



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 8th December



Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parents,

"A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths."
Mark 1:1-8

How can we prepare a way for the Lord this Advent, in our hearts and in our communities? How can we help to sow signs of hope which reflect the kingdom of God? You can help prepare a way by bringing hope and compassion to our neighbours. God who is with us, we pray our sisters and brothers may find a place of shelter and peace. Help us to share generously, and so prepare a way for your kingdom of justice and mercy. Amen.

Congratulations Assembly Parents are welcome to join us at 9.05am for assembly in the school hall.	
Reception Leo Kordalli	Y4 Molly O'Kane
Y1 Shay Egan	Y5 Dominic Kirkland
Y2 Caitlin Wilks	Y6 Erin Gulson
Y3 Oliver King	

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time.	
Rec – 97.9%	Y4 – 96.1%
Y1 – 97.8%	Y5 – 98.5%
Y2 – 93.9% Concern	Y6 – 99.2%
Y3 – 96.9%	Overall 97.2%

School Uniform Competition

We have had a number of concerns raised over the cost and quality of current uniform from parents. We have also found that there is inconsistency in some pupil's uniform. Therefore following discussions with governors we have decided to review our current school uniform. In January we will be inviting the children to design a new school uniform, keeping the colour and school badge the same. The winning design will be launched from the summer term and will be available to buy from the school office. We will be expecting a period of transition in the school year 2018- 2019. Clive Mark will no longer stock our uniform. We will ensure that costs are kept to a minimum for parents and hope to generate some income for the school.

Unavoidable Emergency Building Works

We have been awarded some additional funding from the Diocese to complete some emergency works to the school building. This will improve the learning environments in Y3 and Y6 and the school hall! The Y3 and Y6 classes will be disrupted for three weeks as the classrooms are renovated. In order for the works to start promptly we will be breaking up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December at 12.00pm. We will also be closed to pupils on Monday 8th January. This will allow time for staff to pack the classrooms, move all the furniture and the work to commence! The children will be taught in the school hall and our additional learning spaces during the building works.

Book Fair Please support our school book fair that will be taking place on Friday 8th December and Monday 11th December after school. Many thanks.



School Council Our dedicated team of councillors have been working hard arranging some exciting events to raise money for their chosen charities this year. They have decided that they would like to hold a '**Sponsored Santa Jog**' on **Monday 18th December** after assembly. Please can all children come to school wearing suitable jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and a Christmas jumper and Santa Hat (if available). The children from Y1 upwards will be running a lap of Jasmyn fields (Reception –School grounds).

Please join us for Mass Thursday 14th December led by House Captains at 10.00am and Thursday 21st December led by staff at 9.15am. During January due to the building works we will be unable to have Mass in the school hall.

One Way System Thank you to all parents who are trying their best to adhere to a one way system and those who are not parking over driveways!

Homework Showcase The next homework showcase is on Friday 15th December. Thank you to all the children for the super homework they shared with their teachers and peers today! After Christmas the children will be asked to complete a homework in which they make a musical instrument so please keep any 'junk' for junk modelling over the festive period!

Y4 and Y5 trip to Stratford Apologies that the trip to Stratford was cancelled today. We have rearranged for the 6th February.

Magical Maths is an afterschool maths programme exclusively for local primary schools. There is an assembly on 12th December, and the afterschool clubs will be for those who choose to book up. There are many new games and activities so the clubs can be for those who have been before or for those who are coming along for the first time. The club is for 6 weeks and each week lasts for one hour and covers a variety of educational Maths topics in a fun and exciting way. The clubs include some dressed up characters that will visit the schools from week to week, including a maths detective, a maths genius, the mathletes, and a mathematician. Each week there are three different activities that the children will take part in. These activities are based around mega fun games, puzzles and tricks. The clubs will be on a Wednesday straight after school starting on 10th January and continuing on 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February and 14th February and cost a total of £39 for the six weeks. There are limited places which are likely to go quickly, so book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. Book online <https://magicalmathsclub.com/club> or call 0121 314 1236. Get ready for some fun games and activities all using the power of maths!

Earrings Please make sure that children remove earrings before attending school each day. They are not allowed in school. If children do wear earrings to school they will be asked to remove them. Many thanks.

Brass concert Children in Y4 and those who play a brass instrument will be performing in a short concert on Monday 18th December at 1.30pm before the Carol Concert.

Dates for your diary	TERM DATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 9th December – PTA Breakfast with Santa • Tuesday 12th December – Theatre trip- Y6 Group B • Thursday 14th December- Y4 trip to the Synagogue • Thursday 14th December – Y1 and Y2 Movie -Polar Express • Friday 15th December – Reception Nativity- 9.15am • Friday 15th December – Y1 Theatre Trip • Monday 18th December – Santa Sponsored Jog • Monday 18th December – Brass Concert -1.30pm • Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm • Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day • Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card Competition • Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Panto in school 9.30am • Wednesday 20th December – Y1/Y2 Christmas Production 2.00pm • Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly • Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation. • Thursday 21st December – Break up for Christmas at 12.00pm <p>Have a super weekend</p> <p>Mrs R McKinney</p>	<p><u>Closed: Thursday 21st December at 12.00pm to allow for building works to start</u></p> <p><u>Closed: Monday 8th January 2018 – Due to unavoidable building works.</u></p> <p>SPRING TERM 2018 Open: Tuesday 9th January Close: Friday 16th February Open: Monday 26th February Close: Thursday 29th March</p> <p>SUMMER TERM 2018 Open: Monday 16th April Close: Friday 25th May Open: Monday 4th June Close: Friday 20th July</p> <p><u>Teacher Training Days</u> Friday 22nd December 2017 Monday 23rd July 2018 Tuesday 24th July 2018</p>