

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. The theme this year is “Go All In”. Children are invited to come to school to “go all in” dressed as a book character or in clothes that they feel comfortable wearing to relax and enjoy reading. There is a themed lunch menu on this day which is below. During the day all the children will take part in a Matilda themed workshop, a quiz, paired reading between classes and lots more fun activities to enjoy reading and celebrate books. We are grateful to SASA School of Performing Arts for providing the workshops free of charge.

### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair will take place in the downstairs corridor beginning next Friday from 3.30pm – 4.00pm. Please see the suggested times to visit the book fair below to stagger the number of people visiting at any one time because it can get very busy. Payments can be made by card or cash, and World Book Day vouchers can be used to give a £1 discount from the price. The school benefits from receiving commission from the books that are sold, which we will use towards purchasing more books for the library.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Year groups</b>
Friday 6th March	Y5 and Y6 After school club
Monday 9th March	Y2 and Y3 After school club
Tuesday 10th March	Reception and Y1 After school club
Wednesday 11th March	Y4 and anyone else After school club

### **Parent consultation meetings**

Meetings with class teachers will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40 – 7.00pm. Appointments are also available with Sirpa, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner, on 17<sup>th</sup>. Please book all meetings through Arbor by going to Guardian Consultations and selecting the date of your choice. Bookings open at 6pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. For parents who are separated, we regret that we can only accommodate one meeting per child, but we are happy for the other parent to join the meeting by phone or video call if required (parents to facilitate this themselves). If you have any questions or difficulties booking an appointment, please speak to the school office team.

### **Sports results**

In recent football matches against Prae Wood School, our Girls team won 3-2 and our Boys team lost 1-0. Our netball team won 11-0 against Bowmansgreen School. Our Cross Country team competed yesterday and everyone ran very well. Our highest placed finishers were Sophia (9<sup>th</sup>) and Fergus (16<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to everyone who has represented our school so brilliantly in these fixtures.

### **Junior Parkrun**

In September 2025 I registered our school for the Verulamium Junior Parkrun. Since then lots of families have participated on Sunday mornings, and I'm very proud to share that Alban City School is

third on the Verulamium leaderboard for the number of parkrunners. An amazing 138 runs have been completed by our pupils. Please go along on a Sunday morning if you would like to get involved. The run begins at 9am with a short warm up beforehand and the meeting point is close to the Museum car park. Runners have to be registered in advance at [www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/)

### **Charity Fundraiser for Number Champions**

We are pleased to be partnered with Number Champions, which is a charity that provides one-to-one maths support for children who find maths challenging, helping them build confidence and catch up with the curriculum in a fun and encouraging way. Currently Fabrizio Paltani and Olga Dremova, who are both parents of children in our school, come into school to work with children in Year 3. On 26th April Olga will be running the London Marathon in support of the Number Champions charity. If you would like to support her and the charity, her fundraising page is <https://www.justgiving.com/page/olga-dremova-1>

### **Miss Lord**

As you are aware, Miss Lord (our SENCO) has been absent due to ill health this term. Unfortunately, she will not be returning to work before 1<sup>st</sup> May at the earliest. Mrs Lawton is our Assistant SENCO and she works Wednesdays – Fridays. She is doing everything she can to fill in for Miss Lord, supported by members of the senior leadership team (SLT). She may not be able to respond to emails as promptly as she would like to due to the volume of workload, or you may receive a response from a member of SLT instead, so thank you for your patience and understanding. If anything is urgent, please speak to your child's teacher or the school office and we will do everything we can to help. We send all good wishes to Miss Lord for her continuing recovery.

### **Information and support for parents of children with additional needs**

Hertfordshire is divided into 9 DSPL areas (Delivering Special Provision Locally). Our school is in DSPL7 and parents can access services and support through the DSPL which are fully funded. For more information please visit <https://www.dspl7.org.uk/parent-training-and-support-information/>

### **School uniform policy**

A polite reminder that children should be wearing black school shoes to school, not trainers. Thank you for your support.

### **Attendance**

Our current whole school attendance is 95.9%. We need to build back up to the figure set by the DfE for our school of 96.7% so thank you for your support in not taking your child out of school during term time.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

2 March	Choir rehearsal 1-3pm @ Garden Fields School
4 March	Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents 9am and 3pm
5 March	World Book Day
6 March	Crimson Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
6 March	Book Fair begins
6 March	Year 2 visit to St Albans Cathedral
9 March	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew
9 March	Year 4 visit to St Peter's Church
12 March	Parent Consultation meetings
12 March	Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival
13 March	Scarlet Class sharing assembly 9.00am in the theatre
16 March	Choir rehearsal 1-3pm @ Garden Fields School
17 March	Junior Orchestra Open Rehearsal - parents welcome
17 March	Parent Consultation meetings
20 March	Year 4 Viking Day
20 March	Senior Orchestra rehearsal @ Nicholas Breakspeare School 9.30 - 12.00
23 March	Orchestra performing with St Albans Schools at Alban Arena (and 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> )
23 March	Multi-faith assembly with faith leaders
24 March	Year 5 Spring Concert 9.00am in the theatre
24 March	Choir rehearsal 1-3pm Alban Arena and performance 7pm
25 March	Year 6 trip to RAF museum
26 March	Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
27 March	End of term 1.30pm

## Sports fixtures

2 March	Netball match v St Adrians
3 March	Year 6 Boys football v St Columba's
9 March	Netball match v Camp
10 March	Year 6 Girls football v Mandeville
11 March	Year 6 Boys football v Killigrew
12 March	Year 3 Tag Rugby festival
14 March	Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder
17 March	Year 6 Girls football v Mandeville
18 March	Cross country @ Garden Fields
19 March	Netball match v Oakwood

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‘Mr Twit’s’

Beef & Lentil Bolognese & Spaghetti

*or*

‘Dragons Love Tacos’

Vegetable Tacos with Rice &  
Vegetables

*or*

‘Supertato’s’

Jacket Potato with toppings

*and*

‘Charlie and the Chocolate’

Crispy Cake



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'Mr Twit's'

Beef & Lentil Bolognese & Gluten  
Free Pasta

*or*

'Supertato's'

Jacket Potato with Beans & Vegan  
Cheese

*and*

'Charlie and the Chocolate'

Rice Crispy Cake



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let's eat, together