

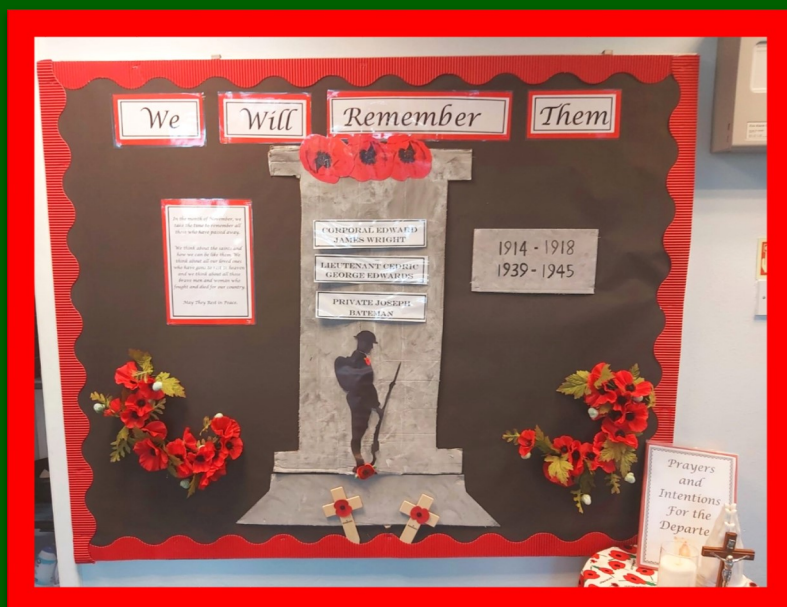
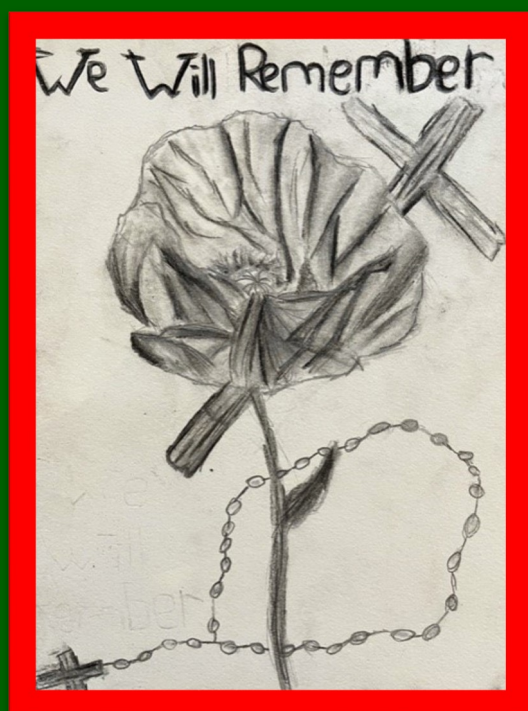


St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Remembrance Day 2021



Friday 12th November 2021

In Flanders Fields
The poem by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already 10 weeks into our new school year. A lot has changed in such a short time and we continue to live in difficult times.

Whilst school may feel a little bit different with the extra restrictions in place, it is still a lively place with lots of fun and learning happening every day. It is absolutely the best place for all of our young people to be. All of the staff have noticed that the children are just starting to make excellent progress and they really are trying their best in everything and doing exceptionally well. We are keen for this momentum to keep going.

Our parent/teacher consultations via SchoolCloud will take place on 24th November. Please use the following links to access the system and book your appointment.

<https://albanstephenjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk> or
<https://albanstephenjunior.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>.

Over the next few weeks, a number of children are making their First Holy Communion. The Church has been described as people called together in order to share Jesus' love. There is no better way for this to occur than through sharing the Eucharist. We wish these pupils a very special day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Moore
Headteacher

