



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to May 14th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are trialling Maths Whizz at the moment in the juniors and deciding if it is something worth purchasing. The children have informed me that they enjoy using it and I have seen some excellent progress in the first few weeks, however, still early days. We have the trial until the end of the term. It also takes the pressure of you at home as the programme adapts to mistakes and teaches the children.

A very short video of children talking about their “virtual tutor” is worth a watch <https://youtu.be/AcoGZBm0gcg> Let me know what you think of it!

Well done to the children below for fantastic progress in maths ages!!

Student name	Class name	Improvement in Maths Age (weeks)	Average Usage (mins per week)	Average Progressions (per week)
SANUYAN SANTHIRAPOSS	308	4.5	50	8.3
MACKENZIE QUICK	512	4	91	17
LOTTIE BOYD	511	2.5	29	3
FRANKIE KNEEN	409	2	87	3.7
CALVIN SHELDRAKE	614	2	54	5.6
FINLAY O'CONNOR	511	2	52	7
LILLY SPEED	511	2	69	5
HARRY FUNCKS	409	1.5	25	3.6
MAISIE PHENNAH	613	1.5	19	2.8
ARCHIE MCLOUGHLIN	512	1.5	15	3

Book Swap

Thanks to all the books that were donated – there was a huge selection and we are very grateful for your generosity. Reading is so important – a pathway to new worlds.

Summer Uniform / PE KIT

It helps our children be in the right frame of mind for school. At St Alban's we know that if our children look smart, they are often acting smart! However, we are aware that many families are struggling to access shops and that supply chains have been affected. Therefore for this term we are not taking a strict stance on uniform. Summer uniform is now available and children can still wear the very smart PE uniform. Please contact the office if you need any help on the summer uniform.

Hoping you have a great weekend and we can start to make our good attendance even better.

As with regards PE kit – please can you help us with not asking the children to wear football kits – a plain T shirt is the school policy at the moment. We want to be as inclusive as possible.

We will move back to the full uniform in September.

Attendance

Thanks for the feedback on attendance – we recognise children should not miss out on something because of things outside their control. I am looking at the most inclusive rewards and something that maybe supports our whole school target of 97% - we are currently on 96%.

We will support those families where attendance is a concern and we will challenge it. We recognise that all families are different. Please help us to ensure the children regain that lost learning. We are here to support you and the children. We will help anyone who is facing challenges – that is also our mission.

Holiday Requests

As we move towards further easing of Covid-19 safety restrictions we are aware that many families are considering holidays. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that we maximise school time for our children's wellbeing and urge families not to take holidays in term time. Holiday requests will not be authorised.



STAR OF THE WEEK

St Alban's Stars of the week

Reception	Kian Hunstone	Frazer Johnson
Year 1	Oliver Barrow	Scarlett Daly
Year 2	Sophia Kirby Oliver Mitchell	Curtis Riley
Year 3	Daniel Speight	James Lowe
Year 4	Amelie Breheny	Esmee- Rose Richmond
Year 5	Lilly Speed	Matthew Ansell
Year 6	Ella Tomney Ben Howard Harry Fardoe	Connor Clarke Jessica Mooney Lily Trevor Hickman

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