

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evenings

As you will know, our parent teacher meetings are coming up next week. Entrance is via the playground gate and the side door by the Reception classrooms. Please make your way to your child's classroom and have a look at their books while you are waiting. After school clubs will still be running as usual, so if you have your child(ren) with you while you are waiting, please supervise them closely and ask them to wait quietly to minimise any disruption to the clubs.

Addition to lunch menu

Thank you for all your responses to the recent lunch survey. A full response from abm is attached, and representatives from the company will also be at both parents evenings next week for you to sample some of the food and speak directly to them. In response to parents' and children's feedback, there are some changes to the menu, including the addition of a cold baguette option which is being introduced on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the rest of this term. If the trial is successful, this option will continue permanently next term. Children will be able to choose from ham, cheese or tuna fillings, and they will still be able to have all the vegetables, salad bar, dessert etc that is part of the usual lunch offer.

No nut products

We are a nut free school because some children have severe allergies to nuts and could become seriously ill. **This includes after school snacks.** Please do not allow your child to eat any nuts or items containing nuts in the playground after school or anywhere on the school site.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance figure is 96.9%. Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality. Please remember that soft start ends and the school day begins at 8.50am promptly, so parents arriving at or after this time cannot enter the school building and go to the classrooms.

Children in Need

Next Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day. Children are invited to wear their own spotty or brightly coloured clothes to school and we will collect donations that we will send to the charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/alban-city-school-1699605433515?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Falban-city-school-1699605433515&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying Week. The theme this year is Make A Noise About Bullying. Throughout the week children will take part in discussions and activities to help them understand what bullying behaviour is and what they can do to speak out if they, or someone they know, is affected by it.

Sports results

It has been a very busy fortnight with lots of sports results, successes and even another trophy for the growing collection in the cabinet! The Girls football team improved massively from their previous match to beat Mandeville 4-0, with 3 goals from Mary-Catherine and 1 from Indigo. The Boys football team played in the St Albans District Tournament, and after 2 nail-biting penalty shoot

outs, with some brave penalty takers and some heroic saves from Dylan in goal, they were delighted to be awarded the St Albans City FC Plate.

The Netball team also greatly improved from their last match to narrowly lose 3-0 to Prae Wood. Finally, there were some great results in the cross country with the girls (Amber, Emma, Emmeline and Mary-Catherine) coming 29, 30, 42 and 50th and the boys (Oscar, Sam, Thomas and Arlo) coming 9, 10, 17, 32nd. Well done to the other boys (Nathan and Ethan) who took part in their first cross country race.

Football Opportunity for Girls

Victoria Playing Fields Football Club (VPFC) is a friendly and inclusive, community football club for primary school-age children, both girls and boys, based just off Folly Lane. Over recent years VPFC has been actively encouraging more girls to play, with numbers in some years allowing them to create girls teams for inter-club friendlies. They would love to see more girls join them, and they also offer funded places for families who qualify. For more information please visit their website <https://vpfc.org.uk/>

Bricket Road Night Shelter

Now that the weather is becoming colder, the Night Shelter would be very grateful for donations of men's coats, hats, underpants (new!) and trainers. Please drop off your donations directly to the Night Shelter.

St Albans and District Food Bank

The Foodbank were delighted to receive 227Kg of food from our Harvest festival collection, which is enough to provide around 540 meals. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. If anyone is struggling with food costs, we are able to issue vouchers for the Food Bank, so please speak to me in confidence. More information about collection centres and times is displayed in the front window by the main entrance.

Christmas Fair 2nd December 2-4.30pm

The PTA would really appreciate offers of help at the Christmas Fair next month to help everything run smoothly. If you are able to volunteer a little time during the event, or help with the setting up and clearing up afterwards, there is a link to sign up in their newsletter attached.

Have a lovely weekend, and Happy Diwali to everyone who is celebrating.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Diary dates Autumn term 2023

14th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
15th November	Flu vaccinations
15 th November	Netball match v St Peters
16th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
17 th November	Children in Need
17th November	Sage sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
17th November	Boys A Football match v St John Fisher
20 th November	Boys A and Girls football matches v Oakwood
21st November	Year 5 trip to Synagogue
22nd November	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme and YR screening
22 nd November	Boys B and Girls football matches v Samuel Ryder
24th November	Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
29th November	Netball match v STAHS
1st December	Saffron sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair
5 th December	Orchestra Concert for parents 9.00am in the school hall
6th December	Y1 Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
6 th December	Boys A football match v Mount Pleasant Lane
8th December	Gold sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
12th December	Reception Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
13th December	Christmas Lunch with festive jumpers
14th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19 th December	Year 5 Tudor Day
20th December	End of term 1.30pm