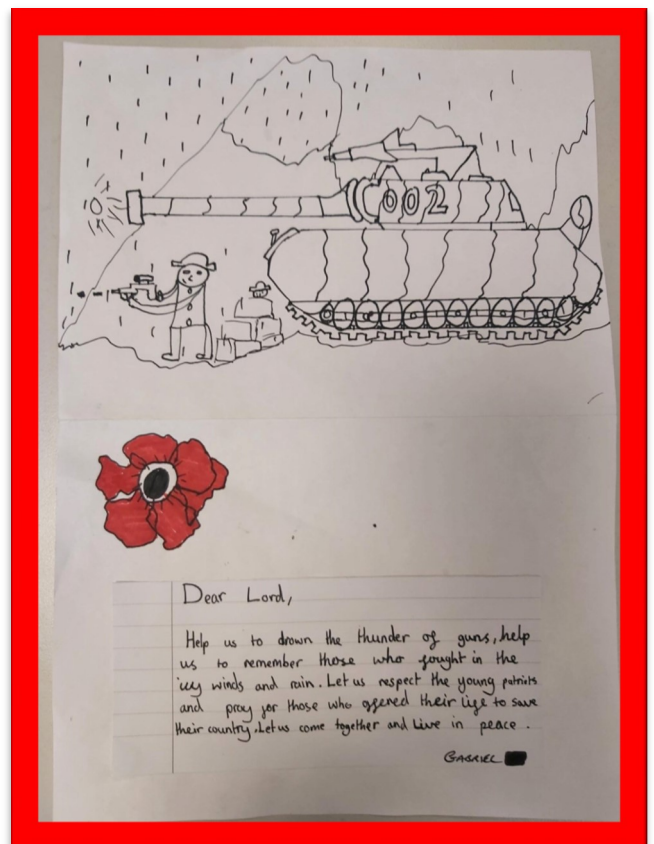
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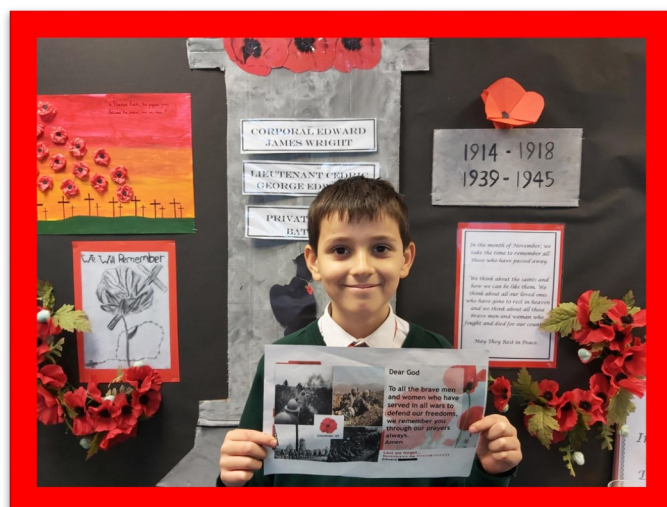
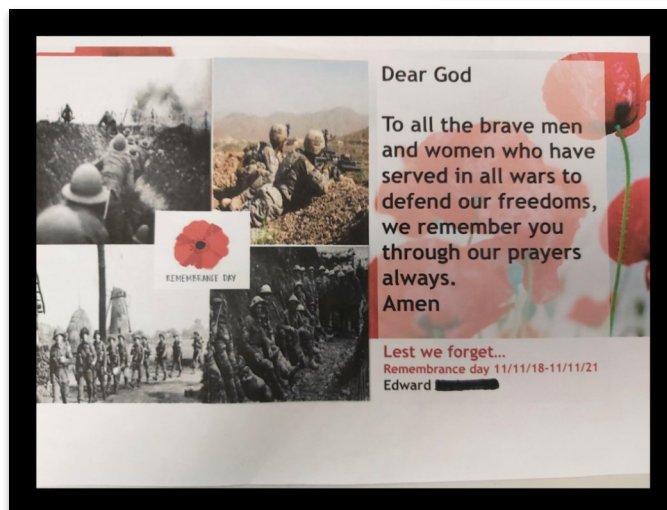
This week, the children have all had assemblies about Remembrance Day and as usual, we held a moment's silence this Thursday at 11.00am, to reflect, pray and remember those brave men and women who fought or helped in WW1, WW2 and in more recent wars. The children have all been very respectful and thoughtful.

The Chaplaincy team have been very busy and done some lovely artwork and also read poems and books. Please visit our website to view these.

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/catholic-life/catholic-life-school/>

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Fr Jonathan's Visit to Year 4

In preparation for many of our Year 4 children making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks, we invited Fr Jonathan in to speak with the children about the special sacred vessels that are used during the Eucharist. The children also learnt 2 great big words! – consecration and transubstantiation!! Fr Jonathan then re-enacted what happens at the Eucharist and the children also had the opportunity to take the unconsecrated bread. It was a very worthwhile and interesting visit. Fr Jonathan will visit all the classes over the coming weeks .

