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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week at school. Thankfully, we have been blessed by dry, crisp November weather and the children have been able to access the yard all week – always a bonus! However, the weather forecast is suggesting rain next week, so please ensure that your child continues to wear or bring their coat to school.

Remembrance Day

Our school community came together for a beautiful and deeply moving Remembrance Service led by Mrs Gosling. A special thankyou to the Year 6 who took responsibility for sharing prayers with the children and who sang 'Abide with Me' so beautifully, creating a poignant and reflective atmosphere. Wreaths were laid at the focal point as a mark of respect and remembrance, and all children listened reverently and respectfully to the Gospel. It was particularly lovely to see how well the children understood the significance of Remembrance Day and why we take time to remember those who have sacrificed so much for others. The assembly was a truly special occasion, filled with reflection, respect and gratitude. The focal point has now been moved to the entrance of school. EYFS held their own service in class so that our youngest children could take part in this special day, in an age appropriate way.

Christmas Crafts

A lovely group of EYFS parents joined us to spend some special time creating Christmas crafts alongside their children. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, sharing ideas and enjoying some festive creativity together. The children each took home a fabulous Santa and were so proud of what they had made. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to join us and help make the activity such an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Children In Need

Our school community had a wonderful time supporting Children in Need. The children arrived at school dressed in their cosy pyjamas, helping to create a fun and relaxed atmosphere while raising money for such a worthwhile cause. Generous donations were made, and cakes and drinks were on sale, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! In class, the children also took time to reflect on the needs of others and consider how we can all make a difference by showing kindness, compassion and generosity. A huge thank you to all our families and staff who supported the day, particularly those who kindly donated cakes. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated!

Start of the School Day

8:45 am Gates close at 8:50am

Registers are taken at 8:50am

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time each morning. Being punctual makes such a positive difference, allowing children to settle quickly, begin their

learning promptly and make the very most of every school day. We really appreciate your efforts and the important role you play in helping our school day get off to such a positive start. Thank you for your continued support!
As ever, we continue to thank you so much for complying with the new **late to school** arrangements.

Who's who at St Albans: The Newbies!

Year 1: Miss Morrison

Hello, I am Fay Morrison and I am thrilled to have joined St Albans this year to teach year 1!

After qualifying as a teacher, I spent some time working in several schools across Newcastle and Gateshead, before taking a full-time role teaching Year 4 at a school in Gateshead. Before qualifying as a teacher, I spent time working in specialist SEN and SEMH provisions as a teaching assistant.

My main goal is for the children I teach to develop into confident, lifelong learners who enjoy a challenge. I aim to provide experiences for children to explore learning in a positive and meaningful way, allowing them to broaden their view of the world.

Teaching year 1 is a privilege. It is a chance to ensure children have the key skills they need to move from play based learning into more structured academic subjects, which will set them up for success as they progress through their educational journey. I have a particular passion for literacy, and it is my goal this year to make sure all children have the tools they need to be able to grow into confident readers and writers.

Thank you to the whole St Albans community for such a warm welcome.

That's all for this week. Have another great week everyone. Look forward to seeing you on Monday!