



Learning and Growing with God by our Side



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Welcome to Year 5

SEPTEMBER 2026



Our School Prayer

Dear God,

Bless all the children and staff in our school.

Bless all our loving parents, our school community and parishioners.

Let us follow the shining examples of St Alban and St Stephen.

Help us to be the best that we can be and guide us as we stay connected to you and Jesus in all that we do.

As a school, we are learning and growing with God by our side.

Amen.



Our Values

Faith

Friendship

Determination

Respect

Unity

Our Golden Rules



We are gentle.

We are kind.

We listen.

We are honest.

We work hard.

We look after property
and our environment.

Our Senior Leadership Team



Mrs S. Lavelle
Murphy
Executive
Headteacher



Ms T. Hackett
Head of School



Mrs C. Smith
Senior Assistant
Headteacher &
SENDCO



Mrs J. Bates
Assistant
Headteacher

Year 5 Staff



Miss Ford
Cedar Class
Teacher



Mrs Barras
Maple Class
Teacher



Mrs
Mannering
Maths Lead



Mrs Earl
Teaching
Assistant

Other Staff Members

P.E (KS1 and 2) and Music (KS1 and 2) will be covered by specialist teachers.



Mr D. Byrne
Sports Coach



Mrs Z. Flatt
Music Specialist



Mrs Rees
Pastoral Mentor

Drop Off and Pick Up

The doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. There is a soft start to the day and when the children arrive, they start their SODA (Start of Day Activity) before lessons begin. Children arriving after 8.55 will be marked late.

Please help your child settle by allowing them to come into the classroom independently.

School finishes at 3.05 (Reception) 3.15 (KS1) 3.20(KS2)

Other adults who regularly pick up your child should be added to Arbor. For one-off occasions, please inform the teacher or email into the office with the adult's name, their role, and whether your child is expecting to be picked up by this person or not. Children in Nursery to Year 4 can only be picked up by an older sibling who is aged 14+ (Year 10+)- you must inform the Office of this in writing or by email.

Lunches

Parents select their child's meal options in advance using the **Stir Food App**.

This ensures that parents help their child to choose a meal they know that they will like. It also ensures that your child will get the meal option that they want.

Alternatively, your child can bring in their own packed lunch.

No glass bottles, fizzy drinks or any food containing nuts are allowed.

KS2 School Stationery

Children may bring one simple pencil case labelled with their name containing:

- **A pencil and sharpener; 2 spare pencils**
- **A purple pen**
- **A rubber**
- **Colouring pencils and felt tips**
- **A glue stick**
- **A ruler - 30cm**

Please ask your child to tell you when they need replacements. Stationery can be provided in school if your child does not want to bring their own pencil case.

Please label all belongings!

Uniform

Please ensure all items of clothing are
CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Black school shoes must be worn – no trainers.
- Long hair must be tied up with simple black, green or red hair ties.
- Jewellery – children may only wear simple stud earrings and a silent watch or Fitbit (no smartwatches allowed). No necklaces, bracelets, charity bands etc are allowed.
- A warm, waterproof coat must be provided as children play outside.
- Red caps must be worn on sunny days and during trips.
- Summer uniform can be worn for the first Autumn half term.

PE Kit

Please ensure all items of clothing are CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. Children should wear their P.E. kit to school on P.E. days.
- Plain white T shirt (with or without school logos but no other logos)
- Red shorts/ black leggings or tracksuit bottoms. (Please no tight, short shorts!).
- Red hoodie with NO DRAWSTRING (plain red or with school logo but no other logos) or school jumper/ cardigan
- Plain trainers with non-marking soles
- No jewellery should be worn.

Equipment

We really appreciate your support with providing the correct equipment. This allows us to have positive conversations with your child and focus on providing high quality teaching and learning with all students.

Behaviour expectations

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R.E.

R.E. – St John's Gospel

Autumn Term

- Branch 1: Creation and Covenant
- Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise

Spring Term

- Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem
- Branch 4: Desert to Garden

Summer Term

- Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth
- Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter



Reading in Year 5

- It is essential to progress for children to read regularly. They need to think about challenging themselves in what they read. Please encourage them to read across a variety of genres and text types, including non-fiction.
- Please record reading in your child's Reading Records.
- The SATs focus on comprehension of a text and are known for including higher-level vocabulary.
- A list of suggested books can be found on the class pages or you can follow this link:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-5/>

Maths in Year 5

- Numbers up to 1 million.
- The four operations on whole numbers
- Fractions, decimals
- Measurement
- Percentages, ratios
- Area and perimeter
- Volume
- Geometry
- Position and movement
- Data Handling
- Negative numbers
- Solving word problems
- Explaining their reasoning

Writing in Year 5

- Writing is teacher assessed at the end of the year, in conjunction with other schools. The assessment follows the framework set out by the DfE.
- There is an emphasis on handwriting and presentation of work. Children's handwriting needs to be fluent and cursive. They are required to use black ink and use a handwriting pen (we are currently trialling new handwriting pens with blue ink and will review shortly).

