



Summer 2 2026



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Learning and growing with God by our side.



Sports Day



The Year 6 show, 'Grimm'



Year 5 trip to the River Ver

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant, packed second half of the summer term we've had at SSAS!

We started off with Green Day, putting our Catholic Social Teaching into action as the children learned outdoors, sang together, and heard from our Eco Warriors about caring for God's world.

Creativity has also been on full display. Reception and Year 3 collaborated on a fantastic 'Take One Picture' project, while our Year 1 pupils achieved something truly extraordinary by having their artwork chosen to hang in the National Gallery!

Learning took us outdoors too. Year 5 enjoyed a River Ver adventure, Year 3 tried litter-picking, and our youngest children loved exploring Mead Open Farm. Our first trial of the mobile swimming pool on site was also a huge success with the children, who wanted to keep the pool for longer!

Of course, Sports Days across all phases were absolute highlights, showcasing incredible team spirit and determination. Congratulations to St Paul's House, lower site winners, and to St Peter's House, who won on the upper site.

We also say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils following their fabulous production of 'Grimm'. They have been excellent role models, and we wish them every success as they take their next big step to secondary school.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. May God bless you and your families this summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Ms T. Hackett
Head of School

Catholic Life

Links to Local Catholic Schools

Our strong Catholic school links have continued to bring our community together in joyful worship. Our pupils had the privilege of joining other ASCAT schools to sing together at St Albans Cathedral in an uplifting celebration of faith and music. Year 4 also represented our school when they gathered at Nicholas Breakspear School for a special 'Gift of Peace' Mass alongside other local Catholic primary schools, joining in prayer and sharing in a wonderful afternoon of sports and community led by the NBS 6th-form.



St Peter and St Paul House Celebrations

We enjoyed two House celebrations near to the feast day of St Peter and St Paul. Led by Father Michael and Father John, the children learned about the inspiring lives and legacies of these key apostles. Everyone proudly wore their red and blue house colours. We reflected on the leadership of St Peter, the rock of our Church, and the great faith of St Paul. The children also got the chance to have an ice-lolly in the sunshine with friends and siblings!



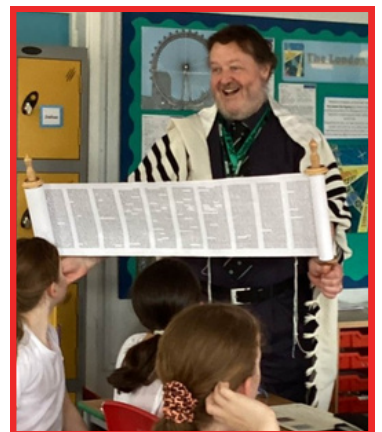
International Day

Putting Catholic Social Teaching into action, our vibrant International Day was a wonderful celebration of Solidarity and Peace. Thanks to our P.T.A., the playground was filled with stalls representing different countries from around the world. It was a joyful reminder of the inherent dignity of every human person as we celebrated our global heritage, sampled delicious foods, and reflected on how we can work together to build a more united world.



Learning about Other Faiths

As part of our commitment to religious education and learning about different faiths, several classes were privileged to welcome a local Rabbi into school to support their learning about Judaism. The children had a fascinating interactive experience exploring sacred Jewish items, asking thoughtful questions about Jewish beliefs and traditions, and deepening their respect and understanding for other faith communities.



Assessment Results

I am delighted to share that our provisional statutory assessment results show that our pupils have performed brilliantly right across the school.

In Key Stage 2, our Year 6 pupils achieved SATs results well above both national and Hertfordshire averages in all subjects. We are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication throughout their final year at St Alban and St Stephen.

Our younger year groups have also achieved success. Year 4 scores in the Multiplication Tables Check have steadily increased year-on-year; Year 1 achieved great results in their Phonics Screening Check; and our Reception children secured strong outcomes in their Early Learning Goals, with a high percentage achieving a Good Level of Development.

Congratulations to all our children and staff for these superb achievements!

<u>Statutory Attainment Summer 2026</u>			
	<u>School 2026</u>	<u>National 2026</u>	<u>Herts 2026</u>
Reception Pupils achieving GLD (Good Level of Development)	78.6%	72.4%	73.7
Pupils passing Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	86%	83.5	81.9
Pupils scoring 100% in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	37.3%	37% (2025)	36% (2025)
Pupils' Mean Average in Year 4 Multiplication Table Check	22.56	21(2025)	20.8 (2025)

