Alban City School

20th November 2026

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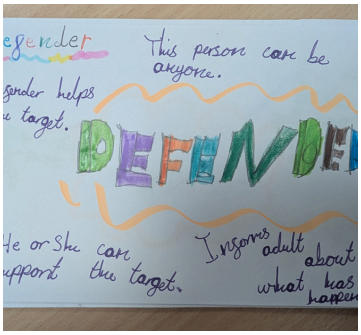
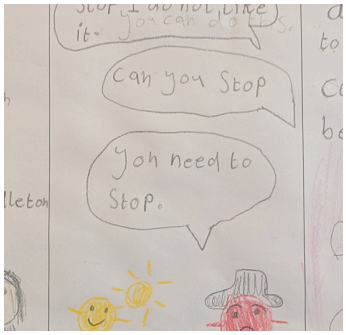
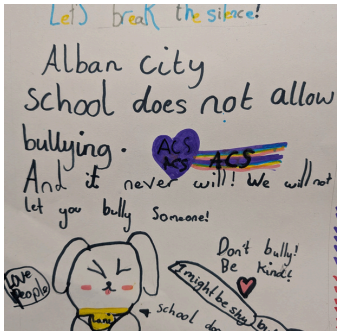
Message from Mrs Stray

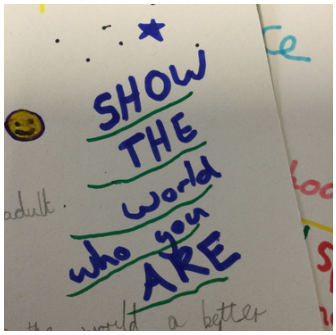
This week has been Anti-Bullying Week in schools across the country. On Monday we enjoyed wearing odd socks to school to celebrate everyone being different and unique, and in assembly I spoke to the children about not staying silent if they witness or experience bullying. We considered why someone might stay silent, and how to speak up for themselves or each other to stop bullying from happening. The children have carried out follow up activities to reinforce this important message, and some lovely posters have appeared around the school that they have made as well as a new display outside Sky class,

Please remember that next Friday 27th November is our Occasional Day so school will be closed on this day. I hope you have a lovely weekend.









Upcoming Events

Nov 23rd : Assessment Week

Nov 27th : Occasional Day-School closed

Dec 2nd : Y5 watching a performance at St Albans School

Dec 4th : Forest Sharing Assembly @9am

Dec 8th : Junior and Senior Orchestra performance @9:15

https://albancityschool.org.uk/Diary-Dates/

Attendance and punctuality

Our whole school attendance is 97.5%, which has dropped a little due to illness. Please ensure your child/children attend school and are on time, and if you need any support with this please talk to Mrs Carter or arrange a meeting with her via the school office.

Class Blogs

Don't forget you can catch up on what the children have been learning each week on our Class Blogs.
https://albancityschool.org.uk/

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Soft start

We love welcoming parents into the building for soft start in the mornings, but please remember that our school day starts at 8.50am, so at this time all parents need to leave. If you arrive at 8.50am, please do not enter the classroom or spend a long time saying goodbye to your child because they need to join their class for registration.

Sports results

Congratulations to our Girls football team for their 4-2 Win against Fleetville in the Girls City Cup this week. Unfortunately our netball team lost their match this week.

Save the date!

Alban City School pupils are invited to be special guests at the St Albans City football match on 9th January. The children will be flag wavers and parade around the pitch at half-time. The club will put a piece about our school in the match programme and all children's tickets are free. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Success outside school

Congratulations to Stefan, Everett and Noah S who were in the winning team at the recent United Knights Chess Tournament. Well done boys!

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support in helping to raise £856 for Children in Need last Friday.



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Request from one of our former parents

I am currently training to become a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist and, as part of my training, I am looking for a family who would be happy for me to observe their baby from birth until they are 18 months old. The observation is an important part of my training, allowing me to develop a deeper understanding of infant development within the context of family life. I will be learning about the baby's physical, cognitive and emotional development, as well as the development of their relationships and overall well-being over time.

The commitment involves approximately 30 hours of observation during the baby's first year, followed by a further 30 hours during the second year. Visits would take place regularly in the family's home, with me observing ordinary day-to-day interactions and routines.This is not an assessment of the baby or their parents. My role is simply to observe and learn, without offering advice or intervening in family life. All observations are conducted in accordance with my training requirements, including appropriate confidentiality and consent arrangements.

I appreciate this is a significant commitment, but it is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the training of a future child psychotherapist and to support a deeper understanding of early infant development.

If you are expecting a baby in late Jan or beyond, or know someone who might be interested, I would love to hear from you. Please get in touch at hannah.carvosso@terapia.co.uk / 07523 212018 for an informal conversation and to find out more.

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Hello,

We are busy getting ready for the Winter Fair, but we have lots of requests from you to make it happen.
We are also recruiting for a PTA role so we would love to hear from you if you could help.

12th December: Winter Fair, 2-4.30pm

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help at the fair. We really appreciate you giving up time at the weekend to support the school.
We still have some big gaps to fill, though. Unless more volunteers come forward, we'll have to close the fair half an hour early, and we'd rather not.

We still need:

- 40+ stall volunteers (across three shifts)
- 14 face painters (across three shifts)
- 3 bar staff
- 9 elves for the grotto

Can't make the day? We'd love help setting up the evening before, 3.30–5.30pm.

Winter Fair: Volunteer here

Donations

We're still collecting items for our stalls. Please leave them in the blue "Winter Fair Donations" boxes near Lime Class and Mrs Carter's office.

- Teddies, big and small (lightly used)
- Party-bag toys, such as fidget toys, balls, figures, animals and cars (new or lightly used)
- Stationery (new only)
- Fancy dress and Christmas jumpers

Could you be our new PTA Secretary?

We are also looking for someone to prepare agendas, organise meetings, take and circulate minutes, and help with general admin. Most importantly, you'd have fun getting stuck in with everything we do! The role starts in January 2027.

We are entirely reliant upon your generosity and time to be able to help make the school thrive.

Thank you all for your ongoing support,

PTA Committee