

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following some communication from Hertfordshire County Council, I would like to confirm our school's position regarding the current crisis in the Middle East. We have all been shocked and shaken by recent events in Israel and Gaza and by the rise in antisemitism (in particular) and islamophobia in our communities in England and more closely in Hertfordshire. We are truly saddened that so many of you are being affected directly or indirectly by this.

Our school needs to be a place where children can feel safe, be heard, and feel able to discuss their feelings and concerns without fear or worry. Alban City School is a community of learners and families who work together to resolve issues, recognise that we all share the same hopes and fears and where we encourage each other to see the humanity of each person in our midst. Our school values of kindness, respect, responsibility and resilience enable us to live together and to learn to discuss our differences respectfully. We are confident that these values will be lived and experienced by all members of the school community.

If you or your child have any concerns or are experiencing difficulties, please feel confident to approach us. We will do all we can to help, to listen and to act as and where necessary. We might be able to refer you on to support or advice that you will find helpful.

I am very proud of our school. We are a close and supportive community who have the best interests of everyone at heart. Whilst we are all affected by events locally and globally, we will work together to help our children feel safe, valued and confident.

Non-uniform day 1st December

Next Friday we have a non-school uniform day in return for donations of bottles for the tombola and cakes for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair. Please leave all donations on the tables at the back of the community room. We are unable to accept cakes containing nuts or fresh cream.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.8%. Our target is 97% so we are just slightly below. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance and punctuality. Please remember that holidays during term time will not be authorised, including leaving early for the school holidays, and may result in parents receiving a breach warning letter.

Sports results

Many congratulations to our Girls football team who have reached the quarter final in the St Albans Cup competition after beating Oakwood 4-0! They also won 4-1 in a league match against Samuel Ryder and 2-1 against Cunningham Hill. The boys lost 5-1 against Samuel Ryder and 6-3 against Oakwood but won 1-0 against St John Fisher. Our netball team lost against St Peter's and Abbey last week, but are improving in every match they play and the goals are starting to come now, so congratulations to the team for their resilience.

Illness and infectious diseases

As the winter bugs begin to do the rounds, please support the school community by not bringing siblings with you into school during soft start who are unwell. If you need any help in the mornings, Mrs Carter and I are always happy to look after siblings outside or accompany your child to the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Diary dates Autumn term 2023

29th November	Netball match v STAHS
30 th November	Boys B football v Killigrew
1st December	Non-school uniform day (donations for bottle tombola and cake stall)
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
7 th December	Girls football v Brookman's Park
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