

# Alban Wood's Newsletter

Note From Mrs Pinder –

We will mark the Coronation in school with a special assembly and non uniform day – wearing red, white and blue colours on Friday 5th May.

All of the children in Y6 and Y2 have been hard at work this term as they prepare for the Statutory Assessments (SATs) that they will undertake in May.

We know the children have worked hard and are ready for them – all they need now, alongside a spot of gentle revision (for Y6), is to ensure they get a good night's sleep every night and particularly in the week of their tests. Tests for Y6 will commence the week of May 8th.



## Attendance

This week the whole school attendance is 93.7%. Our school attendance target is 96%, so as you can see, that we have not hit our target.



## Current Percentage of attendance 2022 – 23

**Aim: over 96%**

Rec – 90.3%

Year 1 93.2%

Year 2 92.3%

Year 3 94.5%

Year 4 96%

Year 5 95.9%

Year 6 95.5%

**Whole School 93.7%**



## Dates For The Diary

**8th May – Coronation – School closed**

**9th – 12th May – SAT's week for Year 6**

**13th – 14th May – Keith Sampey Exhibition – School Hall  
11:00 – 2:00pm**

**15th May – Year 6 Kwik Cricket**

**16th May – Reception Stay and Read – 2:45 – 3:15pm**

**17th May – Reception Assembly – 9:00am**

**17th May – World War 2 Workshop – Year 6**

**18th FAW Non Uniform Day**

**18th May – FAW Disco – EYFS/KS1 – 3:30 – 4:30pm**

**KS2 – 4:45 – 6:00pm**

**22nd May – Year 4 Trip to Verulamium**

**22nd May – Reception Class Trip to Bracknell Discovery  
Centre**

**22nd May – Farm visiting the Nursery**

**25th May – Agora Enrichment Event**

**26th May – INSET – School closed to children**

**5th Jun – Children return to school**

**6th June – FAW Meeting– 9:00am**

**12th – 14th Jun – Gilwell Park residential – Year 6**

**12th June – Year 5 Trip to Batchworth Lock**

## **Dates for the Diary**

- 14th Jun – Nursery Assembly – 9:15 – 9:30 am**
- 26th –30th Jun – Enrichment Week**
- 30th Jun – Alban Wood's Got Talent**
- 30th Jun – FAW Summer Fair – 3:00 – 5:00pm**
- 5th Jul – Year 1 Class Assembly – 9:00am**
- 7th Jul – Sports Day – 9:00 – 12:00**
- 7th Jul – Open Afternoon – 1:00 – 3:00pm**
- 13th Jul – Transition Day**
- 13th Jul – Year 6 Leaver's Party – 5:00 – 7:00pm**
- 18th Jul – Year 6 Performance – 6:00 – 7:30pm**
- 20th Jul – Nursery Last day of term**
- 21st Jul – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly**
- 21st Jul – 2:00pm Term Ends**

## **Walk to School Week 15th – 19th May**

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**We are always encouraging the children to make healthy choices by walking, cycling, scootering or parking and striding to school. During Walk to School Week could you please help your children to make a healthy choice in the way they travel to school, if this is possible.**

## **Sponsored Reading Challenge**



**Thank you to the children that participated in the Sponsored Read over the Easter Holidays and raised an amazing £1544.65!**

**We celebrated the success in Friday's assembly with a special tea.**

**Thank you to all the families and friends that supported our children in raising the money for new books for the classroom libraries.**

## **Year 6**

**I would just like to say a huge well done to Year 6 for all of their hard work. They have been making use of each minute that they have left in lessons until next week's SATs and should be really proud of themselves. Good luck next week to you all – I know you will try your best and make us all proud.**

