

Learning and Growing with God by our Side



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

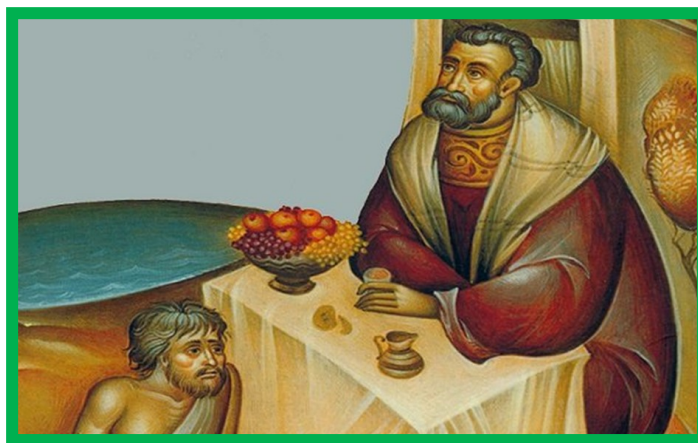
Weekly Newsletter



30th September 2022

Our Gospel Assembly this Week

In our Gospel Assembly this week, we learnt how Jesus sees the world differently. Often, money, fame, power and the possessions that people have are seen as the most important thing of all. But in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus showed that all of these things mean nothing if we do not see and help those who are in need.



Go Forth:

How will you see the world through Jesus' eyes?

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs
of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words of hope.

Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Sow a seed of love in our hearts
that we might grow with you by our side
and be a Harvest for the world.

Amen.

Harvest Festival Celebration

Today, our Year 5 Pupil Chaplains led a lovely Harvest Festival Celebration for Upper and Lower School. We had great fun singing catchy Harvest songs like 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and 'Harvest Samba' together and learnt more about why we celebrate Harvest. The Pupil Chaplains re-enacted the Parable of the Sower and led us in our prayers. Finally, Liz Peel from the St Alban's Food Bank told us all about how the Food Bank helps people. She was delighted to see that we had collected an incredible 15 crates of food and hygiene supplies to donate to the foodbank! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in a donation and lived out their faith by helping those in need as Jesus taught us to.



The Tiger Who Came To Year 1!

Over the past three weeks in Year 1, the children have been exploring the story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. We have completed some amazing activities, such as decorating our own tigers and labelling it, creating our own story maps and writing simple sentences about the tigers antics. However, this week, the most amazing thing happened! In Year 1, the cheeky tiger came to SSAS and visited the children in person.

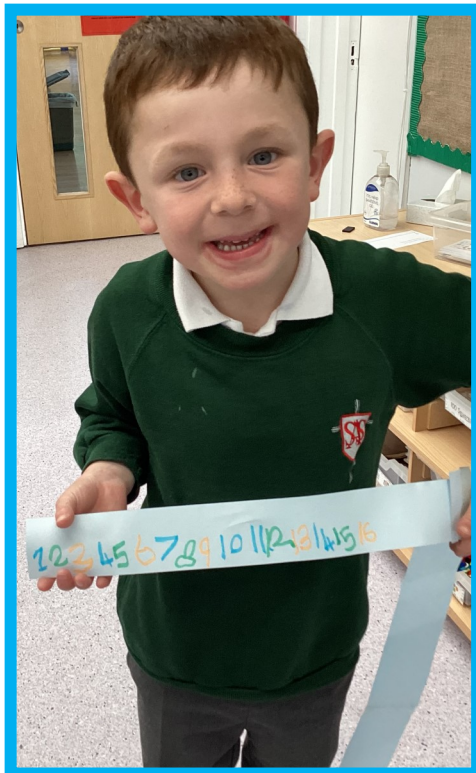
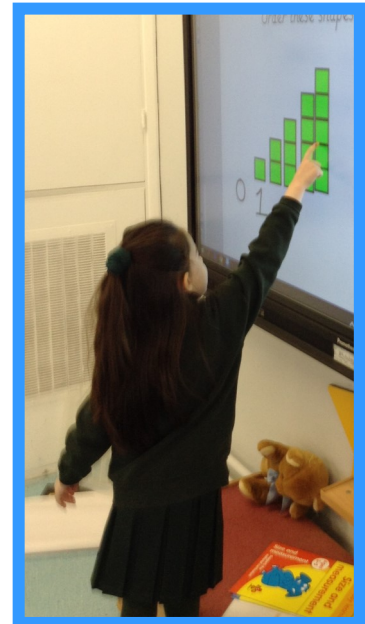