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	<u>School 2026</u>	<u>National 2026</u>	<u>Herts 2025</u>
Year 6 Pupils passing all SATS combined in Reading, Writing Maths at the expected standard	76.7%	63%	63%
Year 6 Pupils passing all SATS combined in Reading, Writing Maths at the greater depth standard	16.1%	8% (2025)	10%
Year 6 Pupils passing the Reading SAT at the expected standard or higher	85%	75%	78%
Year 6 Pupils passing the Reading SAT at the greater depth standard	41.7%	33% (2025)	39%
Year 6 Average Scaled Score for Reading SAT	108.61	106	107
Year 6 Pupils passing Writing at the expected standard or higher	81.7%	73%	72%
Year 6 Pupils passing Writing at the greater depth standard	25%	13% (2025)	16%
Year 6 Average Scaled Score for GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling) SAT	107.67	105	106
Year 6 Pupils passing the Maths SAT at the expected standard or higher	86.7%	75%	76%
Year 6 Pupils passing the Maths SAT at the greater depth standard	31.7%	26% (2025)	30%
Year 6 Average Scaled Score for Maths SAT	106.88	105	105

Parent Questionnaire Results

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey.

Over the past year, we worked hard with parental and staff input to address concerns about our home learning programme. This year, we were particularly pleased to see a significant increase in the number of parents who now feel that our home learning programme is clear, supportive, and manageable.

Last year, you also told us that you wanted more information about what your children are learning in school. Sending out our medium-term planners each half-term, along with our new and improved website has meant that many more of you know what your child has been learning this year.

We will now be looking at all of your feedback along with contributions from pupils and staff as we create our School Development Plan for 2026-2027. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape our next steps as a school, and we appreciate your continued partnership and support.

		Strongly Agree / Agree (%)
1	My child feels happy at this school.	90.5
2	My child feels safe at this school.	90.5
3	The school makes sure children are well-behaved.	92.9
4	I know what my child has been learning this year.	97.6
5	The school has high expectations of my child.	83.3
6	My child has made good progress this year at school.	95.4
7	The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well.	95.3
8	My child's wider personal development is supported.	92.9
9	When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart.	85.8
10	The school helps my child to live out our Catholic mission.	95.2
11	RE lessons help to develop my child's religious, moral and spiritual knowledge.	95.3
12	I feel welcome to participate in the religious life of the school.	92.9
13	My child is part of a Catholic community.	90.5
14	I feel welcomed when I visit the school. Staff are approachable.	90.5
15	Any concerns raised have been dealt with properly. (26% had not raised any concerns)	64.3
16	Any bullying has been dealt with quickly and effectively. (83% had not been bullied).	11.9
17	My child with SEND received the support that they need to succeed. (78.6% did not have a child with SEND).	14.3
18	There are a good range of clubs, activities and extra-curricular opportunities.	88
19	The costs of optional activities e.g. trips are reasonable.	100
20	Homework expectations are clear, manageable and age-appropriate.	85.8
21	Home-School communication is clear.	78.6
22	I know how to support my child's education at home.	90.5
23	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	85

Thank you to our P.T.A.!

As we wrap up the school year, I want to extend a huge thank you to our P.T.A., especially our Chairs, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Offer.

Thank you to every volunteer and family who joined in and supported our events. Beyond filling our school year with so much joy and community spirit, your efforts raised thousands of pounds to directly enrich our pupils' everyday experiences. We are so grateful for everything you do!

Thanks to the P.T.A. fundraising this year,
we have been able to pay for...



New, comfort
non-swing chairs for Year 4

£1000



Forest School lessons, outdoor
learning, plants, bulbs and
landscaping with Miss Sophia,
environmental tutor

£7500



Conflict Management Training
Days for the Squabble
Squashers

£1000



Outdoor Play Resources
including welly boot trolleys,
stop safety signs and outdoor
construction

£2250

Exciting, one-off shows and
events like Electric Umbrella,
African dance workshop for
Black History Month, Rabbi visit
for Other Faiths topic

2400

Coach travel for Young Voices at
Wembley Arena

£1000

Important Dates

- Thursday 3rd September 8.45:
First Day of Term for Pupils in
Years 1-6
- Thursday 3rd September 1pm-3pm:
Reception Teddy Bears Picnic
- Friday 4th September:
Reception pupils staggered start
- Monday 7th September 1pm-3pm:
Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic
- Tuesday 8th September:
Nursery pupils staggered start

Parent Welcome Meetings

Meet your child's new class teacher in the classroom and learn about the daily routines and expectations of your child's new year group.

Year group	Date and Time
6	Friday 11 th September 9-9.30
5	Friday 18 th September 9-9.30
4	Monday 14 th September 9-9.30
3	Friday 11 th September 2.45-3.15
2	Friday 18 th September 2.45-3.15
1	Monday 7 th September 9-9.30
Reception	Friday 25 th September 9-9.30
Nursery	Friday 25 th September 2.45-3.15