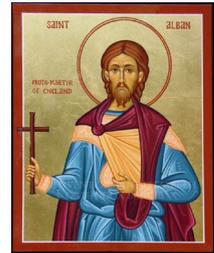


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Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Schools' Federation Weekly Newsletter



The Feast of St Alban

Today, we celebrate the life of one of our school saints and Britain's first martyr - St Alban.

The story of St Alban is a remarkable one. It not only takes us back to the beginning of the Christian faith in Britain and to a time when religious freedom was forbidden, but it is also an astonishing account of standing up for what you believe in.

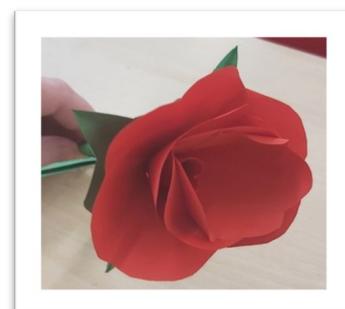
St Alban lived in the early third century in the Roman city of Verulamium, just down the hill from where the Cathedral stands today. One day he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution. This stranger was a Christian priest, now known as Amphibalus. While sheltering the priest, St Alban was inspired by how important faith was to the priest and asked to be taught more about Christianity.

It was not long until the Roman authorities caught up with Amphibalus. However, St Alban's new-found faith would not allow him to let the authorities arrest the priest. Instead, St Alban exchanged clothes with Amphibalus and was arrested, allowing the priest to escape.

St Alban refused to renounce his beliefs and the magistrate ordered that he should receive the punishment intended for the escaped priest. Upon this ruling, St Alban was led out of Verulamium and up the hillside where the Cathedral stands and he was beheaded.

St Alban is honoured as Britain's first saint, and his grave on the hillside in St Alban's Cathedral quickly became a place of pilgrimage. This story of an ordinary man, doing an extraordinary thing has endured and continues to inspire to this day.

Some of the children made some lovely roses in honour of our saint that can be placed in our windows as part of 'Red Roses for St Albans Day'. I think they did a great job!



Fantastic learning this week

This week, we will look at the lovely learning that has taken place in some of Infant classrooms over the last few weeks where we have our Reception, Year 1 and Key Worker bubbles. As we welcome back Year 5 this week into the upper site, we will be able to share all the work these children have done alongside the great work the Year 6 have been busy completing since they returned on 8th June.



Don't forget, if you are doing any projects at home or are still learning at home, you are more than welcome to upload photos on the class stream to share with the other children. You can also email anything you would like to share on the website to Mrs Doherty who will be more than happy to upload them.

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St Albans Family Fun Run.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wegenek who, despite the COVID 19 lockdown, still managed to rally the troops of Ss Alban and Stephen School to take part in a socially distanced fun run. On Saturday 13th June, many of you participated in the fun run event in your local areas or parks to complete the 1.5km run. As a result, you were able to raise an AMAZING £1000 to go towards the West Herts Hospital Charity called 'Raise'.

We even managed to feature in the Herts Advertiser. We are so very proud of all of those who took part and donated to this worthwhile cause and of course to Mrs Wegenek on behalf of the PTA ,who coordinated the event. Thanks once again.

Check out the link below.

<https://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/education/pupils-hold-their-own-fun-run-to-replace-half-marathon-event-1-6704001>



Hot weather

This week will be a scorcher - Don't forget that sun cream everyone! If your child is coming into school, please remember that they must have a water bottle and a sun hat and sun cream must be applied before they arrive as we are unable to do so. We will of course, make sure that they get enough time outdoors with time in the shade too.

Have an enjoyable rest of the week .

God bless.

Mrs Porter, Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.