Everyone loved meeting the tiger, who created a lot of excitement in the classroom! The tiger jumped on table, ate the snacks, drank the teachers tea and even looked for some lunch in the children's lockers. The children have been writing their own recount of the events that took place on the day.



Ordering Numbers in Year 1!

Also this week, the children have been practising their ordering skills, not only in English, but also in Maths! The challenge this week has been to order numbers from 0 - 10 or 0 - 20. The children have been creating their own number lines, as well as using resources such as conkers, coins and cuisenaire rods.



Prayer Leaders



Our newly appointed Year 5 Prayer Leaders met with Father Michael this week to receive training and instruction about prayer. This is what they learnt about prayer.

“Prayer is like having a friendship with somebody because when you have a friendship with God you are saying things to Him as you would to your friend. Remember that you are God’s child and He is your Father. When you pray, remember to show humility to God.”

Father Michael also brought some special Rosary beads and helped the Prayer Leaders to understand more about how praying the Rosary can help us. Next month in October, the Prayer Leaders will be bringing new Rosary beads to every class for their prayer table and showing them how to pray the Rosary.

This year, we hope that our Prayer Leaders can lead everyone in prayer and help our school community to realise the powerful effect that prayer has on our lives. We will also help everyone across the school to understand important prayers better, like the Rosary.

Musical News from St Albans Music School

Brass Cubs	try out a brass instrument in a group setting	Fridays 5:00 – 5:45pm	Starting on Friday 30th September	£43 for full term	Suitable for Year 4 – 6 pupils
Ukulele Banditos	learn the ukulele from scratch	Tuesdays 4:20 – 4:50pm	Starting on Tuesday 4th October	£26 for full term	Suitable for Year 2 – Year 5 pupils

Two Exciting Musical Groups for Absolute Beginners at St Albans Music School

St Albans Music School, based at Townsend CE School, St Albans, will be running two affordable first access groups this term:

Both groups include **free loan of an instrument** for the group and have limited places – first come first serve basis.

How to Join:

1. Visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register
2. Choose 'sign up for music lessons'
3. Scroll down to 'Browse Music Lessons and Activities'
4. Selected school should be 'St Albans Music School'
5. Choose 'Ensembles'
6. Click on St Albans Music School Ensembles
7. Choose Ukulele Banditos (4th down) / Brass Cubs (5th from bottom) and 'Add to Basket'
8. Fill in the full details to complete registration.
9. If you already have an account with us, you will then get the opportunity to login with your existing information

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any queries, please get in touch at stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk .

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 6th October 2.30pm EYFS Parents' Phonics Workshop, Lower Hall
- Friday 7th October 9.15 Year 2 Family Assembly, Lower Hall
Year 2 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
- Thursday 13th October 2.30pm KS1 Parents' Phonics Workshop, Lower Hall
- Friday 14th October 9.15 Year 3 Family Assembly, Upper Hall
Year 3 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
- Saturday 15th October PTA Autumn Fair
- Wednesday 19th October St Teresa House Celebration. All children in St Teresa House (teachers will let children know) should wear at least one yellow item to school eg yellow hair ribbon, yellow scarf, yellow t-shirt or jumper.
- Thursday 20th October 1-7pm Parent Consultations
- Friday 21st October School closed for INSET day.



Please remember that the school day begins at **8.55 am**. The children will be able to enter their classrooms between 8.45 and 8.55. After this time, your child will be marked late.