

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the holidays. I hope you enjoyed the break. It was a pleasure to see the smiles on everyone's faces as they walked through the gates on the first day back and saw the new playground. We are delighted with the transformation to our outdoor space, and I hope you are too. Thank you for all the positive comments we have received.

### **OPAL**

The OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) launch this week has been fantastic, and the children are being very successful in following the OPAL rules which are to respect everyone and everything. They are really enjoying playing with the new equipment and we have seen great teamwork, problem solving and creativity in action, such as making seesaws, slides, trampolines and launch pads out of crates, tyres, cable reels and planks. It has been lovely to see children of different ages playing together and older children supporting younger children. Everyone is being active and having fun, and everyone is smiling, including the adults! I hope your children are talking at home about the great outdoor play and fun they are having.

### **Circular saw request**

We have repurposed some of the wood from the old play equipment for the children to play with. We would like to cut up some of the longer poles into smaller pieces because they are too big and heavy to be used at the moment. Does anyone have a circular saw we could borrow please, or the ability to help us do this?

### **No climbing after school**

During the school day we supervise the children on the climbing frame and limit the number of children using it at any one time, but staff are unable to do this after school. Please do not allow your child to play on the climbing frame when you pick them up because it could become overcrowded and unsafe.

### **Playground donations board**

Thank you so much for all your kind donations to help us to pay for the playground. If you would still like to make a donation, please use this [link](#) to our fundraising page by the end of April. Next week I will contact the sign maker to arrange for the playground sponsorship board to be printed. We will include the names of anyone who has donated £50 or more on the board.

### **Field Fridays**

Aboyne Lodge School has kindly allowed us to hire their field in Normandy Road on Fridays this term, as we have done in the last couple of years. We rely on parent volunteers to help us walk the children there and back safely, so not every class will go every week because this is a big ask and it also takes out a chunk of curriculum time. The teachers will communicate with you when they are planning a trip to the field and we really appreciate any offers of help to enable this activity to happen.

### **Sports Day**

Our Sports Day is planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Normandy Road field, with a reserve date of 6<sup>th</sup> June if the weather is unsuitable. We stagger the times during the day because the field is not large enough to accommodate the whole school at once. Reception and Year 1 will be 9.30 - 10.30am, Years 2 and 3 11.00am -12.00pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 1.30 - 3.00pm. This year we are going to have a more

inclusive format to Sports Day that is more aligned to our school's ethos of happiness and wellbeing. There will be carousel of activities that all children can take part in and enjoy, instead of the traditional high-stakes competitive races down a running track that are very public and can be quite daunting or overwhelming for many of our children. The children will rotate around the activities with their class and score points that will be collated so that there is an overall class winner at the end. Points will also be awarded for children demonstrating our Alban City values of kindness, respect, responsibility and resilience. Parents are warmly invited to join us for what we hope will be a very enjoyable day. Please note that there is no parking available at the field.

### **Sports news**

Congratulations to our Year 4 netball team who finished runners up in the St Albans High 5 netball tournament this week. Our Y3 football teams played against Mount Pleasant Lane on Wednesday. The boys were unlucky to lose 0-6 but the girls won 8-0!

### **Eco information**

One of our Year 3 Eco Council reps, Skye, would like to share some information with you about cutting carbon. The leaflet is below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### **Diary dates Summer Term**

5th May	May Bank Holiday
6th May	Year 3 visit to Verulamium
7th May	Year 2 visit to National Gallery
9th May	Sky class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
9th May	PTA meeting 2.30pm
12th May	Year 6 SATS week
16th May	Aqua Class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
16th May	Year 6 parent meeting 9am in the hall regarding residential trip
20th May	Reception health screening
22nd May	Year 1 trip to Natural History Museum
23rd May	Sports Day
26th May	Half term week

4th June	Year 5 visit to St Albans Museum
5th June	Year 5 STEM day at Abbots Hill school
6th June	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
9th June	Y1 Phonics screening and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
9th June	Year 5 K'nex Challenge
11th- 13th June	Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park
13th June	Lime Class sharing assembly
18th June	Year 3 ceramics workshop
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Pickleball experience 9 – 12.30
19th June	Year 3 ceramics workshop
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Archery experience 9 – 12.30
20th June	Apple Class sharing assembly
23rd June	New Reception children stay and play 3.45 - 4.30pm
26th June	Year 5 Victorian Schools Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Careers Day
30th June	New Reception children stay and play 3.45 - 4.30pm
4th July	End of year reports published
7th July	Last week of clubs
9th July	Year 2 trip to Hindu Temple
10th July	Transition Day
10th July	Open Evening 5-7pm and Art Exhibition
11th July	Year 6 performance 9.15am in main hall
16th July	Year 6 trip to West End show
22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
22nd July	End of term Reception - Year 5 1.15pm, Year 6 1.30pm
23rd July	INSET day

