



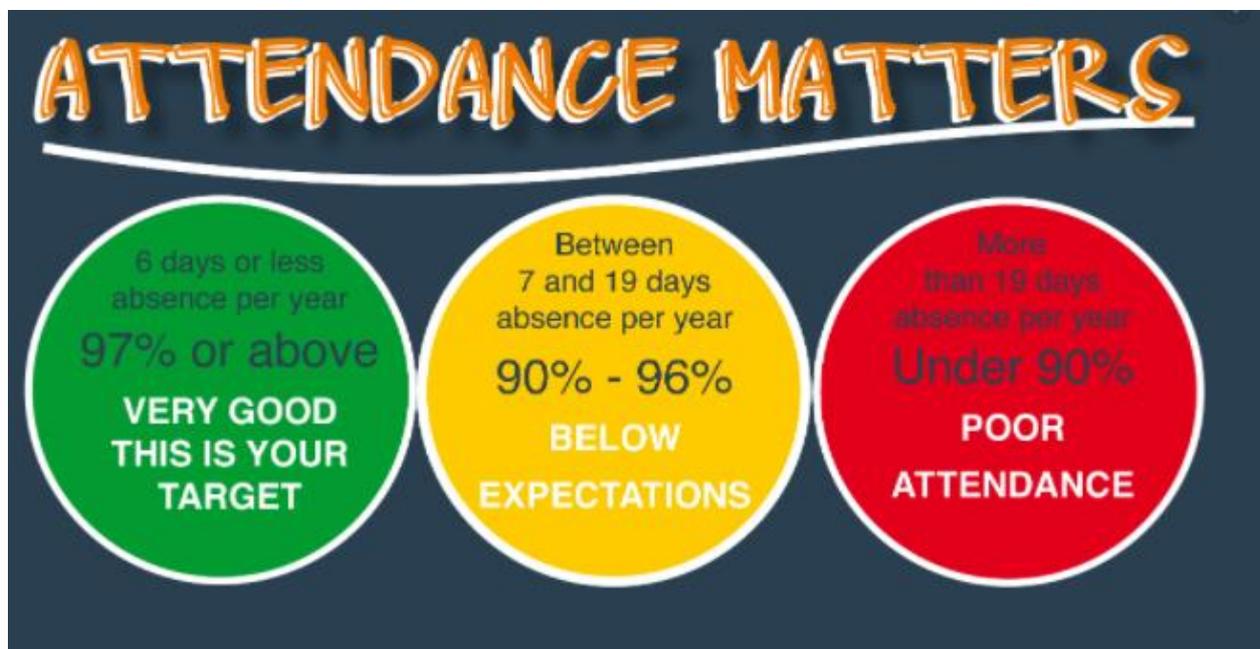
# St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our families had an enjoyable Spring Break and managed to enjoy the spring sunshine. We reach the end of the two weeks since we started back and the children continue to work hard and it has been wonderful to celebrate their enthusiasm for learning and hear the great work going on – I was amazed but not surprised that the children in Year 3 could tell me all about photosynthesis this week!

## Attendance



Attendance has been 96% this week. Whilst in line with national standards I think we can do even better!! I would like to raise the school target to at least 97%. Attendance is very important and some letters will be going out this week to explain the importance of regular attendance to some families that are not yet on target. We want to offer support to ensure we maintain high attendance for all children. School should always be a great place and a fun learning place.

Well done to Class 7 for 100% attendance and to Class 1 for 99% attendance this week - let us make sure we are in school on time every day.

## Holiday Requests

As we move towards further easing of Covid-19 safety restrictions we are aware that many families are considering holidays. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that we maximise school

time for our children's wellbeing and urge families not to take holidays in term time. Holiday requests will not be authorised.

### Celebration

We had a virtual zoom celebration assembly last Friday –and it was great to celebrate the amazing work that is going on in the classrooms and to hear the teachers speak so well of new learning gained. Well done to all our stars of the week!



<i>St Alban's Stars of the week</i>		
Reception	Darcie Mitchell	Millie Ford
Year 1	LILY-ROSE O'LEARY	NUALA MILLING
Year 2	FINLAY GARDNER	AVA-VIOLET RICHMOND
Year 3	JACK MINNIS	AJAY CRINGLE
Year 4	BOBBY MOORE	MICHAEL BROUGH
Year 5	AVINAY LESLIE	SCARLETT THORBINSON
Year 6	Corey Bellion	Harry Kneen

## Highlights

Year 4 working are working so brilliantly on the harp and it was great to “hear” yesterday and Year 5 have had a great week on Fractions – I was very pleased to see them testing me! The teachers have been working on our long term Curriculum plan and spend some more time together working on Maths this week.



Well done to [Isabella Hope](#) for being super kind and going above and beyond– she always thinks of others and thought of her brother. When she worked hard for an award for herself she had a change of heart and decided to choose a prize to give to him instead – Like all great sisters and a real life lesson – she learned that she could have both!! Thanks for going above and beyond Bella!!

## Catch up

We have just completed the first wave of our catch up funding – some 60 students have benefitted from some extra support and we now begin the next group next week. – If selected please ensure good attendance as each session cost over £45 and we are making sure we measure the impact.

## First Sacraments

It was great to see the Year 4 children and parents as we prepare for them celebrating the first sacraments at the online meeting last week - thanks for so many for your high attendance.

## Book Swap

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May the children we would like the children to bring in any good quality/ nearly new books they have at home that they no longer want. Then on the Friday during our book day, they will be able to choose a different book to take home to read. We have done this before and it proved to be a very successful and positive experience for the children and fostered a love for books in line with our whole school focus.

Some of the donated books will go towards building a new library for our children to enjoy. There is a big push nationally for the provision of high quality reading experiences in the Primary school environment at the moment.

This new initiative is being promoted by Cressida Cowell author of ‘How to Train Your Dragon’ and was recently featured on the BBC news.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-56716445>

### **Summer Uniform**

It helps our children be in the right frame of mind for school. At St Alban's we know that if our children look smart, they are often acting smart! However, we are aware that many families are struggling to access shops and that supply chains have been affected. Therefore for this term we are not taking a strict stance on uniform. Summer uniform is now available and children can still wear the very smart PE uniform. Please contact the office if you need any help on the summer uniform.

Hoping you have a great weekend and we can start to make our good attendance even better.

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