

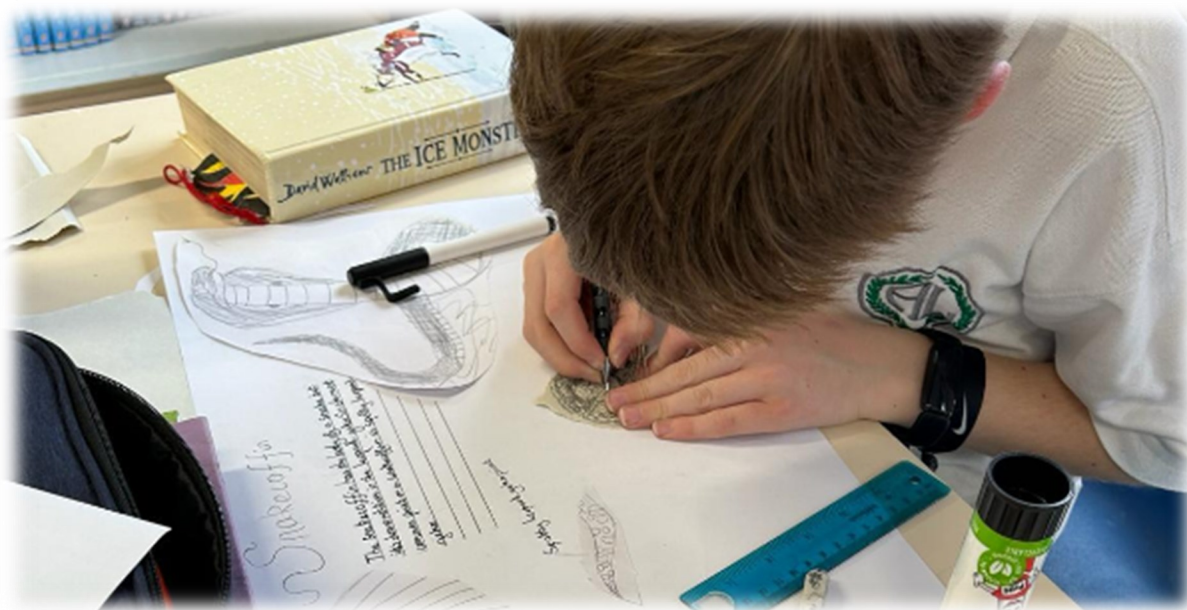


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 3rd March '24



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful break.

The week began with our Year 3 children taking part in the St Albans Sports Partnership Speed Stacking Festival at STAGS. The team did fantastically well coming 5th out of 13 schools, with the girls team finishing an impressive 2nd place. Congratulations!

Also this week, the Girls football team played a game against St Alban and St Stephen. The team played well but a few bad breaks led to a few unfortunate goals with the game finishing 4 - 0. Well played to the team.

This week, the Government published new statutory guidance on attendance. Compared to National statistics, our attendance is pretty good, but we do have a few families who fall in the persistent absence category. This is when children are missing more than 10% of schooling, which equates to half a day every week. Over the course of primary school this equates to more than 2/3 of a year of missed learning. Time they will never get back.

The new guidance forces all schools to submit daily attendance data from September and now requires schools to consider fines when children miss more than 5 days in a 10 week period. Fines have also gone up. For most of our families, there really isn't anything to worry about but you can find more information about what the guidance says here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-68420275>

The cross country team took part in the small school cross country race last week at Mandeville. All the children did fantastically well, despite the awful conditions. Congratulations to all of the team.

And finally, the Secondary school places went out to parents today. Most families will be delighted with the school they have received but others may be concerned or frustrated about the news. If you are not happy with the result there is still a good chance that that things will change - people move areas, change their minds and move around before September. While there isn't much we can do as a school we are available as a listening ear.

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness)

Alma (Y6) Cassia (Y5)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

BACK NEXT WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 4th to Fri 8th—Y5 Bikeability

Weds 6th Mar - YR Health check

Thur 7th Mar - World Book day - Pyjama Day

Thur 7th Mar - Police Water Safety Talk (Y3 & 4)

Fri 8th Mar - World Book Day Dressing up day

Mon 11th Mar - Big Walk and Wheel fortnight begins.

Year 3 Speed Stackers



Messages from ALSA

ALSA wants to remind you some key dates for your diaries:

4 March – deadline for ordering ALSA self-portrait tea towels and coasters. Please order on Gateway.

8 March, Mother's Day Amnesty. We are asking for any unwanted gifts you have (new or nearly new) to be taken to classrooms from now until March 7. The class with the most donations will win extra playtime.

The children will be able to buy their mums a gift on March 8 via Gateway. Please - no glass or alcohol.

15 March, Quiz Night. Tickets are £8 and can be bought on Gateway.

28 March, Easter Egg Hunt, 1.30pm

28 March *GROW A POUND CHALLENGE deadline *

Lots of the school's little entrepreneurs have been growing their pounds. This has ranged from bake sales, book sales, local good deeds, cookie dough creations, sponsored runs and much, much more. Thank you! We are using a just giving link for profits to be donated to avoid cash being handed back to school www.justgiving.com/page/growapound

