



## St Albans Catholic Primary School, Walker

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Christmas preparations are in full swing, and the lovely sound of Christmas songs is echoing through our corridors. This week, we welcomed parishioners from Christ the King Parish into school for a parish Mass, joined by Year 5, who read and sang beautifully.

**OPAL Play Developments**

We have made some exciting additions to the school yard, including a new water wall and music wall, as part of our commitment to valuing OPAL play and the many benefits it brings. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate outdoor clothing, as we will be outside in all weathers. Our next additions will include a sensory wall and a creative zone. We would be grateful for any donations such as good-condition pallets, pots and pans, or dressing-up clothes.

**Attendance Policy Update**

The updated Attendance Policy is now available on the school website. All unauthorised absences that fall within the policy will be referred to the Local Authority, and parents may receive a warning letter or penalty notice. This will be implemented from Summer Term 2026. For further information, please see the link: School Attendance and Absence.

**Behaviour Policy Update**

The updated Behaviour Policy is now available on the school website.

**Uniform Reminder**

A reminder that all children require a PE kit in school consisting of a white t-shirt, black shorts, and black plimsolls. If a child does not bring their PE kit, a reminder slip will be sent home. Please see the school website to review the full Uniform Policy.

**Arbor Lunch Reminder**

Please ensure your child's lunch choices on Arbor are completed at least 24 hours before each Monday. The school office is currently having to contact parents for meal choices, which is taking a significant amount of time. Completing selections in advance helps us ensure lunches are ordered correctly and on time. Scheduled reminders have now been set up on Arbor. If you need help, we are happy to guide you, and a step-by-step guide will be added to the website.

**Saturday Takeover Mass**

Our Takeover Mass at Christ the King on Saturday evening was excellent and very well attended. The children performed and read beautifully, and their lovely artwork for the celebration of Christ the King is now displayed around the school.

**Exciting News – Book Swap Coming Soon!**

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be launching a **Book Swap** in the school entrance! We now have a dedicated cupboard where children can borrow a book and swap it for another. If you have any books at home that are in good condition and would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on when the Book Swap will officially begin! Happy reading.

**Christmas Jumper Swap**

This year at St Albans, we will be hosting a **Christmas Jumper Swap!** The swap will be located in the main office. If your child needs a jumper, please feel free to come and pick one up. Likewise, if you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers in good condition, we would be very grateful for donations. Let's spread some festive cheer and give these jumpers a new home!

## **Football Success**

Well done to the girls' football team who competed last night at Benfield! They showed fantastic resilience and teamwork, winning 3 out of their 4 games. A brilliant effort from everyone involved! Thank to Mrs Marshall for accompanying them.

## **Evacuation Chair Training**

We now have six trained staff members who can confidently support anyone requiring mobility assistance in the event of a fire. Staff have been fully trained by an external provider. We have also purchased one evacuation chair — the **Evac+Chair Mark 5 model**.

Upcoming Dates

- Christmas Fayre – Thursday 11th December – Children may wear Christmas jumpers for National Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 18th December - Children may wear Christmas jumpers
- Christmas Play Performances – 9:15am (morning AM) and 2:00pm (afternoon PM)

	Monday 8th Dec	Tuesday 9th Dec	Wednesday 10th Dec	Thursday 11th Dec
AM	Year 5 and 6	EYFS	Year 3 and 4	Year 1 and 2
PM	EYFS	Year 3 and 4	Year 1 and 2	Year 5 and 6

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Yeoman**