



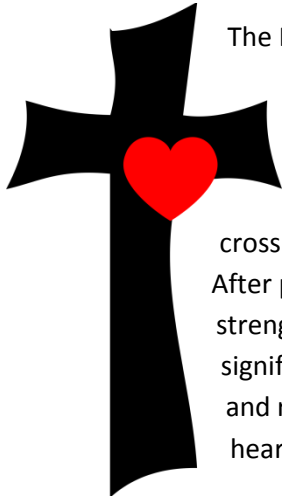
St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

Following in the footsteps of Jesus we love, live and learn together'



Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney
Week ending: Friday 15th September

Dear Parents,



The Feast of the Cross – On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Cross with Deacon David. This day commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross. The Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross. We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realise that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Congratulations Assembly Parents are welcome to join us at 9.05am for assembly in the school hall.

Reception – Grace Grimes	Y4 Brendan Scanlon
Y1 Maggie Challinor	Y5 Oscar Roulston
Y2 Isabel Lappin	Y6 Niall Towey
Y3 Romeo Markman	

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Taking holidays during term time is an unauthorised absence and really affects our whole school attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 95% in the first half term will be required to attend a meeting with Mrs McKinney.

REC 100%	Y4 99.4%
Y1 96.9%	Y5 99.7%
Y2 98.2 %	Y6 98.3%
Y3 92.2%	AIM FOR 100%

House Captains – On Wednesday we held ‘House Captain Elections’ in school. The results were as follows – St Gregory’s – Grace Donnan and Aidan Gallagher, St. Patrick’s – Niamh Pathejohns and Gabriel Surman, St. Bernadette’s – Niall Towey and Jessica Foley and St. Francis’-Daniel Murphy and Alan Moss.

Star Writer! Congratulations to Bea King in Y6 who took part in a poetry writing competition. We are all very proud of your published work.

Parent Pay – Thank you for your patience as we are doing our best to iron out initial set up problems that you may be having. Please continue to let us know if you are experiencing difficulties. If your child changes from sandwiches to dinners you must let the office know.

Rock Steady Music Today we had a super start to the morning with a Rock Concert! The team from Rock Steady Music will be back in on Tuesday 10th October to provide workshop sessions for all classes in the school to inspire them to become part of a School Band!


Homework – Thank you to all parents who attended Transition Meetings this week. We hoped that you found the meetings informative. The first formal homework will be set on Friday 21st September and all pupils will receive new homework books. We are hoping that the children will enjoy this new style of homework. Please can I remind you that all children should be reading for at least 15 minutes each evening and practicing times tables as directed by the class teacher.

School Council Elections – Last year our school council were an amazing bunch of young people. They organised St. Alban’s day including having an ice-cream van on the playground and laying a path of pupil pebbles. They ran ‘We love school’ day and raised money to improve our class book corners. I hope that this year, our new councillors, will continue to make sure our pupils voices are heard. School council elections will take place on Tuesday!

Thank you to Mr Griffin for giving up his time in the summer holidays and designing our new letter heads and compliments slips!

Welcome Service - Reception parents are invited to join us at 1.45pm on Friday 29th September. We look to formally welcoming the children and families to the St. Alban’s Community.

St Jude’s Years 4, 5 and 6 will be walking to St. Jude’s for Mass on Tuesday morning. Any parents that would like to walk with us please arrive at school for 9.25am.

<p>Dates for your diary</p> <p>Monday 18th September – School Council Speeches Tuesday 19th September - School Council Elections Thursday 28th September – Y6 Alton Castle meeting – 3:30pm Monday 2nd October – Little Way Week Monday 9th October – Black History Week Monday 16th – 18th October – Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle Wednesday 1st November – Parents’ Evening – 2:00pm – 6:30pm Wednesday 1st November – Open Day – 9:30am Thursday 9th November – Open Day – 2:30pm Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week – All different, All Equal Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card competition Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHOIR AUDITIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WE WILL BE HOLDING CHOIR AUDITIONS ON FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER FROM 1.30PM IN THE HALL.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MRS HENRY WILL BE SELECTING A SPECIAL GROUP OF CHILDREN TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL CHOIR WHO WILL PRACTISE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT 2.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children will be asked to sing ‘Follow me, Follow me’.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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Have a super weekend!

Mrs. McKinney