

St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 20 November 2026

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Parents Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 23rd November**. If you have not yet returned your appointment slip, please do so as soon as possible so that your meeting time can be confirmed. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps with their teacher. Please note that if you have already attended a SEN meeting for your child this half term, you do not need to book an appointment, as a further review meeting will take place during the Spring Term.

Book People Book Fair
Pop-Up Bookshop

We were delighted to welcome children and families to our first **Pop-Up Bookshop** sessions this week as part of the Discovery Programme, delivered in partnership with the Children's Book Project. The events were a great success, with children enjoying the opportunity to browse a wide selection of books and choosing two to take home and keep. Over the course of the year, every child will have the chance to select and take home **six free books**, helping to nurture a love of reading and build their own library at home.

Y3 Art Trip

On **Thursday 26th November**, **Year 3** will visit the Walker Art Gallery to take part in the exciting "Storytelling with the Greeks" workshop. This engaging session will bring Ancient Greek myths and legends to life, supporting the children's learning in a fun and interactive way.
We kindly ask for a contribution of **£1** per child towards the cost of the visit. Please ensure that permission slips are completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Chester Zoo Project Celebration

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school on **Wednesday** to celebrate the children's work from our Chester Zoo project. Families enjoyed looking at the fantastic displays and learning about everything the children have discovered throughout the project. The children were proud to share their work and showcase their creativity, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Reception Cinema Trip

Our Reception children had a wonderful time at the cinema on **Tuesday**, where they enjoyed watching "Hoopers". The children were beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, sharing lots of excitement.

Year 5 Rainforest Readers

We are thrilled to share that our Year 5 children are taking part in **Rainforest Readers**, an exciting 6-month programme run by **The Dixon Foundation** that brings together reading, storytelling and the natural world. Designed to spark a lifelong love of books while exploring wildlife and the environment, the programme will give the children plenty of opportunities to get creative, connect with nature and build their reading confidence. A key part of the programme is parental involvement, and families will have the opportunity to work alongside their child. We would love to invite Year 5 parents and carers to join us in school on **Wednesday 25th November 2.45pm-3.15pm**, to hear all about what the children will be getting up to over the coming months and how you can get involved.

Tesco Stronger Starts

A reminder that our Tesco Stronger Starts vote has now been extended until **10th January 2027**. If you're shopping in the Deysbrook or Old Swan Tesco superstores, please continue to vote for our school using your blue tokens. Every vote counts, so please encourage family and friends to support us too. Thank you!

Reception Aquarium Trip

Our Reception children will be visiting the Aquarium at the World Museum on **Tuesday 24th November**. The cost of the trip is £2 per child. Please ensure that permission slips are completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Science Stay & Play

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Science Stay and Play sessions on **Friday 13th and Monday 16th November**. We were delighted with the fantastic turnout and it was wonderful to see families getting involved in the exciting activities alongside their children. A special thank you to Mr Breen for organising.

Christmas Shopping Day

A reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 4th December 2026** for Christmas shopping day.

Week's Attendance

Rec	90.4%
Y1	81.1%
Y2	93.8%
Y3	83.8%
Y4	80.7%
Y5	95.2%
Y6	96.7%

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Y6 Art Trip

On **Thursday,** our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Walker Art Gallery, where they took part in an exciting workshop entitled 'Storytelling with the Greeks'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive actives and had the opportunity to explore Greek Myths and storytelling in a creative and engaging way.

Panto

We are delighted to announce that we have arranged a whole-school trip to the Brindley Theatre to see the Snow White pantomime on **Monday 14th December 2026**. The cost of the trip is **£20 per child**. Payment can be made via ParentPay, cash, or bank transfer (St Albert's School: 30-65-62, 29901160). Please complete and return your child's permission slip, along with payment, by Friday 27th November to secure your child's place. We are sure this will be a magical and memorable experience for all the children! This trip is subsided for everyone by our Ineos Charity funding.

Messy Christmas KS1

We are delighted to be hosting a Messy Christmas Event for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on **Monday 30th November, 3.15pm-4.30pm**. Join us for an afternoon of festive crafts and Christmas fun! £1 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult, who will take part in the activities alongside them. Please return permission slips by Friday 27th November. 🎅✨🎨

Christmas Film Night KS2

Children in Years 3-6 are invited to our Christmas Film Night on **Wednesday 2nd December**. They will enjoy watching Home Alone (PG) with hot chocolate and biscuits. Children should be collected from school at 5.10pm. The cost is £1 per child. Please return permission slips by Friday 27th November. 🎬☕🍪

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, the children have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, exploring the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. Throughout the week, pupils enjoyed a range of daily activities designed to help them understand how to be positive friends and support one another. We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful way our children engaged with the theme and the values they demonstrated both in and out of the classroom.

London/ PGL

Deposits for both London and PGL should now have been paid to secure your child's place. For the **London** trip, the remaining balance of £200 can be paid in two instalments:

2nd Payment of £100, due by 27th November 2026

Final payment of £100, due 15th January 2027.

For the **PGL** trip, the remaining £110 balance can be paid in two instalments:

2nd payment: £60 by Friday 8th January 2027

Final payment: of £50 by Friday 26th March 2027

If you would like to arrange a payment plan for either trip, please contact the school office.

PE Days

Mon	Y1 & Y6	Sports with Mr Unwin
Thurs	Y2 & Y5	Sports with Mr Unwin
Fri	Y3 & Y4	Sports with Mr Unwin

After School Club

Mon	Year 5 & 6	Sport with Mr Unwin till 4.15pm
Thurs	Year 3 & 4	Sports with Mr Unwin till 4.15pm

Monday After School Club Cancelled

Please note that there will be no After School Club on **Monday 23rd November** due to Parents' Evening taking place after school. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

Autumn & Winter Lunch Menu

To help parents and carers plan ahead, our **Autumn & Winter Lunch Menu** for **November 2026 to March 2027** is attached to the digital version of this newsletter and is also available on our website. The menu operates on a **three-week rolling cycle**, with each menu colour-coded. A calendar is included to show which menu applies each week throughout the term. The menu also contains important information about **allergens and dietary requirements**, helping families make informed choices and plan meals in advance.

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RAINFOREST READERS

IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!



WHAT?

Rainforest Readers is a six-month programme for Year 5 children. Come and meet the team at a short introduction for grown-ups! Hear what we'll be doing, and find out how you can get involved.

WHEN?

Wednesday 25th November
2:45–3:15pm (just before pick-up!)

WHERE?

The School Hall

WHY?

To nurture happy, healthy childhoods rooted in reading and nature. We'll be supporting your child's wellbeing, creativity and care for nature - we'd love you to be part of it.

Can't make it? We'd still love to hear from you.
Feel free to email Emma at
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