



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 24th November

Dear Parents,

As November is traditionally the month of remembrance within the Catholic Church, this month we have had many opportunities to reflect and pray for those who are no longer with us. The children have held prayer services in remembrance of all our loved ones who have died. This has been an opportunity to stop and say thank you for the incredible impact others have had on our lives.



Prayer for those who mourn, bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.

Congratulations Assembly Parents are welcome to join us at 9.05am for assembly in the school hall.	
Reception Poppy O'Rourke	Y4 Seth Hewitt
Y1 Matilda Mayall	Y5 Jacob Grant
Y2 Antoni Malinowski	Y6 James Doherty
Y3 Lillian Shaw	

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time.	
Rec – 98.7%	Y4 – 98.1%
Y1 – 99.2%	Y5 – 99.1%
Y2 – 97.2%	Y6 – 96.7%
Y3 – 97.2%	Overall 98%

Unavoidable Emergency Building Works

As I informed parents in last week's newsletter 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.

Mass Our next school Mass will be on Thursday 30th November at 10.00am to celebrate St. Andrew's Day! Please can you send your child to school wearing something blue to mark this special Saint's Day! On Sunday 3rd December pupils in Y6 will be required to attend a commitment Mass at St. Dunstan's at 10.00am as part of their Confirmation preparation.

Masses Thursday 30th November led by Year 3, Thursday 7th December led by Year 2, Thursday 14th December led by House Captains, Thursday 21st December led by staff

PTA Breakfast with Santa Please be aware that the date for this event is on **Saturday 9th December**. Thank you to the PTA for all the hard work they have been doing so far behind the scenes to make this a fantastic event.

Homework Showcase The next homework showcase is on Friday 1st December. Thank you to all the children for their amazing effort over the past few weeks and for parents' commitment to supporting their children. We are overwhelmed with the positive feedback we have had so far.



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).

Children in Need Thank you for sending in a contribution last week. All money raised will be sent to a children's charity chosen by the School Council.

After School Club Snacks If children are attending one of our after school activities please can you ensure they bring a healthy snack. No crisps, chocolate bars and sweets are allowed and will be sent home.

Dates for your diary	TERM DATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 30th November – Wear blue for St. Andrew's day. • Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations • Sunday 3rd December – Y6 Commitment Mass for Confirmation • Wednesday 6th December – Reception Trip to see Santa • Wednesday 6th December – Theatre trip - Y6 Group A • Friday 8th December – Shakespeare Tour – Y4 and Y5 • Saturday 9th December – PTA Breakfast with Santa • Tuesday 12th December – Theatre trip- Y6 Group B • Thursday 14th December- Y4 trip to the Synagogue • Friday 15th December – Reception Nativity- 9.15am • Friday 15th December – Y1 Theatre Trip • Monday 18th December – Santa Sponsored Jog • 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><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>May Day Monday 7th May 2017</p> <p><u>Teacher Training Days</u> Friday 22nd December 2017 Monday 23rd July 2018 Tuesday 24th July 2018</p>

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs R McKinney