our poster. If we manage to collect 300 stickers and fill our poster we could be in with a chance of winning £20,000 for our school. Please either bring any stickers in to the school office or send them in with your child.

For more information go to <https://www.aldi.co.uk/kitforschools>

Thank you for your help.





**Children with additional  
Learning Needs  
Free sessions**

**SNAP Cymru and Cardiff Local Authority**

Will be visiting community centres around Cardiff

To talk about

**The New ALN system**

How and when it may affect your child

How you can get involved and make a difference

Come along and learn more, meet the people involved and ask questions

**Additional Learning Needs – information advice and guidance**

**Free events around Cardiff**

Saint Mellon's Hub	30 Crickhowell Rd, St. Mellons, Cardiff CF3 0EF	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 10-12 Car parking available
Radyr and Morganstown Community Centre	Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8DF	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 10-12 On street parking
SNAP Cymru office	10 Coopers Yard Curran Road Cardiff CF10 5NB	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 18.00-20.00 Car parking available
Pentrebanne Zone	Beechley Drive, Car Park Via Lavender Grove, Cardiff CF5 3SG	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 10-12

If you can't stay for the whole session no worries!

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# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **Important Dates**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday 4th	School Re-opens to pupils
Friday 6th	Welcome Mass in St Alban's Church
Friday 20th	Consultation Drop in Session at 10am until 11.30am

## **Term Dates for 2019-20**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Term Starts	Monday 2nd September 2019
Half Term Ends	Friday 25th October 2019
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019
School Re-Opens	Monday 4th November 2019
Term Ends	Friday 20th December 2019
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

### **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

