



Message from Mrs Stray

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to the school year, and I'm sure that everyone is ready for the break at the end of next week! The children in Reception have settled in so quickly to their first term in school and it has been wonderful to see them developing their skills and confidence as the weeks have passed. There have been some class trips to the British Museum and Mountfitchet Castle and several sports fixtures for football, netball and cross country, as well as a tag rugby festival this week for Year 6. In addition to this, we've enjoyed Languages Day and Digital Innovation Week, Crazy Hair Day today and next week the older children have the Halloween Disco to look forward to. It's incredible to reflect on all the additional experiences that the children benefit from on top of the regular classroom learning that takes place every day. Thank you very much to our amazing staff team for all their hard work and for your support at home too. I hope you enjoy the half term break when it comes.



Upcoming Events

Oct 19th : Y6 Bikeability

Oct 22nd : Y5 trip to Masorti Synagogue

Oct 22nd : PTA Halloween Disco Y4-6

Oct 26th - 30th : Half Term

<https://albancityschool.org.uk/Diary-Dates/>

Attendance and punctuality

On Tuesday this week our whole school attendance was 99.2%, such an impressive daily attendance. Our current whole school attendance is an incredible 98.2%. This is fantastic! Let's keep it up!

Class Blogs

Don't forget you can catch up on what the children have been learning each week on our Class Blogs.
<https://albancityschool.org.uk/>



Free tickets for football match

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club is excited to offer you the opportunity to apply for complimentary tickets to the Women's North London Derby vs Arsenal Ladies KO 12.45pm on Saturday 24th October at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. They have a limited number of complimentary tickets available, so please be aware that application does not guarantee tickets. If successful, you will receive your tickets approximately 72 hours before the game. Please use this link to apply:

<https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tickets/womens-comp-tickets/north-london-derby-202627>

PAN Consultation

You will have received a letter earlier in the week about our Published Admission Number for September 2028 Reception entry. Thank you very much to all the parents who have already responded to share their views. Here is the link again.

<https://forms.gle/DiSnq8Z48UGttyjY7> The consultation closes on 22nd November. It is very important that we continue to attract new families to our school to maintain our 2 forms of entry, so please recommend ACS to your friends and neighbours and post positive feedback on social media networks because recommendations are so important to help prospective parents choose our school.

Sports Results

We've had a busy couple of weeks with sports fixtures. A huge well done to everyone who has taken part. We played netball against Wheatfields and won 7-1, a fantastic result! We've had another great Cross Country result, well done to all of the boys and girls involved. Three of the girls finished in the top 25 runners and two of the boys in the top 60 runners.

OPAL update

We have started to introduce different items to our loose parts zone to encourage more imaginative play. We have lots of larger items and we are now looking to source some smaller items. Below is a list of items, if you are able to donate we would be very grateful.

Desk/home phone, computer keyboards, old laptops, plastic/metal shopping baskets, plastic pretend food, old steering wheels, bike, car and kart tyres and traffic cones/signs. Donations can be handed to Mrs Carter in the mornings or left at the school office.



Message from St Albans and District Foodbank

If you, or someone you know, find you're unable to afford food please come along to St Albans & District Foodbank. We have 10 centres across the District, Monday – Saturday. We provide emergency food, fresh fruit and veg, bread, eggs, hygiene and household items and nappies. You can ask the school for a voucher, but if you can't do that just pop into one of our foodbank centres and our wellbeing team will help you. Everyone is welcome. We'll have a cup of tea ready for you when you arrive.

Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest collection. The St Albans and District Foodbank have been in contact to inform us that Alban City School collected an amazing 300.6KG of food. This is an amazing achievement and we know it will support so many local families.





Message from the PTA

Hello,

Half-term is almost here and so we are having to turn our attention to plan all things Christmas!

We have lots coming up over the next few weeks, so please see the important dates and information below.

22nd October: Halloween Disco, Years 4–6

On Thursday 22nd October, we will be holding a Halloween Disco for children in Years 4–6. We are looking for volunteers to help us run the event. If you can support us, please sign up [here](#) and buy your tickets [here](#).

20th November: Christmas Trees

We're delighted to remind you about the fantastic Christmas tree delivery and recycling service from Christmas Treeeasy. For every tree purchased through this link by parents, staff, family, friends or colleagues, Christmas Treeeasy will donate £3.50–£6.50 per tree to our school/PTA fund, depending on the size of the tree.

By 20th November visit: www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk

Choose your preferred tree size and remember to select our school when placing your order as this is how Christmas Treeeasy will allocate the donation to us and the tree will be delivered straight to your door.

For more information, contact Christmas Treeeasy on 07710 407149 or enquiries@christmastreeeasy.co.uk.

12th December: Winter Fair, 2-4.30pm

We have confirmed Saturday 12th December as our Winter Fair date. We need lots of volunteers to help us make the event a success, both on the day and in the run-up. If you are able to support the event, please sign up using the volunteer form [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who continue to help us try and fill the £6,000 shortfall due to the cancelled Summer Fair- If you would like to donate towards these important projects, we will always be enormously grateful: [Donate here](#).

Thanks for your support.
PTA Committee