

19th January 2024



WEEKLY

Bulletin

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

"It is not enough to love children; they need to know that they are loved..." – St John Bosco

As we come to the end of another busy week of learning and growth at St Alban's, I wanted to share some general updates and reminders with you.

Hopes and Dreams – 'Pause and reflect' day.

Last Friday, our children devoted time to contemplate and articulate their 'Hopes and Dreams' for the upcoming year. The enthusiasm and sincerity with which the children embraced this reflective exercise were truly heart-warming. Each child's aspirations and dreams are unique, yet collectively they contribute to the rich tapestry of our school community. It was a beautiful reminder of the potential within each young mind and the importance of nurturing their aspirations.

Gratitude day

Following on from our 'Hopes and Dreams' Day, we completed our reflection for the year ahead on Monday, where children were encouraged to write a short gratitude note on a leaf which we will be hanging onto our tree in the coming weeks. As more people add a note, the colour and life of our tree will grow... Our tree will remain in our reception area until half term when hopefully signs of spring will begin, and the weather cheers up. Our hope is that every time our children see their 'Gratitude Tree', they will be reminded of the importance of saying thank you and being grateful for the blessings we all have.

Newsletter sign-up

Going forward, we will be sending out our emails in a more email-friendly format rather than as an attached document. To ensure that you don't miss out on any updates, we invite you to sign up for our distribution list. By doing so, you will receive the bulletin directly to your inbox every week. Signing up is easy! Simply click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/ilbBoU>. Follow the prompts to subscribe, and you will be all set to receive our bulletin next week.

As always, your partnership in your child's education is invaluable. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of guiding and nurturing their academic and spiritual journey.

Have a wonderful weekend and may the week ahead be filled with joy, growth, and the warmth of our shared community.

Blessings,

Zelia Munnik
Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Well done to St Mary Magdalene, St Bernadette, St Josephine, St George and St Paul for their great attendance this week!

Gold	St Mary Magdalene	99.67%
Silver	St Bernadette, St Josephine & St George	99.33%
Bronze	St Paul	99.23%

At St Alban's Primary we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time. Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

STAYING HEALTHY IN WINTER

The UK Health Security Agency have published some useful advice for parents with tips to help kids stay healthy over the winter months. You can read more [here](#).

REMINDERS

- If there are any changes to your contact information or emergency contacts, kindly inform the school office as soon as possible. This helps us keep our records up to date and ensures we can reach you promptly if needed. You can find the contact details of the office on our website or [here](#).
- If you know someone who may be interested in applying for a position in one of our Xavier Schools, please ask them to download the information via our [Xavier vacancy page](#).

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wednesday, 24 th Jan	Year 4 workshop – Anglo Saxons
Friday, 26 th Jan	St Josephine swimming
Monday, 29 th Jan, 4.15pm	Deanery Mass at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge
Tuesday, 30 th Jan, 5pm	Y4 Times Tables Multiplication check information (via Zoom)
Thursday, 1 st Feb 9.05am	St Mary class assembly
Friday, 2 nd Feb	St Josephine swimming
Tuesday, 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thursday, 8 th Feb 9.05am	St John class assembly
Friday 9 th Feb	St Josephine swimming
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th Feb	Half term
26 th Feb – 1 st March	Empathy Week

CLUBS

There are still a few places available in the following clubs:

Cheerleading on Monday and Friday and **Creative Ballet** on Tuesday which can be booked via <https://primary-moves-dance.classforkids.io/term/16>

Teakwon-Do on Wednesday <https://www.london-tkd.co.uk/get-started>

Rockband on a Wednesday lunchtime. They are offering a taster session on the 24th January. Please contact kellyhart@scalesandtales.org for more details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hersham Food Bank collection

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generosity and support earlier this week in contributing to the Hersham Food Bank collection. Your participation in this initiative has made a significant impact on the lives of those in need within our community. Through your collective efforts, we have truly demonstrated the values that lie at the heart of our St Alban's community.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding all of our children is the top priority at St Alban's. If you have any concerns about a child or a family, please reach out to our safeguarding team by either emailing admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk, dsl@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk or calling the school office on 020 8979 5893



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