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St Alban's Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made our school such a caring and welcoming community. This year we have enjoyed and excelled in the presence of God in so many ways.

To our children, thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and hard work. You have embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and live out our Gospel values each day. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved. It is you that makes St Albans such a special place and we thank God every day for you!

To our parents and families, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your trust, generosity and commitment to our school community are greatly appreciated, and together we have helped our children flourish.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, professionalism and care. Your compassion, care, efforts and faith-filled service have made a difference to the lives of our children and families.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to several valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities or beginning a new chapter in their lives. We thank them for the many ways they have enriched our school community through their dedication, kindness and service. They leave with our sincere gratitude, our prayers and every good wish for happiness and success in the future. They will always remain part of our school family.

As we begin the summer break, may it be a time of rest, joy and renewal for everyone. We keep all members of our school family in our prayers and thank God for the many blessings we have shared this year.

May God bless you and your families, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter together.

Kind regards,
Lisa Dempsey
Assistant Headteacher



HOPPING INTO SUMMER: OUR PETER RABBIT ADVENTURE

Under the creative guidance of Mrs Mingstones, every child in school helped decorate our own Peter Rabbit sculpture for the Peter Rabbit™: Tales on the Tyne art trail. Each pupil designed a colourful dot which was added to the sculpture, creating a wonderful piece of artwork that represents our whole school community.

As part of the project, staff also contributed to the Meadow of Memories installation in remembrance of Fr Conaty. His name was hand-painted onto a leaf and added to a memory bench, creating a lasting tribute to someone who meant so much to our school community.

The trail is a fantastic free activity for families during the summer holidays. Why not see if you can find all the Peter Rabbit sculptures across Newcastle and North Tyneside, but most importantly, make sure you look out for our very own St Alban's Peter Rabbit!



WE WILL MISS YOU MRS MINGSTONES

For twenty years you've worn the crown,
Bringing smiles wherever found.
From Nursery children to pupils tall,
You've shared your gifts with one and all.

A queen of kindness, art and care,
Inspiring children everywhere.
Bringing colour, joy and flair,
To all the children in your care.

And as a final royal treat,
You brought the ice cream van
to our street.
A generous gesture,
kind and sweet,
Creating memories none can beat.

So thank you, Mrs Mingstones,
for all you've done,
A cherished queen to everyone.
We wish you happiness
as you depart,

You'll always reign within our hearts!



LEAVERS 2026

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they leave St Alban's and begin the next exciting chapter of their journey. They will always be part of the St Alban's family. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the future.

We also say goodbye to children in other classes who are leaving us and to our staff Mrs Bone, Miss Atkinson and Miss Quirke.



CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

Drama Club took to The Northern Stage for their performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* – and what a performance it was! We were joined by other schools from the trust to bring our production to the stage. Children have been attending drama club every Monday to learn their parts, boost their confidence and develop their performance skills. We were working closely with the Royal Shakespeare Company as well as sound technicians, stagehands and our director, Zoe. Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who took part. We can't wait to see what next year's drama club will bring.



Last week, our Ukulele Club proudly represented St Alban's at Trinity Church, Gosforth. Four talented musicians performed some of our favourite school tunes, joined on stage by Mr Rudkin, our music leader. We are incredibly proud of the children for their confidence, talent and excellent representation of our school.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers for their support of our young musicians throughout the year.

Our pupils enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day filled with energy, determination and teamwork. From sprints and relays to novelty races, everyone gave their best effort and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and cheer on the children. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success!



Year 6 recently took part in the Fiver Challenge, where each team was given £5 to start their own mini business. Pupils used their creativity, teamwork and enterprise skills to plan, market and sell a range of products and services. The challenge was a great success, with the year group making an impressive £93 profit, which will be used towards their end of school treats and celebrations. Congratulations to all the teams who took part, and a special well done to Wafflicious, who were crowned the winners, finishing just 80p ahead of the runners-up!

We rounded off the year in spectacular fashion with our Purple Treat, a whole-school water fight! This special reward was earned through the children's amazing behaviour, positive attitudes and hard work throughout the year. Armed with water pistols, buckets and plenty of enthusiasm, pupils and staff enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon together. There were lots of smiles, laughter and a few very soggy teachers, making it the perfect way to celebrate the end of year.



UNIFORM REMINDER

As we prepare for the new school year, please ensure that children attend school wearing the correct uniform:

- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without the school logo)
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Dark grey/charcoal trousers, knee-length shorts, skirt or dress
- Pale blue/white checked summer dress (optional)
- Plain white, black or grey socks or tights
- Black school shoes or black trainers
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All clothing, footwear and PE kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please remember:

- Jewellery, including earrings, is not permitted.
- A sensible wristwatch may be worn.

Long hair should be tied back where appropriate.

Key Dates September:

- Wed 2nd School Opens
- Tue 8th First Holy Communion Meeting at St Teresa's
- Wed 16th - Fri 18th Year 4 Residential

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2026-27

Our full calendar is available on our website:

Break up Fri 23rd for October Half Term

Return to school Monday 2nd November

Break up Fri 18th for Christmas Holiday

Return to school Monday 4th January

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to be offering a range of after-school clubs in the new term. Most clubs will begin in the second week back, with details of our full offering being shared during the first week of term.

However, our popular sports clubs with Mr Marshall will return from Week 1:

- Monday: Basketball (Year 5 & 6)
- Tuesday: Girls' Football (Year 5 & 6)
- Wednesday: Boys' Football (Year 5 & 6)
- Thursday: Mixed Football (Boys & Girls, Year 3 & 4)

Ukulele Club with Mr Rudkin will take place on Thursdays, starting on 10th September, and is initially open to pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6.

We look forward to launching a range of other exciting clubs from the second week of term. Further information and sign-up details will be sent out during the first week back.

All clubs will be available to sign up to via Arbor.



Loving God, thank you for the gifts and friendships we have enjoyed this year. Keep our families safe during the summer holidays and help us return refreshed and ready to learn. Amen

Have a safe, happy and fun-filled summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at St Alban's.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on
Wednesday 2nd September at 8.50am

