



# A Mother's Day Prayer

## A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers  
who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle  
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture who are a part of our story  
as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and  
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not  
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they  
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with  
fertility, for those women whom  
society labels as less in their childlessness,  
for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength,  
for their wisdom, for their lives,  
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

*by Claire Schoepp*





Welcome Back!

I wanted to state how proud we are of all the children at St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery. The way the children have all come in with big smiles on their faces and ready to learn is an absolute credit to you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for the wonderful job you have all done to support the children and the school through this difficult time. You can now take a break from the job you never expected to have, didn't ask to do and have probably had quite enough of now!

We all know it hasn't been the same as if the children were all in school, but your hard work is truly appreciated by all the staff. The next steps will continue to be hard work for us all and life at school will remain a long way from normal. However, as always, we will continue to work together and support each other through this, putting the best interests of the children at the very heart of anything we do.

I hope you all have a lovely Mother's Day weekend.

Mrs Moore

Headteacher

## Mission and Values

The children and staff have had a busy and productive week working on our Mission & Values. Over the course of 2 days, the children have been sharing ideas and thinking about what our school means to them. It has been a fantastic project and a great way to unite our whole school community back together once again.

There has been such a buzz of excitement and community spirit around the whole school with everyone getting involved. The children have worked incredibly hard in every class to produce one statement and 5 values that they feel best represents our school. The whole school contributed: site managers, office staff and kitchen staff too! We all then voted, choosing our favourite statement.

We have counted up all the votes and the top 2 statements are as follows:

“ Learning and growing with God by our side”

“To give every child a voice and to live, love and learn  
with God in our hearts”

Parents, a survey will be sent out next week for you to complete so you too can have your vote as to what our new school statement will be.

We will then announce the winning statement in due course.

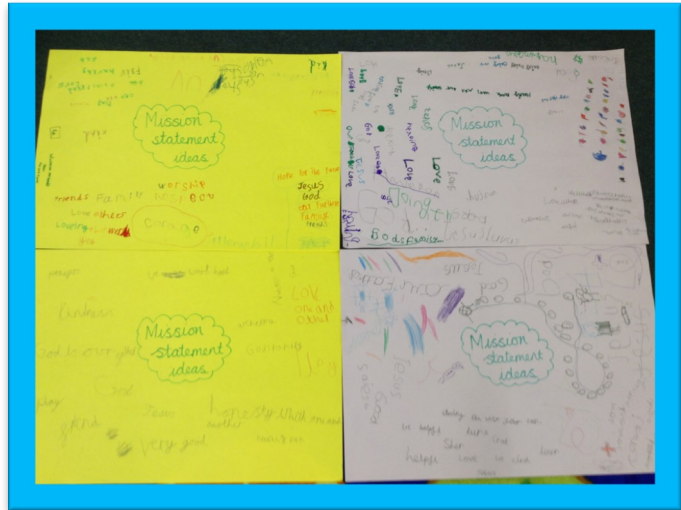
God Bless.

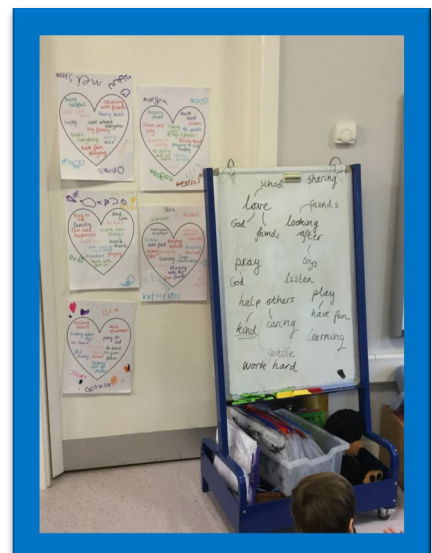
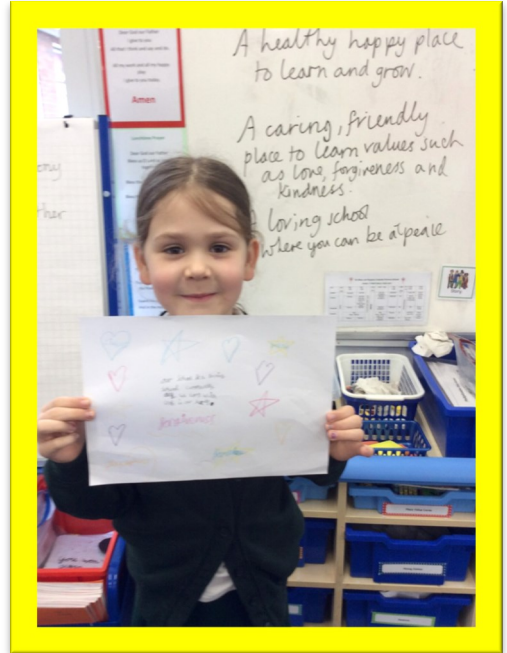
Mrs Porter- R.E. Faculty Lead





Here is a sample of all the great work the children did on the Mission and Values.







# Orienteering Fun!!!

Year 3 have been the first class to trial our fantastic new orienteering points that are placed all around the school. The children had to read the aerial view maps to locate the items in order to make their happy faces! They absolutely loved this 'treasure hunt' - they learnt a new skill and kept fit at the same time!



## Gardening Fun!!!

Mrs Murphy and Year 2 have been busy tidying up our grounds ready to put some of our lovely Easter gardens on display. Some of the children also worked together to produce a lovely group Easter garden. I am looking forward to seeing all the children's wonderful entries for the art competition!



## Easter Art Competition

**Don't forget our wonderful Easter Art Competition!!**

The deadline is Friday 19th March

Nursery and Reception- Design and make an Easter hat

KS1-Design and make an Easter garden

KS2-Create some liturgical art using any media- paints, pastels, collage etc. GOOD LUCK!





# Places available

## Breakfast Club

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3 - 11 years.
- ◆ Operates from 7:45am.
- ◆ A range of healthy breakfasts included.
- ◆ A range of fun activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A calm and relaxed start to the day.
- ◆ £4 per session.



## After School Club (Owls and Badgers)

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3-11 years.
- ◆ Operates from the end of the school day until 6pm daily.
- ◆ Children may attend the club on a part-time or full-time basis.
- ◆ A range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A healthy snack and drink included.
- ◆ £6 until 4.30pm and £12 until 6pm.



## Wellbeing Workshops

The children's personal, social and emotional wellbeing underpins and affects every area of learning. In order to ensure we are meeting all the children's needs both academically and emotionally, we would like to offer drop in sessions. This will provide you with the opportunity to discuss with school any worries or concerns you may have regarding your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing. I will be available on Wednesday and Friday mornings until 12 o'clock at the school's Upper Site. Please email the school office if you would like to book a session.

Kind regards, Mrs Murphy.

## Drop off and Pick up

Please be reminded of the times for drop off and pick up.

Nursery— Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up— 3.15pm (Alban Way)

Reception—Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up 3.05pm (Camp Rd)

Yrs 1 & 2—Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up—3.10pm (Vanda Crescent)

Year 3—Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up—3.20pm (Alban Way)

Year 4—Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up—3.30pm (Camp Rd)

Yrs 5 & 6—Drop off—8.45am—9.00am and Pick up—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless and stay safe.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.