



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

25th 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 Polite 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.**

Safeguarding

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it **must be handed in to the school office on arrival** and collected at the end of the school day.

Any mobile phone that is not handed in to the office will be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. In these circumstances, the phone will only be returned to a parent or carer.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils.



Estyn Parent Meeting

On Monday 5th October, Estyn inspectors would like to hear your views about St Alban's Catholic Primary School.

They will be holding a meeting for parents and carers in the school hall at 3:15pm. This is an opportunity to share your experiences of the school, discuss your child's learning and development, and provide feedback directly to the inspection team.

To support attendance, school staff will supervise children while parents and carers attend the meeting. We encourage as many parents and carers as possible to take part and share their views.

Thank you for your support

Healthy Choices

To help our children stay healthy, focused and ready to learn, we encourage all pupils to bring a healthy lunchbox which could include a piece of fruit or vegetables and a healthy snack to school, along with a bottle of water to drink. Healthy foods provide important nutrients that support growth, concentration and energy levels throughout the day, while water helps children stay hydrated and alert. By making healthy choices, we can work together to develop positive habits that support both wellbeing and learning.



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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 the school office.

Reading Session With Your Child (Year 1 - Year 4 parents) Tuesday 29th September at 2:15pm

Following the positive feedback from parents at this week's reading meeting, we are delighted to offer a series of **fortnightly reading sessions** leading up to half term. These sessions will give you the opportunity to learn how to support your child's reading at home using our **Monster Phonics** resources. The first session will focus on:

- Understanding phonics and how it supports reading
- Developing reading skills and confidence
- Practical strategies to use at home
- Answering any questions you may have about home reading

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to help your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE: COLORFOTO

Individual and sibling photographs will now be on **Monday 12th October**. Colorfoto will be in the 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.

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>

DBS Checks for Volunteers: The local authority have been reviewing their DBS process over the last year in order to make it more streamlined, efficient and most of all safeguarding centred. To this end, all of volunteer DBS applications will now be processed through the partnership of Powys Local Authority. Paper copies no longer be accepted from 31st August 2026 and all applications will be made online. A form will be completed by the DBS verifier (Mrs Sheedy) and an electronic link will be sent to you to complete the application. If you are interested in volunteering in school for extra curricular activities, educational visits, information sharing with pupils, please email the school with your full name, the email address you want to use to be contacted and your reason for applying for a DBS. We can then start the process of applying for your DBS. Many thanks, Mrs Sheedy.