



Important Dates for the diary

Please use our school website to find our school term dates for this next year.

- **Wednesday 27th September 2023 - 2:15pm**
Year 6 parent workshop – Residential and SATS prep
- **Wednesday 4th October 2023** – Early Years (reception and Nursery) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) at St. Alban's church for Harvest assembly
- **Wednesday 5th October 2023** – Early Years (reception and Nursery) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) at St. Alban's church for Harvest assembly
- **Wednesday 18th October 2023** – Parents evening – more information to follow.



Dear Parents and Carers,
Another wonderful week with some many achievements at St Alban's!

I have hatched so many Dojo avatars this week, they are popping up in all rooms now!

Year 2 attended their trip to Warwick castle last week and they had a brilliant day. The staff commented on how very well behaved and how much of a great day that they had. We are looking forward to more visits over the year!

Year 3 finally went on their walk down to the moat on Thursday. They were nearly washed away but they got there and back in one, soggy piece and managed to measure the moat and look at it. They did actually enjoy going too!

We have received training from our school nurse on asthma, allergies and epipens too. All of our staff have had their training refreshed and it is now in line with the guidance from the Nursing team. They shall also be back soon to carry out some height and weight checks for the children and to offer support with healthy routines for reception.

*Thank you for your continued support to enable
our children with*

*Learning, Growing and Exploring together
with God.*

Attendance and punctuality

As I said last week, we want to see your child on time everyday to help them make good progress!

Each week, we shall be awarding a Dojo point for being on time and in school every day! This Dojo is given each Friday afternoon to celebrate whole class attendance as well as individual attendance.

We have been recognising classes with the best attendance by awarding a certificate and extra playtime too! So far, RECEPTION have been on top of the leader board twice and they have been awarded 15 minutes of extra play time.

Your child's class need to be top for attendance and have over 98% in order to achieve this reward. (I was kind and gave both Year 1 and Year 3 5 minutes of extra play last week because they did have 98% or above but were pipped to the post!

This week's top attenders as a class are**RECEPTION** again with **98.89%**

If you child is still working towards 98% or above for their attendance – THANK YOU! You are working towards that half termly wrist band rewards.

Harvest celebrations –

We shall be celebrating Harvest at St Alban's Church this year. EYFS and KS1 will be walking down to the church and holding their assembly from 1:45pm on Wednesday 4th October. KS2 will be walking down and having their assembly from 1:45pm on Thursday 5th October. All parents are welcome to attend this event at the church. If you are available to help us set up chairs for the event, then please let me know and I will make arrangements for you to help.

We would like to start collecting non-perishable items for our Harvest offering. This could include jar, tins or packet food – items that cannot go off. These donations will be made to The Well, St Alban's Church and the Good Shephard. Please do begin to bring these in to school as of Monday.



Learning, Growing and
Exploring together with God

St. Alban's Church are also holding an informal and relaxed 7 week course and this will be for anyone that wishes to explore the meaning of life. On Wednesday evenings at St Alban's Church, starting on the 20th September 2023 with a day aay on Saturday 11th November 2023.

Please email Rev Tom Fish directly to book the course.

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Values and expectations

This week, we have heard stories of 'Trust' in worship assembly. We want all children and staff to be safe and well whilst in school and you must put your trust in us to do so just as we trust that you shall support us with our decisions in keeping all children safe and well at school



Uniform –

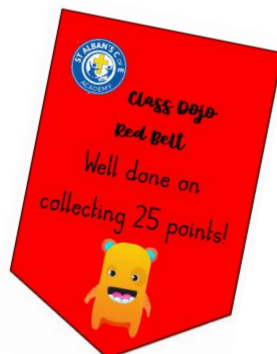
With the winter weather rearing its head this week, we have seen lots more coats arrive in school – many of these are duplicated. Please ensure that names are in coats so that we can return lost property to the correct owner.

Lots of children are also complaining of being cold on the playground and this is due to the choices in uniform. Please ensure that uniform is supportive of children being able to play outside on a cold day – we do still go outside on a chilly day and even if it is only slightly spitting.



Class Dojo

I have hatched so many Dojo avatars this week, they are popping up in all rooms now! This means that children are beginning to achieve 25 points and are gaining their Red belts....Next step is 50 points and at this point, they may change their avatar's appearance (that's an avatar just there on the red belt tag in the photo.!)



Headlice

We have had reports of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair for headlice by brushing hair with a fine-tooth comb regularly.

You can treat hair by using conditioner and a fine-tooth comb to remove head lice or you can purchase treatments from the chemist. This must be done to remove lice before your child returns to school.

Here is your e-safety support poster -

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging text, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's end-to-end encrypted, only allowing messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients. Even WhatsApp itself can't read them! This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has issued a decision that WhatsApp's use of end-to-end encryption on private messaging, WhatsApp, is unlikely to be found compliant with the new ePrivacy Regulation.

AGE RESTRICTION 16+
in UK and Europe, rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent campaigns include posing as the father of a child, requesting a money transfer because of a genuine emergency. This is a scam where scammers trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account from a device or IP address that isn't yours. You'll need to verify the code sent to you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (the use of their friends' contacts) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of this information, messages transmitted more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double check icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from original, and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT
The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some unhelpful users sharing inappropriate images or questionable links, knowing that the recipient won't be given the ability to see the evidence of misbehavior. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content, but a recently updated WhatsApp feature now blocks this, giving increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK
Another new option allows users to lock certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked' state. Locked content cannot be searched, forwarded or used in conversations. The feature is that this function creates the potential for making people in these conversations and content that they suspect their contacts wouldn't approve of (even if they're not explicitly tagged).

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp's live location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety is always top priority. However, as well as your child's contacts but an untrusted group chat can also track their location - provided by a third party. Strangers identify a child's phone address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages, setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who isn't asking to see it online.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRNACY
Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked' group, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Julia Bellamy is an award-winning author, speaker and trainer who has been named as one of the top 100 in the world. She has written several books, and has been named as one of the top 100 in the world. She is also a member of the National Online Safety's expert panel.

...HEY OSCAR...

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact MASH on: 01902 555392 (9am –5pm). Out of office hours contact the emergency duty team on 01902 552999 or in an emergency call 999. Alternatively, you can call Child Line on 0800 1111 or email them by visiting www.childline.org.

Please also feel free to come and speak to either Mrs Wooldridge, Mrs Abbiss, or Miss Bradford. We will always listen and try to help.