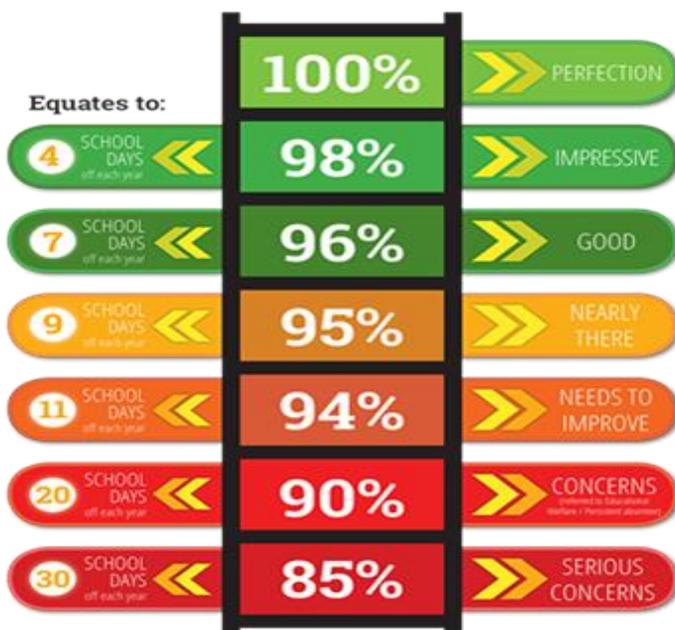


Note from Mrs Pinder

How quickly time flies, we're now nearly half-way through the spring term! We had so much fun with the snow a few weeks ago and with the potential of more on the way during February and March, it is a good time to check we have the correct mobile number for you in the schoolsystem. We will text you about whether the school will be open or closed, so it is important we have your number. As we play outside and do PE outside all year round it is really important that your child has the right clothes at school. Please make sure they have winter sport clothes (including trainers) and a warm coat at school each day. Thank you.

 <small>MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY!</small>	Current Percentage of attendance 2018-19
	Aim: over 96%
Year R	96.4%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.2%
Whole School	95.7%

Diary Dates for Spring Term	
18 th -22 nd Feb	Half Term
27 th Feb	Superhero workshop - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2.
26 th Feb	St Albans Abbey Visit - Year 4
5 th March	Glenn McLernon Author Visit
7 th March	World Book Day
11 th March	Parent Consultations
13 th March	Parent Consultations
14 th March	Dance4ALL Workshop
15 th March	Red Nose Day
15 th March	Knex Workshop - Year 4
18 th March	Distraction Training – Year 6
19 th March	CPR Training – Year 6
29 th March	Non-Uniform Day – Bring in an Easter Egg.
3 rd April	Warner Bros Script to Screen
4 th April	PTA Easter Fair 3pm
5 th April	End of Term 2pm finish



New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Alex Bradbury to Alban Wood Primary. Mr Bradbury will be replacing Miss Yoga in Year 5, who has left due to ill health.

Maddison's Tortoise.

Maddison brought in her pet tortoise to school; the sunshine room children met him in the afternoon. Maddison explained that the children needed to be gentle. She held her tortoise while the other children stroked its head and shell. (Yr 2 and Reception also had the tortoise in their class).



The Sunshine Room

Year 6

In English, Year 6 have been looking at a short story called 'The Umbrella' and through this text we have looked at writing a diary entry, a formal letter and a newspaper report. The children have really enjoyed this unit of work and look forward to continuing this at the start of next half term on writing an explanation text. Year 6 have also enjoyed our Take One Book Week where the children were able to write a diary entry as if they were a person in the city. We discussed sorrows and how we can make ourselves feel better. This unit of work also linked through discussions in P4C on children's mental well-being. Year 6 have begun our 'Battleships' topic and have enjoyed investigating the world using atlases, time zones across the world and data about seas and oceans. They have been very creative through our art lessons linking to 'Battleships' by creating colour pallets and using lines to depict movement through the context of the sea and waves. Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term in all subjects and look forward to the next half term.