## **Year 5**

**Year 5 have had a busy start after Half term, as we have leapt into our new unit of Roaming the Rainforest. We have already looked in depth at the Yanomami tribe, researching both their history and their culture. We have also drawn on some of our English skills to write a persuasive letter to the Brazilian government to provide the Yanomami tribe with more protection. In our writing, we have been looking at the Famous poem – The Highwayman, by Alfred Noyes. We studied the poem and wrote an alternate ending involving the highwayman. In maths, we have looked at shape, concentrating on different angles, measuring angles and estimating angles.**

## Reception

Reception have been very busy. We have been using the book 'I wanna Iguana' for our Literacy and have written some fantastic sentences. We are getting really good at remembering to use a capital letter at the beginning, spaces between our words and even a full stop at the end! In Maths we have been delving deep into numbers beyond 20. Check out the board in the Reception outdoor area for some examples of our work each day.

We have also been taking regular walks to the school pond to check on the development of the tadpoles – they don't have legs yet but we are very excited to see the tadpoles grow and develop. This week we have been learning about the Monarchy in anticipation of the Coronation of King Charles.





## Nursery

Earlier in the term, the children in nursery have been learning all about farms. They have learnt that there are different types of farms from livestock farming to Arable farming some farms are mixed. The children explored being farmers helping to get the land ready to grow crops. The children explored different types of seeds, they noticed how different they are in shape size and colour. Next the children got to choose their own seeds to sow. We have Carrots/ Runner Beans/ Parsnips/ Broad Beans/ French Dwarf Beans. They also sowed some flower seeds Sweet Peas/Sunflowers and mixed seeds for Butterflies. We cannot wait to see them grow! We have been reading the book Jasper's Beanstalk the children now know it will take a while for the seeds to grow.



## **Year 1**

**Year 1 have been looking at Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell in History. Next, we will be discussing which nurse we think is the most important and why; I cannot wait to hear Year 1's ideas! In Design Technology we have collected data on the classes favourite and least favourite fruits. In our next lesson we are going to be practising cutting fruit safely before creating designs for our own small fruit pizzas. In English we have been learning the suffixes -ing and -ed, the prefix un- and when to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Next, we will be looking at when to use the suffixes -s and -es before looking at when to use question marks and exclamation marks. In Phonics, we are working hard recapping our sounds in preparation for the phonics screening. In class we like playing the free buried treasure game on [www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources). If you would like to practise at home we are currently looking at phase 5 sounds.**



## **Year 4**

**Year 4 have made a great start to a busy summer term. In maths we have been working on decimals converting between tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals which will help us as we move on the topic of money. We are also continuing to make good progress in mastering our times tables. In English we have been working on our narrative skills writing a new chapter for the book Farther, looking at how we show our reader emotions and mood through the vocabulary we choose and literary devices such as pathetic fallacy. We are excited about our upcoming trip to Verulamium on 22nd May and have been exploring how and why the Romans invaded Britain including marching in different formations as the Roman army did!**

## **Term Dates**

### **Summer Term 2023**

**Last day of Summer 1: Thursday 25 May**

**Inset Day: Friday 26 May – School closed to children**

**Summer half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June**

**First day of Summer 2: Monday 5 June**

**Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

**Inset Days: 1 Sept – school closed to children**

**First day of Autumn 1: Monday 4 September**

**Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October**

**Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October**

**First day of Autumn 2: Monday 30 October**

**Last day of Autumn 2: Wednesday 20 December**

### **Spring Term 2024**

**Inset Days: Thursday 4 and Friday 5 – school closed to children**

**First day of Spring 1: Monday 8 January**

**Last day of Spring 1: Friday 16 February**

**Spring half term: Monday 19 – Friday 23 February**

**First day of Spring 2: Monday 26 February**

**Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March**

# **Term Dates**

## **Summer Term 2024**

**First day of Summer 1: Monday 15 April**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed**

**Last day of Summer 1: Thursday 23 May**

**Inset Day: Friday 24 May – school closed to children**

**Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May**

**First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June**

**Last day of Summer 2: Friday 19 July**

**Inset Days: Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July – School closed to children**