



Kindness Respect Ambition

# Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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## A NOTE FROM MRS PINDER

It was great meeting all the parents at the 'Meet and Greet' the Teacher evening on 13th September 2023. There was an excellent turn out and it was lovely meeting you all. Our Reception children have started brilliantly this week and I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to the Alban Wood community. I am excited for this upcoming year and have lots planned.

### ATTENDANCE 2023-24

Aim: over 96%

Rec- 95.4%

Year 1-91.4%

Year 2-97.5%

Year 3-96.3%

Year 4-96.5%

Year 5-96%

Year 6-98.1%

Whole School-96.1%

This week the whole school attendance is 96.1%. Our school attendance target is 96%, so as you can see, we have hit our target.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th Sept - Positive Minds - Y6

27th Sept - ALP Ambition Day

4th Oct - Additional Provision Meetings - 3:30 - 6:00pm

5th Oct - Orienteering Day

9th Oct - Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

12th October - Year 4 Tri-golf at Future Academies - 12:30pm - 3:00pm

16th October - Harvest Assembly

16th Oct - Parent Consultation - 3:30 - 6:30pm

18th Oct - Parent Consultation - 3:30 - 6:30pm

19th Oct - ALP Wellbeing Day

23rd - 27th Oct - Half Term

6th Nov - Year 6 Health Screening

9th/10th Nov - Steve Clifford Author Visit

9th Nov - School Discos

23rd Nov - ALP Generosity Day

23rd Nov - Year 5 Fun Run at Future Academies.



## Moving On 2024 or 2025



Local secondary schools will be holding their annual open evenings /events throughout September and October. I recommend that if your child is in Year 5 or 6 you consider looking around all the secondary schools in the area. More information about secondary transfer can be found at Hertfordshire Admissions. The deadline for applying for a secondary school place, if your child is in Year 6 is Tuesday 31st October 2023.



# IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Like all parents, you will want your child to do the best they can at school, and we are grateful for the crucial role you play in supporting them to do this. Supporting them to attend on time each day, as well as supporting them to complete homework is part of the reason our children achieve as well as they do.

Families that take holidays in term time, for whatever reason, have a significant impact on their child's attendance and therefore on achievement. We need your support to reverse this. We all have a legal duty to ensure our children will reach their potential by attending school if they are able. All the evidence clearly shows that pupils with excellent attendance achieve better at school.

If you are having problems with getting your child to attend for reasons other than a holiday, please speak to me as soon as possible so that we can work together to resolve this.

## **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME & UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE**

As a reminder, please see below holidays for the Academic Year 2023/2024. Holidays should only be booked within these dates. No holidays will be authorised outside of these dates unless they meet the special circumstance criteria. As reference for when you are booking your holidays, these dates can be found on the following:

- School website
- Newsletter

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## Holiday List and INSET Days

### 1 Sept 2023 - 31st Aug 2024

	Closing Date	INSET	Re-Opening
Autumn 2023		Friday 1st September	Monday 4th September
Autumn half term	Friday 20th October		Monday 30th October
Christmas 2023	Wednesday 20th December	Thursday 4th January Friday 5th January	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring half term 2024	Friday 16th February		Monday 26th February
Spring Holiday 2024	Thursday 28th March		Monday 15th April
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May		Tuesday 7th May
Summer half term 2024	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July	Monday 22nd July	

# Head boy and Girl and House Captains

Head Boy - Uzair

Head Girl - Hannah

Antony Joshua (Blue) House Captains are  
Jake and Jessica

Kelly Smith (Yellow) House Captains are  
Tilly and Sara

Gareth Southgate (Green) House Captains  
are Evie and Taybah

Victoria Pendleton (Red) House Captains are  
Daniel and Savannah



**Very important reminder that we are a 'nut free zone' at school due to severe allergies. Please be aware that Nutella/Chocolate Spread does contain nuts and therefore we would ask you not to put it on sandwiches in school lunch boxes. Thank you.**