

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very long and busy half term, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a break next week. The children and staff have worked very hard and achieved so much in the past 8 weeks, and it has been a fun way to round off the half term and reward everyone's hard work with the Phase 3 disco last night and the non-uniform /crazy hair day today.

Thank you so much for all your support with everything we do. We held our maths parent meeting this morning, and to see the hall full to bursting, with over 100 parents all there to talk about maths, was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Bland, our maths leader, who planned and led the meeting. Her next project is to create mini videos to explain each calculation strategy, which we will share with you when they are ready to help you support your child at home with maths.

New menus from Radish

New menus will be sent out shortly from our new catering company, Radish. A halal order form will accompany the menus which you will need to complete and return to us if you would like your child to have a halal meal because these have to be pre-ordered.

Non-parent governors needed

We are on the lookout for some non-parent governors to join our board. We are keen to increase the diversity of the Governing Body and welcome all applications, although we are particularly keen to recruit people with a background in education or finance. Please share with your business, family and friend networks as widely as possible.

Playground project

During half term the netball court surface will be replaced with the new sports surface, and we can't wait to use the new, improved area for PE and playtimes. The second half of the project, to include the installation of the artificial grass, play equipment, markings and sensory area is planned for the Easter break. We will arrange for a board of sponsors to be made when the project is complete to thank anyone who has donated £50 or more. If you would like to donate any amount to the playground fund, the link is <https://app.goodhub.com/alban-city-school-11527>

New Reception Intake September 2025

After half term I will be conducting tours for prospective parents whose children will be joining Reception in September 2025. Recommendations and positive reviews from current parents on social media are so helpful, so if you have a spare 5 minutes in half term to post a review or you are speaking to your friends and neighbours, please tell them what a great school Alban City is! Tours can be booked on the admissions page on our website or on our Facebook page.

The Monday after half term is an Inset day so the school is closed for staff training. We reopen to the children on Tuesday 5th November. Diary dates and updated sports fixtures for the rest of the Autumn term are below. As a bit of family fun for half term, I am attaching a Halloween Quiz which I hope you will enjoy doing and finding out new information together. Thank you to Mrs Bland, our resident quiz master, for putting it together.

Have a fun half term and a good break, and Happy Diwali to everyone who will be celebrating.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Diary dates Autumn term 2024

4th November	INSET day - school closed to pupils
11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15th November	Magenta sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
20 th November	Animal Man visiting Year 2
22nd November	Amethyst sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
26th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
28th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
28 th November	Year 5 visit to synagogue
29th November	Sage sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
30 th November	PTA Christmas Fair 2-4pm
4th December	Y1 Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
6th December	Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
13th December	Reception Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
17th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
18th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19th December	End of term 1.30pm
20th December	Occasional Day - school closed

Sports Fixtures (Updated)

Football

Tuesday 5th November - Girls @ Cunningham Hill

Friday 8th November - Girls cup @ Bowmansgreen

Tuesday 12th November - Girls B @ Prae Wood

Wednesday 13th November - Boys A @ Mandeville

Thursday 14th November - Boys B & Year 5 @ St Columbas

Friday 15th November - Year 4 Boys & Girls friendlies @ Bowmansgreen

Wednesday 20th November - Boys A @ Mandeville

Thursday 21st November - Boys A and Girls @ Samuel Ryder

Monday 25th November - Boys A & Girls @ Killigrew

Friday 6th December - Girls and Boys tournaments @ Harvesters

Monday 9th December - Year 5 Girls @ Skyswood

Tuesday 10th December - Year 4 Girls @ Skyswood

Thursday 12th December - Year 5 @ Fleetville

Monday 16th December - Boys B & C @ Killigrew

X-country

Thursday 7th November @ Wheatfields

Netball

Thursday 21st November vs Prae Wood @ ACS

Wednesday 27th November @ Gardenfields