



ST ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WISDOM

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The more I learn about the world I live in, the closer I grow to God

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July 2026

Thursday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

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Monday 13th July

Friday 17th July

GB Athlete visit to school

Sports day and Family Picnic

Healthy Living Week

Additional JFK Transition day – invite only by JFK

Year 6 secondary school Transition day

Moving up day and new reception Stay and Play

Year 6 production – time TBC

Last day of term 1:30pm finish – no ASC

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Please check the calendar on the school website for updates and future dates.

SCHOOL TARGET – 97%	THIS WEEK – 94.5%	THIS YEAR – 94.3%
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CATHOLIC LIFE

This week, our Celebration Assembly and Collective Worship focused on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, reminding us of the special gift of the Eucharist and Jesus' promise to be the Bread of Life. Through prayer, reflection and discussion, the children explored how food and water nourish our bodies, while Jesus nourishes our souls and strengthens our friendship with God. We reflected on the importance of welcoming Jesus into our lives through Holy Communion and through our daily words and actions. The children thoughtfully considered how they can put their faith into action by showing kindness, love and compassion to others, helping them to grow closer to God throughout the week.



**Jesus,
Bread of Life,
Thank You for always being
with us. Help us to grow in
faith, love and kindness,
and to share Your love with
others each day.
Amen.**

PRAYER AT HOME

'Prayer at Home' is a weekly resource, created by members of our Trust school communities, through which we aim to support all families to have at least one moment each week during which they can gather together in prayer at home. Please [click here](#) to access this weeks edition of 'Prayer at Home'.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS

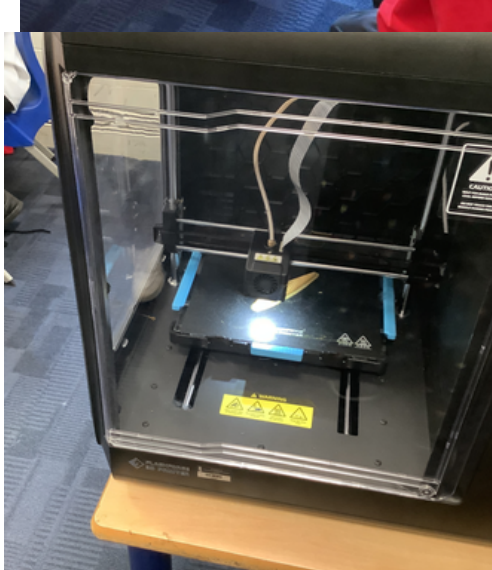
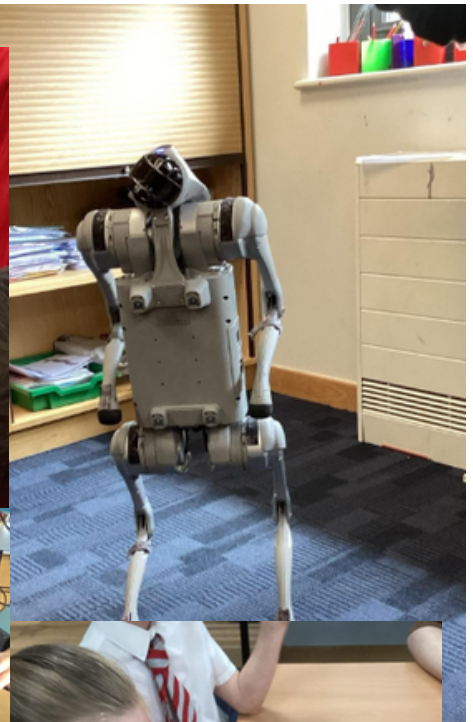
This week, pupils across the school enjoyed a series of exciting Robotics Workshops, organised by Mr Wood, one of our year parents, who works at the University of Hertfordshire. The workshops provided a fantastic opportunity for children to explore the fascinating world of robotics, engineering, programming and design through a range of hands-on activities.

During the first workshop, pupils learned how robots are designed and built. They were fascinated to see a robot taken apart so they could explore the components inside and discover how different parts work together. The children also enjoyed watching 3D printers in action before trying their hand at computer-aided design (CAD), creating their own digital models using SketchUp.

