



— Welcome Back Autumn 2025 —



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Learning and growing with God by our side.



Dear parents and carers,

School begins on Thursday 4th September at 8.45 a.m.! The classrooms are looking bright and ready for learning, and the staff are excited to get to know the children in their classes.

Our new Reception children and parents will be enjoying a Teddy Bears' picnic in the afternoon on Thursday as part of their staggered start to help them to settle into school, and our new Nursery children and parents will do the same next Tuesday.



A huge thank you to Mr Phillips and Mr Isaacs who have been working hard all through the summer break. Our lower site shared areas are freshly painted; our lower site library has been renovated and re-organised; we now have a separate medical room on the lower site and Nursery have a new fence, as the old fence was in very poor repair. Mr Isaacs has also been building us two amazing mud kitchens to brighten up lunchtime breaks. If you have any old large plastic bowls, large spatulas or ladles, metal sieves, saucepans or frying pans (not heavy-bottomed), please bring these into the office so that the children can start pretending to cook some delicious 'meals'!

If you have any questions about Arbor, school meals or uniform, please contact the school office. You can also find lots of helpful information in our new parent and pupil handbook.

We can't wait to see you all and welcome you back for another fantastic year!

Ms T. Hackett
Head of School



Academisation Update



At the end of last term, a letter was sent out to confirm that, following consultation, the Governors at St Alban & St Stephen agreed that the school would follow the Bishop's Mandate and join the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT).

<https://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk/academisation-consultation/>

Over the summer holiday, work has continued between school leaders, the Trust, the Diocese, the DfE and the Local Authority toward the academy conversion of the school. As you may be aware, it was originally expected that this would take place on the 1st September. Due to DfE and Local Authority workload and timeframes, it is now expected that the conversion will take place on the 1st October 2025. The Governors look forward to sharing with you confirmation of our academy transfer in due course, and will continue to keep you updated.

Thank you!

All of the staff at SSAS would like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards received at the end of term. The lovely words in many of your cards were very much appreciated. Miss Roz, our fabulous school crossing patrol, has asked me to pass on this message:

"Thank you to all the lovely parents, children and families who gave me such a beautiful card and thank you gift at the end of last term. I was really very moved and am looking forward to the new term and seeing you all again!"



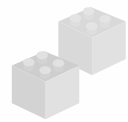
Parent Welcome Meetings Reminder

The aim of these meetings is for you to meet your child's new class teacher, find out more about the curriculum, learn about the daily routines and expectations and ask any questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting, then the meeting presentation will be emailed to you afterwards.

Year group	Date and Time	Location	Teachers
6	Tuesday 9 th September 9-9.30	Yew Classroom Lime Classroom	Mr Hegarty Ms Mannering Mrs Adams
5	Monday 8 th September 9-9.30	Maple Classroom Cedar Classroom	Mrs Barras Mrs Clayton Le Sueur & Mrs Butterworth
4	Thursday 11 th September 9-9.30 Thursday 11 th September 2.45-3.15	Beech Classroom Hazel Classroom	Mrs Rindfleisch Mrs Tennant
3	Friday 12 th September 9-9.30	Rowan Classroom Chestnut Classroom	Ms Noonan Mr Taylor
2	Wednesday 10 th September 9-9.30 Wednesday 10 th September 2.45-3.15	Cherry Classroom Willow Classroom	Mr Carr Mrs Pham
1	Wednesday 17 th September 9-9.30	Oak Classroom Elm Classroom	Mrs Caramelo Miss Joseph
Reception	Wednesday 24 th September 9-9.30	Blossoms Classroom Seedlings Classroom	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Duffey Mrs Ferrin
Nursery	Monday 22 nd September 9.15-9.45	Acorns Classroom	Miss Rowson



Welcome to our new staff!



We warmly welcome some new members of staff to SSAS this year. You will soon get to know them, but in the meantime, here are some brief introductions.

“Hi, everyone. I’m Miss Wilkinson and I have just graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology! I have been working with children for many years and am very excited to be starting at St Alban & St Stephen School, helping to bring excitement, enthusiasm and joy into the classroom.” *Miss Wilkinson, Teaching Assistant in Reception Seedlings*

“Hello, I'm Mrs Ferrin! I have taught for many years but this will be my first year at St Alban & Stephen Primary School and I am really looking forward to teaching Reception and being the EYFS Phase Lead. I am passionate about teaching, inspiring and nurturing little minds to become creative thinkers and independent learners. I can't wait to meet you all.”

Mrs Ferrin, EYFS Lead and Teacher in Reception Seedlings



“Hello, my name is Mrs Clayton Le Sueur, and I’m really excited to be joining the St Alban & St Stephen school community. I’ve been teaching for over ten years, and I love helping children grow in confidence and enjoy their learning. I’m really looking forward to getting to know the pupils, families, and staff, and becoming part of the wonderful community here.”

*Mrs Clayton Le Sueur,
Year 5 Cedar Teacher Wed-Fri*



“Hello, I’m Mrs Butterworth! Over my teaching career, I have taught across Key stage 1 and 2 and my roles have included Senco and English subject leader. I am very much looking forward to joining and contributing towards the community at St Alban and St Stephen. Having taught here in the past, I know what an amazing school it is.”

*Mrs Butterworth,
Year 5 Cedar Teacher Mon-Tues*



“Hello everyone! I have worked in education and sport for nearly 25 years, and my passion for sport remains as strong as ever. I believe the primary years are the perfect time to capture a child’s enthusiasm for being active. My background includes 7 years at Queens Park Rangers and 15 years at Watford Football Club, where I implemented a wide range of school sports initiatives (not just football!) across local communities. I am also the Youth Development Officer for Glen Rovers Gaelic Football Club in Watford, where my two daughters play. Currently, I run my own coaching business, delivering PE across schools in Hertfordshire and Harrow. My approach is simple: FUN first! I focus on teaching the fundamentals of PE, adapting activities to suit different abilities, and keeping children as active and engaged as possible. I believe children learn best through exciting, enjoyable activities. I’m really looking forward to working with the children this year—and I hope they’re looking forward to it too!”

Mr Byrne, Sports Coach



Important Dates

(a full list of the year’s dates will be sent out shortly)

- Thursday 4th September 8.45: KS1 and KS2 pupils return to school
- Thursday 4th September 1-3pm: New Reception pupils and parents Teddy Bears’ Picnic
- Friday 5th September 8.45: New Reception pupils start school
- Tuesday 9th September 1-3pm: New Nursery pupils and parents Teddy Bears’ Picnic
- Wednesday 10th September: Staggered Nursery start
- Monday 15th-19th September Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight
- Monday 22nd September: St Teresa’s House Celebration - all pupils in St Teresa’s House to wear something yellow.
- Monday 29th September 1.45: Start of the Year Mass in St Paul’s Church TBC. All parents welcome to attend.