Science in Year 5

- Forces
- Earth and Space
- Properties and Changes of Materials (2 half terms)
- Circle of Life
- Growing up and Growing Old

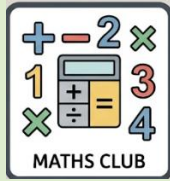
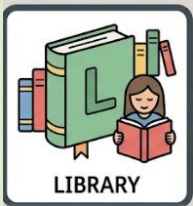
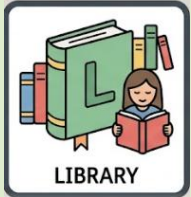
History/Geography in Year 5

- Ancient Greece
- Vikings
- Queen Elizabeth I
- Europe
- Desert lands
- River Thames

Home Learning

- CGP books for reading, SPAG and Maths. **Work is due on Monday.**
- Spellings are set on Ed Shed.
- Further Maths homework is on MyMaths.
- The children will have their **spelling test on a Tuesday.**
- All children should read for 20 minutes a day.
- Additionally, children will receive the half termly planner from which they can select additional optional pieces of work.

Key Stage 2 Lunchtime Drop-in Wellbeing Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drawing Club  <u>Year 6 Yew</u>	Wellbeing Club  <u>Year 3 Rowan</u>	Knit & Natter  <u>Silver Birch Room</u>	Maths Game Club  <u>Year 5 Maple</u>	Board Games Club  <u>Year 3 Chestnut</u>
(Take your pencil case to lunch with you to use if you want to)	(Mainly Year 3 children. If you are older and want to go, just speak to Mrs Rees)			
Library  LIBRARY	Homework Club <u>Year 6 Lime</u>  HOMEWORK (If you didn't finish your homework and need somewhere to do this, come along!)	Library  LIBRARY		

How to help your child

Please make sure your child is in school on time, every day.

English:

- Keeping a diary, writing stories, making comic strips!
- Reading a range of books (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) together and discussing texts
- Keeping a book of new vocabulary
- Playing spelling games
- Writing book reviews

Maths

- Maths games - (dice games, card games, online etc.)
- Practise Times Table Rock Stars
- Play MyMaths games
- Cooking and baking
- Telling the time
- Problem solving at the shops



Smartphone-Free School

A significant number of St Albans primary schools have agreed to support the 'Smartphone-Free Childhood initiative. <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>
<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>

By “smartphones”, we refer to phones that are able to access the internet, as opposed to old-fashioned mobile phones that can only text and make phone calls.

After consulting with staff, parents and governors, we have agreed that at SSAS primary-aged pupils should not have smartphones.

Primary-aged pupils should not be on any social media including WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram or TikTok (all have a 13+ age-restriction).



What does this mean for you?

No SAS child will be able to bring a smartphone to school when they walk to and from school. Year 5 and 6 children who walk to and from school by themselves can, if parents wish, bring a tracker or an old-fashioned phone which does not connect to the internet eg a Nokia.

All phones must be handed into the class teacher at the start of the day and will be returned at the end of the day.

We ask parents not to buy their child a smartphone while in primary school. We ask that parents do not allow their child to access age-inappropriate social media and join WhatsApp groups.

Parents on school grounds are not allowed to use mobile phones unless outside the school gates. This is a safeguarding issue. It also sends a message to our children that they are more important than our phones and sets a positive example.

Year 5 and 6 parents will need to complete the walk home from school Google form.

Parent Helpers



The support of parents is of enormous benefit to the children and we warmly welcome it.

We already have a team of fantastic parent volunteers who read with children and help in the library every week. If you are interested in becoming a regular volunteer, please notify the office and further information will follow.

(Please note that in line with Hertfordshire County Council, all parents working in school will be asked to apply for police clearance.)

Any Questions?

If you have any further questions, email the office: admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk

We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Lots of information can be found on the website on Learning/Year-group Information and in the parent and pupil handbook.

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/Parents/Letters-and-Forms/>

Watch out for the Friday Diary Dates sent out with information for the week ahead.

The news page on our website also has weekly blogs with school news.



Thank you for your support.

We hope that you found this information useful.
We are very much looking forward to getting to
know your families and children this year.