Father Jonathan's session made me feel more relaxed for My First Holy Communion because I know what I am going to do and why.



I liked that we got to practise taking the bread before our First Holy Communion, because I found it very exciting. I enjoyed learning the difficult words and what they mean.



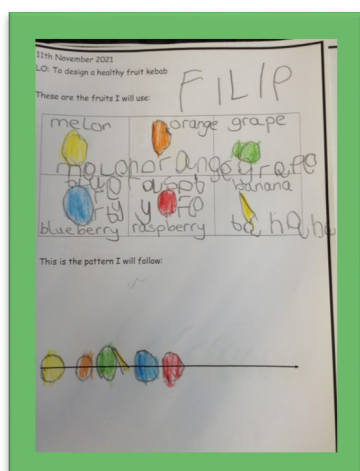


News from Year 1

In Art this week, we have been learning about Monet and the colours and brushstrokes he used to paint landscapes. We painted Monet's garden in the style of an impressionist using our fingers.

In Computing this week, we have been learning about algorithms. We know that an algorithm is a set of instructions given in the correct order. We practised following an algorithm to draw an alien. Some of our pictures looked very odd so we had to think of extra instructions to make our algorithm more accurate.

In Design and Technology, we were given the challenge of designing and making a healthy snack. We came up with lots of ideas such as fruit smoothies and fruit salads. In the end we all agreed to make fruit kebabs. We had great fun designing and making but the best bit was eating our healthy snack.

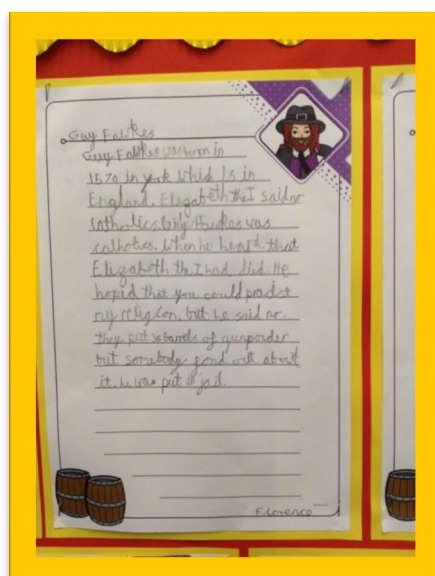
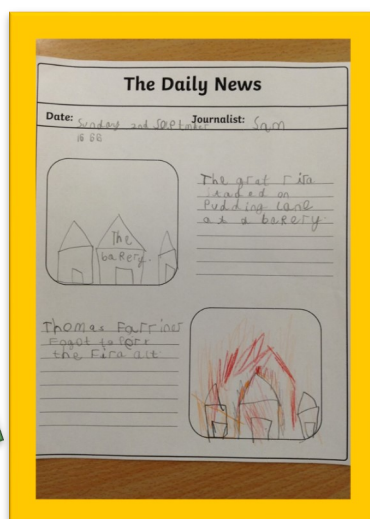


News from Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about life in the past this half term. We began by learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We listened carefully to a video clip all about Guy Fawkes and took notes. We then used our notes to write about his life. This week, we have started to learn about 'The Great Fire of London'. We found out about how the fire began and pretended to be journalists from the year 1666!

We have been learning about eating a healthy diet in our Science work. In Design and Technology, we designed our own wraps, making sure that we chose both protein and vegetables as a healthy filling. We were very excited to make and eat our wraps this week. They were delicious!

We continued to find out about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We created our own designs for symmetrical Rangoli patterns. We then used coloured rice to create a Rangoli pattern using our designs.



Reception & Nursery Admissions

St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

The application process for Reception & Nursery admissions in 2022-23 is now open.

You are very welcome to join us at one of our Open Mornings on 8th and 15th December from 9.30-11.00 am to find out more information about our school.

Please note that the Open Morning on 24th November has been cancelled and moved to 8th December.

Please email admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk if you wish to book a place. Full details on how to apply can be found on our website www.ssas.herts.sch.uk.

Please note that only one parent is able to attend.



Just Talk Week, 15 – 21 November 2021

Over 35 partners in Hertfordshire work together to promote good mental health and wellbeing as part of the Just Talk campaign.

Listed below are the FREE webinars on offer from our Just Talk partners, taking place for Parents/Carers during Just Talk week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, and all the staff of SSAS.