Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans

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Heads' Newsletter

13th February 2026

Welcome

As we come to the end of the half term, we would like to thank all of the children and staff for their continued hard work and contribution to school life. It has been another busy few weeks, with some pupils taking part in Bikeability, sharing their learning in class assemblies, and enjoying the challenge of Speed Stacking. We were proud to take some groups of our Governors around school over the last two weeks who really enjoyed their visits and were impressed by how engaged and focused the children were in their learning. To our families who will be observing Ramadan, we send our warmest wishes during this special time. We hope everyone enjoys a happy and restful half term. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Thank you from Sheldon

Thank you to all the families who have made contributions to Sheldon's care. He is overwhelmed by your generosity and feels very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Year 6 Class assembly

Year 6 performed a wonderful class assembly last week, which showcased a wide range of the learning that they have been doing in class so far during the Autumn and early Spring terms. The children started off reading out their advocacy-based poems which were passionately asking the audience to make changes to help save our world. The whole class showed off some great Islamic inspired art where they cut into lino tiles to create geometric patterns. They shared their knowledge about World War II linked to topics such as rationing, the Blitz and the home guard, as well as quizzing parents to see if they could correctly guess some mystery objects from World War II. Then there was a great deal of excitement in the audience as the class demonstrated the marble run temples that they had constructed in Design & Technology. There were not one, but two, PE related performances: the Samba Stars dance school showed a dance routine that they had created and also some children did a mini demonstration of activities from an indoor athletics competition that the class recently took part in. The assembly finished with the class singing an upbeat song about feeling 'good' about themselves and life. It was all very impressive!

Mr Wootton

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Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

A number of children from Year 5 and 6 classes took part in Bikeability skills training this week. They spent the first day on the school playground learning about simple signalling techniques, looking behind you, balance, stopping, and checking the safety of your bike. Do you know your bike ABCS check?

A is for air (tyres, wheels and air pressure)
B is for brakes (can you stop?)
C is for bike chain
S is for the seat

Then for the next three days the children cycled in small groups out of school and did different activities on the roads including turning, road position, signaling, going through roundabouts, and understanding who gets priority on the road and how to communicate to drivers.

Elliana: I really enjoyed the whole experience and feel more confident now on the roads.

Mia and Olivia: We really enjoyed the new learning experience and it was just fun in general, especially the joy of riding.

Kian and Louis: It was fun because we learnt to ride on the roads and be active.

World book day

This year's World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 5th March and the theme this year is "Go All In". As with previous years, we are asking for the children to all come to school in their pyjamas or a onesie – ready for a day of sharing stories together. They can bring a dressing gown, slippers, a blanket/cushion or a cuddly toy in if they would like to. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of reading activities and cosy story times to share a love of books and reading.

Book fair

We will also be having a Book Fair from the 13th to 18th March. The more books we sell at the book fair, the more commission we earn to buy new books for our library, so we hope that parents will support this as enthusiastically as ever. More information and details of timings for the fair will be sent out after half term.

All children will receive a £1 book token in the week after half term. This can be used on the World Book Day books or for £1 off a book from participating book shops. The tokens can also be used at our book fair for £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more.

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Year 3 speedstacking

Year 3 has been very busy this half term. The fastest 8 speed stackers in the class represented our school in a Speed Stacking competition at STAGS on Tuesday 3rd February. They were excellent and came third out of 10 schools in St Albans. The girls came second in the girls round. Valentina said, "I liked the relay run that was being timed". Ben said he achieved his fastest 3-6-3 stack ever and Mila said: 'I liked taking part in the 3-6-3 relay'.
Mrs Du Plessis

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY
Mon 23rd - INSET (school closed)
Wed 25th - IPM meetings
MARCH
Thurs 5th - World Book Day
Thurs 12th - Year 5 Class Assembly 9:10am
Tues 24th - Year 4 Performance 9:15am
Wed 25th - Choir concert at Alban Arena 6:45pm
Thurs 26th - Nursery End of term
Thurs 26th - Year 4 Performance 6pm
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.

Year 3 Bikeability

Our whole class was given the opportunity to join in with a Bikeability day on Monday 2nd February. Everyone who took part got the opportunity to learn something new. Some learned how to balance, cycle and even use their brakes for the first time - well done, Year 3!
Toby: 'I liked it when we were dodging and weaving through the cones.'
Abi: 'I liked to learn how to balance with one hand when we did the head, shoulders knees and toes game.'
Scarlett: 'I liked the melon and tomato game, we learned how to stop when instructed.'

'The Nook'

We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to the two parents who gave up their time over the weekend to prepare the ground and build our log cabin - 'The Nook'.
Now the roof has been put on we just need to install the windows and it will be ready for flooring and furniture.
We always appreciate the time and effort our school community puts in to help and support fundraising and projects in school.

Kind regards,
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers