Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans

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Heads' Newsletter

30th January 2026

Welcome

Welcome to our latest school newsletter. As always, we've had another busy few weeks and we're pleased to share some of the highlights with you. Please note key dates at the bottom of the newsletter including dates for the next academic year.

Ramadan

This year, the holy month of Ramadan is expected to begin on or around the evening of Tuesday 17th February 2026, and we know that many of our families will be observing this important time of reflection. It is a period that encourages kindness, patience and care for others. We will be sharing information about Ramadan with the children during assemblies, helping them learn more about the traditions followed by friends within our school. We recognise that some of the older children may wish to observe fasting during this period. If so, please contact the school office so that we can arrange a meeting to discuss this together and ensure appropriate support is in place.

Year 6 Indoor Athletics session

Congratulations to our Year 6 athletes who competed at Oaklands College last Thursday!

From sprinting in the races to mastering the javelin and high jump, the children showed fantastic sporting spirit. It was wonderful to see them tackling every challenge with such enthusiasm and big smiles. Andi Yoxall

Year 3 Class assembly

Year 3 had a fantastic class assembly last Thursday. We started off with a BANG singing our Virginian 'Cup' song with cups and rhythmic voices. Everyone shared interesting facts about our History topic using their best voices. We could see Year 3 know a lot about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! We also played the 'BAG Swing' and the 'March of the Nutcracker' by Tchaikovsky using the notes B, A and G on our recorders. Then we recited the poem called 'The Counties' using Makaton sign language as a whole class, because we are learning about all the counties in Geography. Finally we sang our Science song learning how to investigate things correctly.

This was not all for year 3... we also proudly received our Pen Licences this week. We can all join our handwriting now and present our work neatly to the best of our ability. Well done Year 3! Mrs Du Plessis

Building Volunteers needed!

After School Club won some funding to create a new space in the outside area by the community room. This will become 'The Nook' an extra space to read, do homework and play.

One of our parents has volunteered to come into school on Saturday 7th Feb to level the ground, prepare footings and build the log cabin (pictured). **If you can come along and help please contact the school office.**

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Year 5 Science Museum trip

Last Tuesday, as part of their topic on 'Forces', Year 5 went to the Science Museum. This is what the class had to say:

In the space section it was fascinating. One thing about it that was cool was the globe. The globe was a changing thing that changed to different planets. It was a 'black hole' of facts! ***Emma***

The friction slides were so fun because you could test which slide went quicker. I also enjoyed the pulleys and you could sit on a chair and pull a rope then your chair went upwards! There were also lots of fun things to do e.g. a show, sound waves, thermal camera and a place to make cloud rings. ***Abi***

We went to a show called 'Feel the Force'. We met a 'celebrity' called Phil the Frog who demonstrated all of the forces and how they worked. ***Phoebe L, Eva, Evie, Hetty***

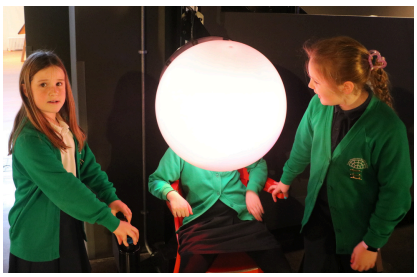
In the science museum I enjoyed the 'Feel the Force' show. I also enjoyed the Wonderlab because there were so many interesting things. ***Joshua***

We walked into the space lab and saw a real astronaut suit. We saw lots of rocket parts. We then sat in a circle and saw planets and listened to information about them. ***Vera, Caitlin, Emma***

When we went to the science museum, I had so much fun in the Wonderlab. My favourite thing was the friction slides. ***Lorcan***

My favourite place was the Wonderlab. There were lots of different activities; slides made of wood, plastic and fake grass for friction tests, and pulley systems. ***Amy***

There was a water dispensing place where you could choose to spray or sip. You could pull yourself up on pulleys, or slide down slides made of plastic, wood and grass to see which was the fastest. ***Henry***



Our teacher gave us a chatterbox and it was very interesting and I did it the whole time we were in the space lab. We had to go around and find the answers to the questions in the chatterbox. ***Caitlin***

When we went to the Science Museum we went to the Wonderlab. I really enjoyed it all, especially the friction slides and pulley chairs. ***Lyla***

I loved the Wonderlab. There was lots to do including pulley chairs, friction slides and loads of things to investigate. There was a tube full of electricity and when you touched the glass it would give you a little electric shock! ***Phoebe B***

I liked the slides and the pulley system. ***Dylan R***

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Gardening Club Volunteers needed!

Our team of volunteers who look after the school's allotment area and polytunnel need someone to join them on Wednesdays so they can restart Gardening Club after half term. This runs 1:30 to 3:15pm every week up until October and the children take it in turns to come out in small groups. It doesn't have to be a parent so please ask friends, neighbours and grandparents - anyone with an interest in gardening who would enjoy helping out and is free most Wednesday afternoons. Just let the office know and we will follow up.

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

Thurs 5th - Year 6 Class assembly 9:15am
Mon 16th to Fri 20th - Half term
Mon 23rd - INSET (school closed)
Wed 25th - Individual Provision Map meetings

MARCH

Thurs 5th - World Book Day
Tues 24th - Year 4 Performance 9:15am
Thurs 26th - Nursery End of term
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Thurs 27th - End of term 1:30pm

APRIL

Mon 13th - Start of summer term

MAY

Mon 4th - Bank holiday (school closed)
Mon 25th - Fri 29th - Half term

JUNE

Fri 26th - INSET (school closed)

JULY

Tues 21st - Nursery end of term
Wed 22nd - End of term 1:30pm finish

Please note that the return to school in both September 2026 and September 2027 will be on 2nd September. In both years, 1st September will be an INSET day, and school will be closed to pupils.

Christingle fundraising for Children's Society

Since the Christingle assembly we held we have received a letter from Andrew Moran at The Children's society who said

"I want to extend my sincere thanks for your incredible support during this year's Christingle celebrations and for your amazing donation of £268.44. The money raised by everyone at Camp Primary & Nursery School makes a significant difference in the lives of countless children. Once again, thank you for standing with young people, your support can be a beacon of hope and light during a young person's darkest time - so thank you."

Kind regards,
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers