



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

9th Sept 2026

Wonderful Lord,

As a new school term begins, thank you for the gift of fresh starts and new opportunities to learn.

Please watch over us, keep us safe, and guide our steps.

Give us curious minds, steady focus, and kind hearts to share with our teachers and friends.

Help us to do our best in all we try and to remember that you are always with us.

Amen.

Every Day Counts:

A Great Start to the New School Year

As we begin a new school year, good attendance is one of the most important ways to help children succeed. Being in school every day allows children to build positive relationships, develop confidence, and make the most of their learning opportunities.

The start of the year is particularly important as teachers introduce new routines, expectations and key learning that children will build on throughout the term. Missing even a few days can make it harder for children to settle in and keep up with their classmates.

We understand that there are times when children may be unwell, but wherever possible, we encourage all pupils to attend school every day and arrive on time. Together, we can ensure every child gets the best possible start to the year.

Every day matters. Every lesson counts.

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.

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff as we begin a new school year at St Alban's.

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and is feeling refreshed for the year ahead. We are delighted to see our pupils returning with smiling faces, ready to learn, grow and make new memories with their friends.

A special welcome goes to the children and families joining our school community for the first time. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting you throughout your journey at St Alban's.

This year promises to be filled with exciting learning opportunities, enriching experiences and many chances to celebrate success together. We value the strong partnership between home and school and thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child flourish.

We wish all our pupils and families a happy, successful and enjoyable year ahead.

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



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Important reminder to all parents and carers that our **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.

The scheme helps keep children safe, encourages active travel and reduces air pollution 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 in helping to keep our children safe.

Initial Dates for the Term

Tues 1st and Wed 2nd Sept: Inset Days

Thurs 10th Sept: Whole School Welcome Mass at St Albans Church Y1 - Y6 @ 9.30am - all are welcome.

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.

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 Fast - 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>