

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Stray change of role

As you already know, in September Alban City School is joining Ambition Education Trust, and we are excited about the new opportunities and support that our school will be able to access as part of a multi-academy trust. From September my role will be changing too. I will still be Headteacher at ACS, but I have also been appointed to the Trust's executive team as Director of Curriculum and Standards for the primary schools in the Trust. This role will take me out of school for 2 days per week, so Mrs Carter will be Acting Headteacher on these days. I don't expect there to be any noticeable changes to the day-to-day running of the school, and I know that Mrs Carter will do a fantastic job of leading the school in my absence.

Sports Day

A reminder that tomorrow is our Sports Day at Normandy Road Field. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit all day, and will need a hat and a water bottle. The weather is predicted to be warm and sunny so please apply sun cream to your child before school. Years 4 – 6 will be dismissed from the field, or walked back to school by members of staff if there is not an adult to collect them. Year 6 children are only allowed to leave on their own from the field if we have received written permission from their parent. The timings are as follows:

Reception and Year 1	9.30-10.30
Year 2 and Year 3	11.00-12.00
Years 4, 5 and 6	1.30-3.00

I look forward to seeing you there if you can make it to support and encourage the children, and I hope it is a fun and enjoyable occasion for everyone.

Special assemblies this week

On Monday we welcomed Jodie Williams to speak to the children about her career as a sprinter. She shared her story about the determination and resilience she needed to achieve her dream of an Olympic medal, the set-backs she encountered along the way, and how she finally achieved her goal at the age of 30. Today we welcomed Lou Meadows to speak to the children about her career as a top-level rugby player and coach, and she brought her World Cup winners medal with her too! Her message reinforced Jodie's about the hard work and commitment that she has needed to be successful, and it was inspirational to hear from both women about their achievements. Thank you for your support with the fundraising aspect of the Great Athlete visit, which has raised £1,569. All the children who participated in the fundraising will be sent a little thank you gift from Great Athletes after half term.

Learning Outside the Classroom Day

Our Eco-Committee has arranged a Learning Outside the Classroom Day on Friday 5th June, and would like to share this message with you:

As an Eco Committee we want to raise some money to buy trees for the Alban City Grove. We have learnt that we need to raise £690 to buy 115 trees to offset our current carbon footprint as each tree

costs £6. More information about our Grove can be found by following this link <https://treesforlife.org.uk/groves/193000/>

We have organised on Friday 5th of June a special day where as much of our learning as possible will take place outdoors or involve learning about the environment. Each child will come to school wearing suitable clothing for learning outside the classroom and in return we would like each child to donate £1 for our cause. This will help us to raise approximately half our target! Children will need sensible clothing which will protect from the elements (no party wear, fancy dress or open toed shoes). Joggers, leggings, trainers are ideal and please provide a hat and apply sun cream before school. If you could volunteer on that day to help with walking to the field or other offsite location, please contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, to help us reach our target, each class over the coming weeks will be creating something special using natural resources to sell at our Grow a £ event to be held on Open Evening on 9th July. Items will be on sale in each classroom - just remember to bring £1!

Finally, there is an opportunity for parents to help us out. You can actually sponsor your own tree by providing a one-off donation or setting up a direct debit for a regular donation. Each tree costs £6 and you would be supporting our cause directly. You can easily do this by following the link below. <https://treesforlife.org.uk/groves/193000/>

We hope everyone will enjoy our Learning Outside the Classroom Day and we thank you for your support.

Thank you for all your support this half term with trips, visits, workshops and other events in school. We couldn't do it without you! I hope you enjoy a lovely break next week and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on June 1st for the final half term of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Summer term diary dates

25 May	Half term week – school closed
1 June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
5 June	Learning Outside the Classroom Day (non-school uniform)
8 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening week (and Year 2 re-sits)
10 June	Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park until 12 June
12 June	Year 5 Pickleball session

17 June	Year 4 Sports Festival @ Loreto School
18 June	Year 5 K'nex Challenge
26 June	Non-school uniform day and donations for tombola / cake stall
27 June	PTA Summer Fair
2 July	Year 4 trip to Epping Forest
3 July	Annual reports published
3 July	Year 5 Pickleball session
3 July	Year 6 Science Fair
7 July	Orchestra performance to parents
9 July	Transition Day and Open Evening 5-7pm
10 July	Year 6 performance in the hall 9.15am
16 July	Year 6 trip to West End theatre show
16 July	Year 5 trip to Victorian Schools Museum
17 July	Year 4 Summer Concert 9am in the theatre
21 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am in the theatre
21 July	End of term 1.15pm Year R – 5, 1.30pm Year 6
22 July	INSET day – school closed
23 July	Occasional Day – school closed



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