In the second workshop, the focus shifted to programming. Using Thymio robots and the Scratch programming language, pupils created simple programs to make robots move, light up and produce sounds. The children showed great enthusiasm and problem-solving skills as they worked together to test and improve their code.

The final workshop gave pupils the chance to rotate through four exciting stations. They met Pepper, a humanoid robot that can interact with people, and Go2, a robotic dog that demonstrated some impressive capabilities. They also explored electronics and circuits, learning about conductivity and how electrical circuits work, before enjoying a range of robot toys that encouraged creativity, curiosity and play.

The workshops were a tremendous success, sparking interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) across all year groups. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our parent volunteer and the University of Hertfordshire team for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our children.



VR WORKSHOPS

This week, pupils in KS2 and year 2, were lucky to attend our VR Workshop Day. This was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Each class took part in an exciting virtual reality experience linked to their current learning topics. Year 2 explored the fascinating world of minibeasts, getting up close to insects and their habitats. Year 3 travelled back in time to discover the wonders of Ancient Egypt, while Year 4 dived beneath the waves to investigate ocean environments and marine life. Year 5 stepped into the world of Ancient Greece, exploring its history and culture, and Year 6 journeyed through the human body, gaining a unique insight into how our organs and systems work. The immersive experiences brought learning to life and inspired curiosity, enthusiasm and plenty of discussion throughout the day. This was also a great opportunity for a dress up day for year 5 and year 3!



ATHLETE VISIT – SPONSORED EVENT

With just one week to go until Jodie Williams visits our school **Tuesday 23th June**, excitement is building! Have you set up your child's sponsorship page yet? If you have already created your page, please remember to share it with friends and family to help us raise as much as possible for new sports equipment and physical activity opportunities across the school. we get 60% of the money that is raised.

Jodie will then share her incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end! If you have not yet set up a sponsorship form, you do so by [clicking here](#).

Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait for this inspiring event!



SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

Please click [here](#) to find a copy of the School Nursing Spring/Summer Newsletter. this includes important advice on childhood vaccinations, healthy sleep routines, emotional wellbeing and toilet training support. The newsletter also highlights the Chat Health Parent Line, which offers confidential advice and support for parents, as well as details of other health and wellbeing services available to families. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read through the newsletter and access the valuable resources available.

BEAVER OPEN DAY

Families may be interested to know that the local Beavers group will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 28th June. This is a great opportunity for children and parents to learn more about the activities and experiences available through the Scout group for the youngest members.

[Click here](#) to book your place.

BEAVERS

Ever wondered what Beavers get up to?
Come along to our free open event and find out more!

- Sunday 28th June 2-4pm
Phasels Wood, A41 entrance
- Strictly ages 6-7 for boys and girls
(September event for age 4-5)
- Booking essential due to limited places:
<https://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/upcoming-events/beaver-recruitment-day/>
- Queries: join.beavers@hemel-scouts.co.uk // 07860 848603

Already a Beaver? Bring a friend who hasn't been before!

ABSENCE REQUESTS

We would like to remind parents that, in line with government expectations regarding school attendance, holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Over the past term, we have received a high number of absence request forms and would therefore like to clarify our procedures. A leave of absence must be requested in advance and school policy requires a **minimum of 21 days' notice**. Any leave of absence forms submitted with less than 21 days' notice, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**. Please note that a desire or need for a family holiday, leisure activity or recreational trip does not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Good attendance is vital to children's progress, wellbeing and continuity of learning, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that holidays are taken during the designated school holiday periods wherever possible.

SWIMMING

OAs we approach the final week of our swimming programme, we would like to congratulate all of the children on the fantastic progress they have made. Having the pool on site has provided a wonderful opportunity for every child to access regular swimming lessons in a safe and familiar environment, and it has been a pleasure to see their confidence, skills and water safety awareness develop week by week. The children have approached each session with enthusiasm and determination, and we are incredibly proud of the progress they have achieved. For those families who have not yet had the opportunity to do so, payment for the swimming programme can still be made via the MCAS app. Thank you for your continued support in making this valuable learning experience such a success..

TERM DATES

Term dates for the current year can be found by [clicking here](#).