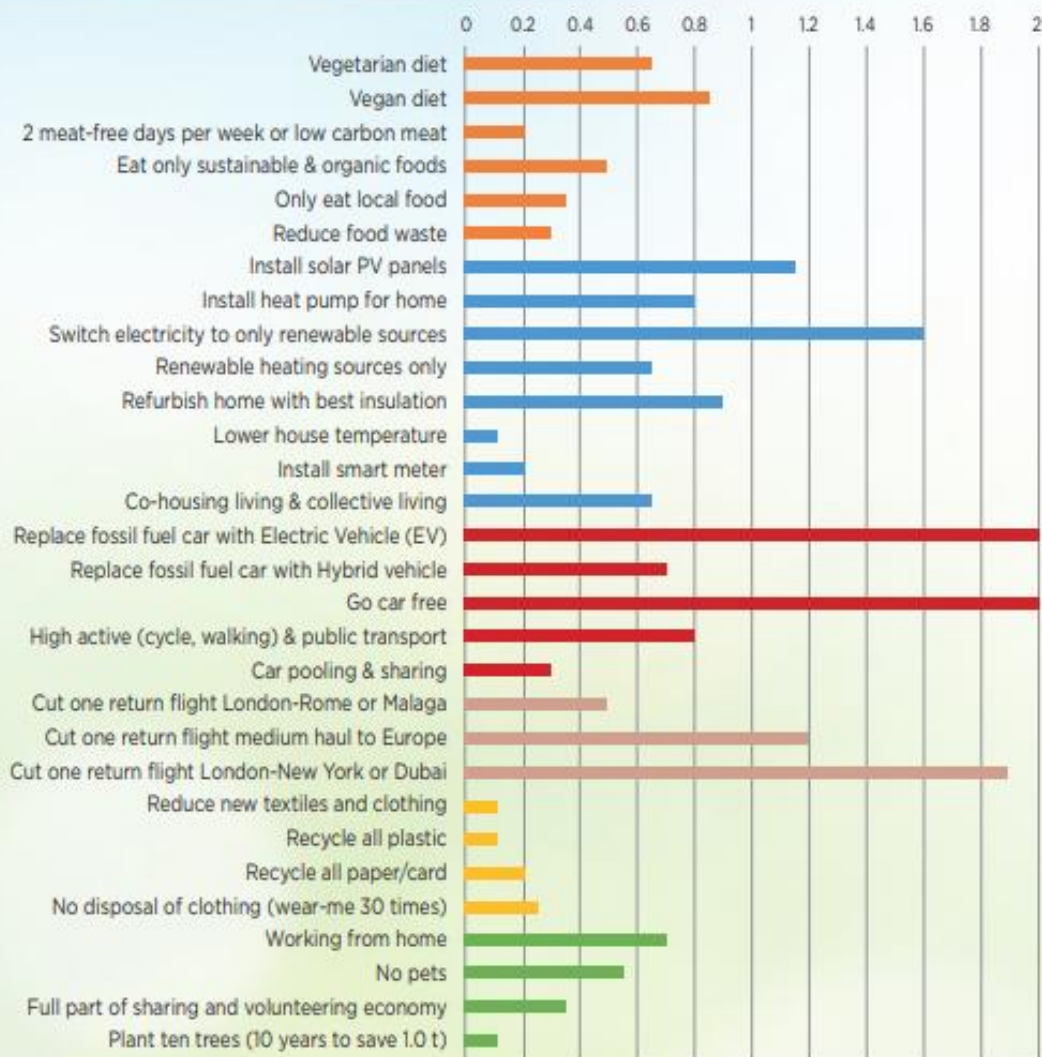
### **Sports fixtures Summer Term**

30th April	Year 5 B Netball @ St Berndadettes
1st May	Girls football finals @ St Columbas
6th May	Girls football vs Prae Wood @ Normandy Rd
7th May	Year 5 A netball @ St Bernadettes
8th May	Year 4 Netball vs St Bernadettes @ ACS
10th May	Girls 6-a-side tournament @ St Columbas
21st May	B netball vs Killigrew @ ACS
22nd May	Year 5 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
3rd June	Year 4 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
4th June	Year 6 Prelims 6-a-side
5th June	Year 5 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
7th June	Year 6 finals 6-a-side (if qualified from prelims)
10th June	Year 5 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
11th June	Year 4 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
18th June	Year 4 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
19th June	Year 5 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
1st July	Year 4 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder

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Thirty personal behaviours to reduce your annual carbon footprint for 2030 (tonnes C saved per person per year)



The data is adapted from key references on carbon by behaviours: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Aalto University and D-mat Ltd. 2018. 1.5-Degree Lifestyles: Targets & options for reducing lifestyle carbon footprints; <https://www.iges.or.jp/en/pub/15-degrees-lifestyles-2019/en>; Ivanova D et al. 2017. Mapping the carbon footprint of EU regions. *Environ Res Letters*, 12(5), p.054013; Ivanova D et al. 2018. Carbon mitigation in domains of high consumer lock-in. *Global Environ Change*, 52, 117-130; Ivanova D & Wood R. 2020. The unequal distribution of household carbon footprints in Europe and its link to sustainability. *Global Sustainability*, 3; Ivanova D et al. 2020. Quantifying the potential for climate change mitigation of consumption options. *Environ Res Letters*, 15(9), p.093001; Project Drawdown. 2020. *The Drawdown Review*. <https://www.drawdown.org/drawdown-review>