

**Key dates for the next week:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- 4A/3A – Forest School

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

- 4J/3N – Forest School
- Odd Sock Day

**Forest School Donations**

If anyone has any balls of wool, part used or otherwise, that they no longer need, that they would like to donate to Forest School, that would be hugely appreciated.

**Reminder from the Chaplaincy Team and POPstars**

Please keep collecting soft recyclable plastics at home as part of our mission – caring for God’s creation. Make sure all the plastics you collect have this symbol on them somewhere. We look forward to seeing what you have collected when you bring them into school in the final week of November.



**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Poppy Appeal, the RBL team have collected our donations and will update us on the amount raised in school as soon as possible.

**Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Odd Socks Day is taking place on Friday, with adults and children encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We look forward to seeing those odd socks!

**Happy School Bag Collection – 15<sup>th</sup> November drop off before school**

The PA have organised a clothing recycling fundraiser. Your child should have received a Happy School Bag in which to place your clothing donations of reusable, unwanted clothes, paired shoes, belts, hats, etc. Details are on the bag. Please feel free to use other bags for additional donations. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL.

**Whole School Photos - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Smile... Braiswick Ltd will be in school on Thursday 21st November 2024 to take whole school individual photographs. There will also be the opportunity for siblings within SCM to have their photos taken together.

**Coffee Morning – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 8.40am – 9.30am**

We will be holding our next coffee morning on 26<sup>th</sup> November. St Rose’s parents and Inclusion Coordinator Mrs Butler are also invited, along with our new Gade Family Support Worker, Alish Saddique. It’s a good opportunity for parents to meet the team and each other. I am going to be giving a short presentation on Mental Health & Wellbeing, updating you on our involvement in a project with the NHS.

I look forward to meeting with you, Mrs Rayson, SENDCO.

**Year 5 Swimming - Friday**

**Year 5 Einstein: 10.00-10.30 am**

Children will be picked up from SCM at 9.30am and dropped back around 11.00

**Year 5 Mandela: 10.30-11.00 am**

Children will be picked up from SCM at 10.00am and dropped back around 11.30

If you are able to help, whether it is once or on a more regular basis, please complete the below Google Form.

**Google Forms:**

[Administration of Medication- Parental Request Form](#)

[Application for Leave of Absence Request](#)

[Volunteer Helpers on School Trips](#)

[Year 6- Walking Home From School Permission](#)

[Year 6- Mobile Phone Permission](#)

**LOCAL COMMUNITY****Consultation: St Albert the Great Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2026/27**

St Albert the Great School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2026/27 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

- The word baptised has been added to criteria 1
- Criteria 2 has been changed from Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic practice who will have a sibling at St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School at the time of admission to Baptised Catholic children who will have a sibling at St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
- The wording under the Admissions Procedure section has been changed. This line has been removed: Parents should complete the SIF and the CAF/online e-admissions form by 15th January 2025.

The consultation period runs from 28 October– 8 December 2024. Please send your comments regarding the proposals to the school direct at [admin@albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk). Your responses will be considered by the school when determining their arrangements.

You can also view the proposed changes and the previous determined admission arrangements on the Hertfordshire Admissions website: proposed admission arrangements for 2026/27 for academies, voluntary aided and foundation schools.

**Dacorum Music School – Music Making Days, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**KS2 Orchestra Day:** For all students who are learning an orchestral instrument in Key Stage 2. Designed to bring our student players together, those who attend will work on their ensemble skills, playing within a group and to have some fun. The day will run from 9.30am to 3.00pm with a concert to parents at 2.45pm to show all their hard work. We are always welcome to a variety of orchestral instruments attending.

**KS2 Recorder Day:** This is again going to be held at Dacorum Music School however will be held on the 29th of November. This is for all Key Stage 2 children learning the recorder either within individual/shared/group lessons or learning through First Access and open to all levels of ability. The day will run from 9.30am to 3.00pm with a concert at 2.45pm for parents.

Kind regards,  
School Office