



Every day, we learn, love and pray, following in the footsteps of Jesus

18th Sept 2026

Heavenly Father,

As this weekend begins, we thank You for the gift of rest and time to renew our spirit. Guide our activities, bless our relationships, and help us draw closer to You in these precious days.
Amen

A Little Reminder About Being on Time

We love welcoming our children into school each morning and helping them get their day off to the best possible start. Learning begins promptly at **8.55am**, and the **side gates will be locked at 9.00am**.

The first lessons of the day are especially important, as this is often when children take part in reading, phonics and other key learning activities. Even arriving a few minutes late can mean missing valuable learning and settling-in time with friends and teachers.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child arrive on time each day. Working together, we can make sure every child starts the day feeling confident, ready to learn and able to make the most of every opportunity.

**Every day matters. Every lesson counts.
Every child can achieve.**

Welcome to Reception!

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We are delighted to have you as part of the St Alban's family and look forward to a wonderful year of learning, friendship and fun together! Please make sure you have returned all permission forms so that we can post on social media.

Safeguarding

Please make sure all online games are age appropriate for your child, and limit the amount of screen time they have - especially before bed time.

Meet Our Staff Team

As we begin another exciting year at St Alban's, we are delighted to introduce our class teams:

Reception/Year 1: Miss Moore, Miss Wisden-Foat and Miss Mills

Year 2: Miss Biju, Miss Bloom and Miss Hoskins

Year 3: Miss Pitman and Miss Thompson

Year 4: Miss Cabrera, Miss Duke, Miss Reveley and Miss Thorley (Fridays)

Year 5: Mrs Hiles, Miss Fenton and Mr Martin

Year 6: Miss Collings and Miss Lamb

Mrs Livingstone will be teaching in Years 3,4,5 and 6 every other Monday.



We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to **Miss Biju**, who joins our school community this year. We are delighted to have her as part of the St Alban's family and know she will be a wonderful addition to our team.

**Mrs Woodward and the
St Alban's Staff Team**



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Thank you to many parents who have been parking further away from the school gates and keeping our children and families safe.

School Street restrictions are in operation between 8:10am and 9:10am each morning and 2.30pm to 3.15pm each day. During these times, only vehicles with a valid School Street permit may enter the designated area around the school.

Please be aware that vehicles entering the restricted area without a valid permit may receive a **Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)**. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the Term

Every Tues and Wed starting on the 15th Sept: 3 - 3.30pm Reading Cafe for pupils from Y1 - Y6. An opportunity for the children to read a variety of books in our library with staff and friends. Parents pick up from FP playground.

Fri 18th Sept: Mrs Livingstone will be running the Family Thrive sessions from 9am until 10.30am in our Community Cafe. More information to follow.

Tues 22nd Sept : Monster Phonics Celebration Day! Dress up as your favourite Monster Phonic Character.

Monster Phonics Dress-Up Day!

On **Tuesday 22nd September**, we will be celebrating **Monster Phonics** with a fun dress-up day! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Monster Phonics character and join in a range of exciting reading and phonics activities throughout the day.

We can't wait to see all the colourful monsters and celebrate our love of reading together!



Tues 22nd Sept : Parent reading information meeting @ 2.15pm in the school hall - Parents from Y1 - Year 3 are invited to attend. This meeting will focus on phonics, reading skills and will answer any questions you might have about home reading.

Thurs 24th Sept: Year 6 to St Fagans

Fri 25th Sept: 9.15am Macmillan Coffee Morning

Fri 2nd Oct: Harvest Festival - Parents are invited to come and enjoy some veg soup and bread at 1.45pm to share in God's wonderful harvest with their children.

Tues 6th Oct: Colorfoto in school hall to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like younger siblings to be in the photograph, please arrive from 8.30am onwards.

Wed 7th Oct: Grandparents are invited to share refreshments with their grandchildren from 9.30am until 10.30am. Celebrating Grandparents Day!

Thurs 8th Oct: Numeracy Information Meeting for Parents @ 2.15pm in the school hall

Tues 13th Oct: Parent and Teacher Meetings

Wed 14th Oct: Parent and Teacher Meetings

Fri 16th Oct: Wear Red to school to 'Show Racism the Red Card'

Fri 23rd Oct: End term - Half term Mon 26th October - Friday 30th October.

School Essentials Grant: Even if your child is receiving Universal Primary Free School Meals, you still need to check your eligibility for other support, such as the **School Essentials Grant** and **extra funding for your school**. Click the link to check whether you are entitled to the grant:
<https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs>