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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final week of term, we have enjoyed such a lovely time celebrating with the children and embracing this festive period together.

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to sing carols at the local care home, we shared a beautiful school Mass celebrated by Fr Jonathan, who reminded us all about the true meaning of Christmas, and our Christmas Fayre was a great success and full of festive fun. There was something for everyone to enjoy, from *Guess the Baby Picture* to basketball with Mr Marshall, glitter tattoos with Miss Green, and the ever-popular Wheel of Fortune run by Fr Jonathan and Emmet. The event created a fantastic atmosphere and truly brought our school community together.

Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we raised nearly £1,200. This money will go directly towards improving our school yard. This week, we have already installed a sensory mirror, additional metal fidgets on the wall, a puppet theatre, and seating tyres. These new resources are already proving popular and will provide the children with exciting opportunities for play, creativity, and social interaction.

As we continue to develop the outdoor area, we would be very grateful for any donations of old prams, old scooters, or wooden pallets, provided they are in good condition. If you can help, please contact the school office.

As we come to the end of term, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my first term as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know our children and families, and I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome and continued support. We have had many successes this term, and I look forward to sharing a Parent and Carer Survey in the New Year so that we can gather your valuable feedback.

Key updates

School will reopen on **Monday 5th January**.

Year 1 and Year 2 will begin Forest School.

Year 4 will start swimming lessons every Friday.

Further information will be shared in due course.

Aspirational Campaign:

In January, we will be taking part in St Alban's first Aspirational Campaign. It will be based on the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds.

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.

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. As a result, parents may be issued with a warning letter or a penalty notice. This will be implemented from **Summer Term 2026**. For further information, please see the link: [Policies | St Alban's](#)

Book Swap

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. Happy reading!

I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Yeoman