Miss Nicolaou

Nursery Stay and Play

Date	Time	Activity
1/3/19	11.15am - 11.45am	Stay and Play
8/3/19	8.45am - 9.20am	Share a Book
15/3/19	11.15am -11.45am	Stay and Play
22/3/19	8.45am-9.20am	Share a Book
29/3/19	11.15am – 11.45am	Stay and Play
5/4/19	11.00am – 11.45am	Stay and Play

We hope the changes we made in the times will help working parents who would like the take part in Stay and Play sessions. We have also introduced Come and Share a book this is a great opportunity to share a book with your child and develop their love of books.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Mrs Russell

Nut Free School

At Alban Wood, we are a nut free school so we request that parents do not send children with nut-based items in their packed lunches or snacks at playtime. This is to ensure the health and safety of pupils with allergies. In addition to this, we request that parents are mindful of this if sending in birthday sweets, cakes, snacks. We will always ask children to eat their treat when they are with their parent rather than before. We thank you for your understanding and support with this *important matter*.

Reception Stay and Play

Reception Class have Stay and Play on Thursday mornings from 8.40am to 9.10am. The children have enjoyed sharing with parents their current learning through a variety of activities. Due to ongoing popularity Stay and Play will be: Blue Group- 28th February, Red Group- 7th March, Yellow Group- 14th March, all parents welcome 21st and 28th of March.

The children have also loved having parents coming in sharing stories this half term. To continue building on the children's love of reading, there will be a sign up sheet if parents would like to share a story with a group of 5 or 6 children at 2.40pm Mondays to Thursdays. Thank you.



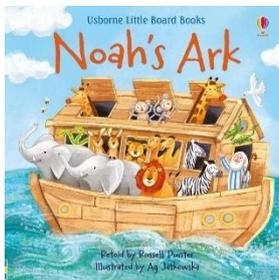
Mrs Richards

Lost Property

Please can you name all items of clothing as we have a number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property.

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed reading and reflecting on our school book, 'The Dog Who found Sorrow,' for take one book week. We did many exciting activities like reviewing the book and giving it our star ratings! It linked in closely with PSHE. For our well-being, we thought of the things that make us sad or worried and discussed and wrote strategies to deal with these. We also thought of things that make us feel happy! The children wrote and drew some wonderful things, such as a lovely cuddle with mum! They also loved inventing happy and sad creatures and describing their features! In RE, we have been listening to religious stories too and learning that leading a good life is important.



Mrs Rose



Esafety assembly....

On Tuesday 5th February, the children had an assembly on Safer Internet Day 2019. The theme this year is 'Our internet, our choice - understanding consent in a digital world'. They learnt that when we are online we need to make lots of choices, and give others chance to make a choice for themselves. We need to ask if it is okay to do something before we do it.

They listened to a story called 'Zap and Zoom go online'. Zap and Zoom were playing a game online, when a message appeared on the screen. Zap was not sure about this question. He did not know if it was okay to give his real name to the game, and didn't know if he should give his permission or not. Zap did the right thing and asked his dad what he should do and his dad deleted the message for him. The children were able to understand from the story that they should always ask an adult for help if something unusual appears online.

We then discussed how sometimes organisations will ask permission before they do something that might affect you or your account – for example, collecting your personal information. We looked at different scenarios that they might come across and they learnt if what you're doing online might affect somebody else, always ask their permission first and most importantly if you're unsure or need further support then speak to an adult for help and advice.

Miss Nicolaou

Take One Book Week

What a great Take One Book Week! It is so lovely to see all of the hard work from Nursery to Year 6 and hear how sensitive the children were to the story 'The Dog Who Found Sorrow'. We are always looking for new ways to talk about mental health and give children strategies to support them and this week was a real celebration of that. When you are next in school, please come and look at our whole class display in the hall!

Miss Maclean

Wise Pay

A reminder that you can make payments using Wise Pay via the school website under the Parents tab.

School Office

Chickens

After only eight weeks, our new chickens are looking very proud of their new feathers! The School Council have been holding a survey and the six most popular names are Juliet, Helena, Titania, Adriana, Celia and Beatrice! All names from Shakespeare stories.



The School Council