
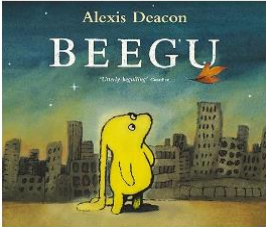



St Alban's C.E Primary and Nursery School  
Key Stage 1 Spring Term Information Letter 2026

St Alban's C.E Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break. This half term is jam packed with activities and we have two class trips planned, Careers Week and also our class collective worship. The classroom is open at 8:45 am. The children complete early morning activities, such as handwriting practice, reading with an adult, maths fluency practice and guided reading activities. I encourage all the children to arrive at this time so they can participate in these valuable learning activities and then be settled to start their phonics session at 9.

Class Poet	Class Learning
<p data-bbox="203 868 461 895">Julia Donaldson</p>  <p data-bbox="203 1123 506 1374">Julia Donaldson is a well-known English author and poet. Many of the children will already be familiar with her books.</p>	 <p data-bbox="831 868 2047 1155">English: Our book this half term is Beegu. It is a lovely picture book about a lonely alien trying to make friends. Key Stage 1 will describe Beegu and retell his story. As a class, we will focus on sequencing sentences using time adverbials to create an exciting narrative. The children will develop their use of conjunctions to extend their sentences. I am continuing to support children with proofreading their writing and then editing where necessary.</p> <p data-bbox="539 1203 1608 1326">Due to the Nativity, I delayed Autumn 2 Design and Technology topic to this half term, The children will make puppets! The children will design their puppets, explore methods of joining</p> 



materials. They will then plan, design and decorate their puppet. Finally, they will review and evaluate their outcomes.

In Geography, the children will explore the school grounds and local area. Children will learn how to recognise features of their school on an aerial photograph. After conducting a school survey, they will use the results to decide on how to improve three areas of the playground.



This half term, our topic is **Sensitive Bodies**. Children will learn about the five senses: taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. They will identify the different body parts used for each sense and explore how these senses help us understand the world around us. Through observation and investigation, Key Stage 1 children will explore how sound changes as they move further away from a source, as well as investigate different types of tastes and smells.

Things your child needs to bring to and from school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bag	Book bag	Book bag	Book bag	Book bag
Reading Records/ Books		Homework to be submitted	Reading Records/ Books	Homework and spelling list handed out
		P.E. kit		P.E. kit

Ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- ❖ Talk to your child about their school day.
- ❖ Listen to your child.
- ❖ Make sure your child eats a good breakfast before they come to school or send them to breakfast club.
- ❖ Hear your child read every day.
- ❖ Read to your child every day.
- ❖ Record your child's reading in their reading record every day by signing in the box so we know it has been read.
- ❖ Support your child to complete a written response to their reading at least once a week.
- ❖ A recommended reading list will be in each child's reading record to help guide you on the books your child should be reading for their age group.
- ❖ Help your child learn number facts to support their mental maths (Number Bonds to 10 and then 20).
- ❖ Support your child to complete a home-learning task. This is to be handed in on Wednesdays.
- ❖ Work with your child on their home-learning project each half term. This must be handed in during the first week of every half term.
- ❖ A spelling list will be sent home for your child to learn so that you are aware of what spellings the children are learning and a test will be done on a Friday for those set of words.
- ❖ Come on a school trip and enjoy learning with your child.
- ❖ Be on time every day for school!

Reading at home is an important way for you to support your child's learning. When your child reads to you, please comment in their reading record. I change their books on a Monday and Thursday and it is always helpful to read your comments. For further information on this term's learning, you will find Year 1 and 2 curriculum maps for this term on the school website and on the Year 1 and 2 parent boards.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me. An appointment can be made via the school office or do feel free to speak to me in the playground after school.

Best wishes  
Fiona Daly