



Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Newsletter for Friday 20th January 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action packed week in school!

On Monday, the children in KS2 took part in a boxing workshop. The children were taught practical boxing techniques and also the importance of resilience and a positive mindset. The children told us how much they really enjoyed the workshop. Here are a few quotes from them.

'It was a wonderful physical experience, learning a new skill I've never learnt before' – **Sam Year 6**

'It was great fun and very energetic' – **Sophia Year 3**

'It helped me think about my mental health and made me feel good' – **Betsy Year 5**

The children made a great start at the fencing club this week. They were learning about the different techniques on how to out-think their opponents. Tony, the fencing coach, was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and confidence during the lessons.

Yesterday, the whole school went to The Odyssey cinema and had a wonderful time. Today, Reception went to the Maltings Library and had a story read to them by one of the librarians.

Thank you to Mrs Simpkin for all her hard work in organising the trip to the cinema. Thank you to the staff, parents and grandparent volunteers who helped accompany the children on the cinema and library trips.



Happy Chinese New Year for those celebrating it this Sunday. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs O'Melia

QUIZ IN THE CATHEDRAL NAVE 11th FEBRUARY 7pm



Come and cheer the gloom of February at this quiz, hosted by Year 5 parent John Gardner (Tilly's dad). Tables of 8, tickets £10 each to include cheese platter and bread, bar available. All proceeds go to the Cathedral Choir tour to Italy in May. Tickets available here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/event/cathedral-quiz>

MESSAGE FROM TOM WINPENNY, Assistant Master of the Music and Director of the Girls' Choir

St Albans Cathedral Girls' Choir, is looking to recruit some new choristers to begin in September 2023. They will be holding auditions in the Spring, and are particularly looking for girls in current Year 3 to join (i.e. to begin when they start Year 4). They have had a very strong and continuous association with Abbey Primary in the 27 years that that choir has been in existence, and are keen for it to continue to thrive.

Attached to the newsletter are some details about the Cathedral Girls Choir's schedule and the commitment involved. In addition, they will be holding a 'Be a Chorister for a Day' event on Saturday 28 January, for girls aged 7-9. There are a limited number of spaces available, and further details are available on the cathedral website: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/event/be-a-chorister-for-a-day-cgc2023>

There are, of course, also opportunities for boys to audition for St Albans Cathedral Choir. These take place throughout the year. Enquiries about auditions for either choir can be made to lizzie.birnie@stalbanscathedral.org

MESSAGE FROM FR CALUM



Happy New Year from all at St Albans Cathedral!

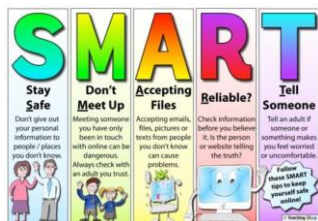
On 21 January we are holding a Burns supper and ceilidh in the nave of the Cathedral! This unique event has been a tremendous sell-out, so we have made some ceilidh only tickets available. To find out more and reserve yours, follow this link. <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/burns-supper>

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please see link to the online booking system for the upcoming parent consultation evenings. [Log in to the SchoolCloud Parents Evening System](#)
Please note this will open on Monday 23rd January and close Friday 27th January.



ONLINE SAFETY



As children may have had devices or computer games for Christmas, it is important that parents have knowledge of what their children are doing whilst online.

Andrew Hall, a safeguarding expert, has sent the following links for parents to read in regards to playing Fortnite and VR headsets.

Please take the time to read the following links and familiarise yourselves with the dangers these might impose.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guidekeep-kids-safe-gaming>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 23rd January – Football v St John Fisher

Wednesday 25th January - Y2 Trip to Verulamium Museum

Wednesday 25th January – Y4 Class Assembly (Y4 parents welcome)

Friday 27th January – Curriculum Letters and Vocabulary to be sent home

Friday 27th January – End of Autumn Term house point winners' non-uniform day for Mark (PE kits to brought in to school in PE bag)

Saturday 4th February - Y5/6 Cross Country @ Westminster Lodge am

Monday 6th February – Year 2 SATs Meeting 2.30pm (Year 2 parents welcome)

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day (Whole School)

Tuesday 7th February – Wellbeing focus Coffee Morning with Mrs Crisp

Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February – Parent Consultations 3.40pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 8th February – Year 2 Class Assembly (Y2 parents welcome)

Wednesday 8th February – Reception Health Screening

Friday 10th February – House point winners' non-uniform day (PE kits to brought in to school in PE bag)

Friday 10th February – End of first half term

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Monday 20th February – Children return to school

Tuesday 21st February – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 23rd February – Lenten Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes at the Cathedral

ST ALBANS HALF MARATHON/ FUN RUN



This year's St Albans Half Marathon and Fun Run, aka the 'Ice Lolly run' is taking place on June 11th. There is an EARLY BIRD offer on tickets if you book your place before 31st January. We narrowly missed out last year on winning the most entries for schools.... PLEASE take a look and choose an event you might like to take part in. It is a super fun event and you can choose from the half marathon, 5K race or the Family Fun Run...**don't' forget to put Abbey Primary School when prompted!**

<https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/atw-st-albans-half-marathon-hashicelollyrun-8961>

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Abbey School is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely serious. If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, please contact the school office.

Our designated Safeguarding Officers are: Mrs O'Melia (Headteacher) Mrs Fraser (Deputy Head) Mrs Crisp (SENCo) and our Safeguarding Governor is: Mrs Katie Wright.



Happy Birthday to

William C Tiggy Mrs Murden

ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts



	Absence	Punctuality
Reception	89%	0
Year 1	95%	0
Year 2	99%	1
Year 3	96%	4
Year 4	93%	0
Year 5	95%	0
Year 6	97%	0
Total Attendance	95%	

REACH FOR THE STARS!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Charlotte – For making up lovely stories in the role play area and for taking special care of her friend. Well done!
Year 1	Ethan – For working hard and for always being kind and helpful. Well done Ethan!
Year 2	Rico – For showing kindness and helpfulness towards others. Well done Rico!
Year 3	Elodie – For your excellent contributions in class and for working really hard on your presentation. Well done!
Year 4	Arthur – For always having a fantastic attitude to learning. Thank you for being a kind, supportive and helpful friend to everyone in Year 4.
Year 5	Clara – For always giving 100% to everything you do and having an excellent attitude to your learning. You are a real asset to Year 5.
Year 6	Lucas – For always setting a good example in class and having a fantastic attitude to learning. Thank you Lucas!



This week's golden ticket winners are:
Tristan Y3 and Arliette Y2

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	POINTS
MATTHEW	157
MARK	207
LUKE	203
JOHN	143

Well done to everyone who tried really hard in all your learning this week!

