



St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

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



Acting Headteacher: Mr N Emery
Week ending: 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate the feast of day of Saint Matthew. Matthew must have been surprised when Jesus walked up to him and said, "Follow me." Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector. Most tax collectors were hated. A tax collector could use his position honestly or dishonestly. The temptation to use the position to become rich was great. Yet Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him, to learn from him, and to go out and spread the Good News to others. The call from Jesus was more powerful than the call of wealth. Matthew left his work as a tax collector. He invited Jesus to a dinner where other tax collectors were gathered. The Pharisees were upset when they saw this, and they said to the disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors?" Jesus heard them and replied, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners."

Congratulations Assembly - Please join us for assembly at 9.05am on Monday 24th September.

Rec Jaiden L	Y4 Liam G
Y1 Lena K	Y5 Tom D
Y2 Idris C	Y6 James O
Y3 Joseph F	

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Please call the office by 9.15am if your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Rec 96.6%	Y4 94.8% CONCERN
Y1 100% WELL DONE	Y5 100% WELL DONE
Y2 99.2%	Y6 93.3% CONCERN
Y3 99.1%	Overall 97.6%

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 Mr Emery.

Trips All classes have now planned a variety of exciting trips. Please make sure that you have returned the reply slip and paid on Parent Pay once you have received a letter from the class teacher.



Reception and Year 1	8 th October	Twycross Zoo
Year 2 and Year 3	7 th November	Warwick Castle
Year 4 and Year 5	6 th November	Wroxeter Roman City
Year 6	22 nd – 24 th October	Alton Castle

Music Service would you please let Mr Emery know whether your child would be interested in Brass lessons. There would be a charge for this service. Once we have established a general interest in the service we will contact the relevant provider and inform you in due course.

Saints' Days Throughout the year we will be celebrating a variety of Saints through themed days. This year if your child is in a particular House Team, it will be the House Team who celebrate the feast day and partake in activities on that day. For example St. Andrew's team will wear blue on Friday 30th November. St. David's will wear yellow on Friday 1st March, St. Patrick's will wear green on March 17th and St. George will wear red on Friday 12th April as St George's day is in the Easter Holidays.

Secondary Transfer Reminder The local authority deadline for return of Preference Forms for Secondary Transfer is 31st October 2018. You are strongly advised to apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by this date. If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application by 31 October, please contact the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service urgently by telephone on 0121 303 1888.

Water Bottles A gentle reminder children should only have water in their water bottle and not squash. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Altar Server Training There will be training at St. Dunstan's Church for any children in Year 4 and above who are interested in becoming an altar server.

This week

Reception Thank you to all the parents and family members that joined us for our Reception welcome service. Our Reception children have settled in and are buzzing with confidence.

Choir This week we held our KS2 auditions. The talent on show was amazing! It will be an extremely tough job to pick our newest members of the choir.

School Council Our new school councillors have met this week to discuss and decide on a variety of items such as: fundraising and job adverts for children's roles in the school.

Coming Up

PTA Meeting If you are interested in supporting the PTA this year please feel free to come along to the meeting on Thursday at 7pm. We will be organising the events for this year. Any new ideas always welcome.



Macmillan Coffee Morning join us on Friday 28th September at 9:00am in the school hall for our annual event. We require donations of cakes and biscuits for this fantastic cause. Please bring the donations to the school office either before the morning or on the day. If children can bring a small donation with them this would be appreciated.

Times table competition Year 1 and Year 2 will need to practise their 5 x tables. Year 3 will be learning their 3 x tables and Year 4 to Year 6 will need to make sure they are up to speed with their 7 x tables for our next competition on 28th September.

50 year's old Some of you may be aware that St. Alban's will be celebrating its 50th birthday during 2019. We look forward to celebrating this golden event throughout 2019. If you have any old photos or ideas of how we could celebrate please speak with Mr Emery.

Parents' Evenings. Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will be held on Tuesday 16th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) Wednesday 17th October (3:30pm – 5:30pm).



Masses at St. Alban's

Thursday 27 th September	9:15am	Prayer Service at St. Alban's	Y6	Deacon David
Thursday 4 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y4	
Thursday 11 th October	9:15am	Prayer Service at St. Alban's	Y3	Deacon David
Thursday 18 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y6	
Thursday 25 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y5	

After School clubs

	Club	Provider	Contact
Monday	Drama	Class Act Theatrix	Ash 07540591130
	Football	KS2 AVFC Football Club	Mr Griffin
Tuesday	Dance	Stardust	Carla 07957 283608
	Cookery	H's Healthy Cooking Club	Hannah Woodfield
Wednesday	Gym	Stardust	Carla 07957 283608

St. Alban's Autumn Term Diary Dates

Thursday 27 th September 7pm	PTA meeting (all parents welcome)
Friday 28 th September 9:00am	MacMillan Coffee morning
Monday 1 st October	Little Way week in school
Tuesday 2 nd October	Y6/Y5 Benediction at St. Jude's
Friday 5 th October	Cafod Family Fast Day
Friday 12 th October 2:30pm	Alton Castle Meeting
Tuesday 16 th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 19 th October 2:30pm	Black History Month Assembly
Monday 22 nd October – Wednesday 24 th October	Y6 Residential to Alton Castle
Thursday 25 th October	School closed for October Half-Term at 3:15pm
Friday 26 th October	Teacher Day – School Closed
Monday 5 th November	School reopens at 8:45am
Tuesday 6 th November	Y4 to begin swimming
Tuesday 6 th November 9:15am	St Alban's Open day
Tuesday 6 th November	Y6/5 Benediction at St. Jude's
Wednesday 7 th November 12pm	Y1 Shared Lunch
Friday 9 th November 2:30pm	Remembrance Sunday Assembly
Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week

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Monday 12 th November 2pm	St. Alban's Open Day
Friday 16 th November 2:30pm	Anti-Bullying Assembly
Friday 30 th November 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Tuesday 4 th December	Y6/5 Benediction at St. Jude's
Friday 7 th December 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Friday 14 th December 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Monday 17 th December 2:15pm	KS2 Carol Singing in the Gaezbo
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Card Competition
Wednesday 19 th December 2:15pm	Y1/2 Nativity
Thursday 20 th December 9:30am	Reception Nativity
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21 st December 9:15am	Attendance Assembly
Friday 21 st December	School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas Holidays

Kind regards,

Mr Emery