I was asked just after the February half term-holiday by a very keen and enthusiastic group of Year 4 children if they could create a School Newspaper. What you are about to read is the culmination of their hard work and dedication. The children gave up a number of lunchtimes to write their pieces and create an interesting newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading the articles and look forward to the next edition. Thank you children for all your fantastic efforts.

The first edition of the SSAS Year 4 Newsletter has taken just over half a term to produce and is full of interesting articles. The children decided which areas of interest they wanted to write about. Much of the vision and energy has come from Oscar in Year 4. He has been the driving force in putting together this first edition. Well done Oscar.

The children hope to produce a newsletter every half term keeping you informed of the latest events and news at Saint Alban and Stephen.

Mr Soyka

Forthcoming Events:

Get Your Grown Ups Gardening — Saturday 30th April

First Holy Communion — Class 1 Saturday 7th May Class 2 Saturday 14th May

Message from the Editor

Welcome to SSAS newspaper.

It is full of life and fun, read on and enjoy yourself. You will find a book review, a comic story, an interesting article on animals, sports info and the latest news from life here at St Alban and St Stephen. I would like to thank the newspaper team for their hard work and efforts. Also many thanks to Mr Soyka for doing whatever he could to help.

Yours truly,

Oscar

Editor
BOOK REVIEW—The Parent Agency by Oscar

**Book:** The Parent Agency

**Characters:** Barry, Dad, Mum, the Sisterly Entity, Taj, Lukas, Jake, the Parent Controllers, the head, the parents, the Rader Wellorfs and Peevish.

**About:** A boy that wants better parents and is transported to the Parent Agency.

**Rating:** 6 out of 10

**Author:** David Baddiel

**Illustrator:** Jim Field

### Two ** and a Wish

* It is good for children who want to read something new and I recommend it for children aged 8 and 7.

* There were passages that were very funny and I enjoyed the author’s humorous style. There was the occasional chapter that was a little boring but overall it was an engaging read.

Wish It Would Be Better If:

If the story included more detail about the view inside the Parent Agency. As a reader I thought it did not include much description about this important aspect of the story, and because of this I have rated it 6 out of 10.

Overall it is good to read and it is fun, you should buy it.

By Oscar

Next time Florence is reviewing:

39 Storey Tree House.

THE ADVENTURES OF CAT BOY AND SQUIRREL GIRL by Sofia and Cristian

..POW! Cat Boy tussled with Squirrel Girl, the battle raged on. Suddenly, citizens walked across the road, and in a flash turned back into their normal selves. They faced one another with a puzzled look on their faces and at the same time they asked, “Where did you come from?”

2 Days Later

In cat boy’s lair, he was planning his second attack, while squirrel girl was having a milkshake. (What? Even heroes needs their day off! ) Ok, so maybe Squirrel Girl shouldn’t be having a milkshake, but come on, we all get thirsty, even superheroes! Anyway, Squirrel Girl threw the milkshake away (she had finished it anyway,) and started thinking on how to defeat Cat Boy, again! She found out that Cat Boy was in the great shopping market through her sources. She had gone crime shopping. So, first thing we, I mean Squirrel Girl, went to every single shop: the Dressing Room, no...

Marks & Spencer, no, The Entertainer, interesting, but no, oh this was useless, she couldn’t find him anywhere! Just then, it hit her, why didn’t she think of it before! He was in the jewellery store, she then remembered that there was a beautiful new diamond, he was going to steal that! Why didn’t she think of it before! Squirrel Girl went flying to the jewellery store like a speedy squirrel! She could not fly, but she went really fast, so it was a bit silly to say that, but she really went really fast as if she was flying. Oh, what a joker I am, of course she could fly, haven’t you ever heard of a flying squirrel?! So, she went to the jewellery store, and funnily enough, she was right! Squirrel Girl saw it with her very own eyes.

Read our next issue soon to find out more...
Crocodiles

The world’s largest crocodile is the Lolling Giant, which was recently captured in the Philippines. They also have the strongest bite in the animal kingdom alongside the Hippo. Crocodile’s habitats are: Africa, Asia, America and Australia.

Red Squirrels

Red Squirrels are one of the rarest squirrels ever. They can live up to an 5–6 years in the wild. Their scientific name is: Sciurus Vulgaris. Red Squirrels are active for most of the day, often from before dawn until it is dark, pausing only for a rest at midday. They are found in forests and woodlands.

Snow Leopards

Snow leopards use their tails like scarves! Snow leopard’s tails help them balance, but they also wrap them around themselves to keep them warm. (Handy!) Unlike other big cats snow leopards can’t roar! Some snow leopards can leap up to 9 metres—that’s 6 times their body length! Did you know that cubs are born blind and don’t get their sight until they are 4 days old! They are fully active by 2 months old and stay with their mother until they are 72 years old! By this time they are fully independent. They hunt animals 3 times their size. Snow leopards main prey are blue sheep. Snow leopard’s tails are nearly as long as they are wide, fur-covered feet that act as natural snow shoes! These help to distribute their weight over soft snow and to protect their paws from the freezing cold!

Hippopotamus

Hippos are in the top ten the top ten deadliest animals in the world with they’re massive teeth they could attack anyone especially if they’re protecting they’re young. When people in Africa go to get water from the lake they have to be very careful because a hippo could pop up anywhere and anytime.

HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING!

SPORT by Ailbe

3. He Wants to Introduce More Technology Into Soccer
4. The World Soccer Player’s Union Do Not Support Infantino’s Election
5. He’s Going to Spread the Wealth Even More

FIFA get new president Gianni Infantino

New FIFA President has 5 main aims in his new role:

1. He Wants to Spread the World Cup Across Different Nations
2. He Wants to Expand the World Cup From 32 Teams to 42 Teams

ANIMALS by Florence, Sophia and Elisa

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Nurturing every child to grow and flourish in Christ
**FA Cup Quarter Final**

**Results:**
Man Utd 1 — West Ham 1

**REPLAY RESULT**
West Ham 1 — Man Utd 2

Everton 2 — Chelsea 0

Arsenal 1 — Watford 2

Reading 0 – Crystal Palace 2

The shock result of the round was Arsenal losing to Watford. The return league fixture saw the Gunners win 4-0, that’s the magic of the FA Cup!

**Semi Final Draw**

**Saturday 23rd April**
Everton v Man Utd @ Goodison Park

**Sunday 24th April**
Crystal Palace v Watford

**Crazy but True Football Facts:**
**Barcelona** won just 1 La Liga title between 1960 and 1985

Scotland have two cities (**Glasgow and Dundee**) that have two teams that have managed to reach at least one European Cup / Champions League semi-final – more than any other European country

**Manchester United** have had a youth team graduate in their first team squad for every match since October 1937. Which is over 3,750 matches

**Cross Country** by Christian

The latest race of a tough season took place at St Columba’s, it was the hardest course so far because of the large number of hills. Alfie came a magnificent 3rd place; a fantastic achievement. Liam came a very respectable 5th, whilst Joseph did well coming in 7th place in the Year 5/6 race. Jake came a very creditable 7th place in the Year 3/4 race and I came 22nd in my first race; an achievement I am very proud of. We are all looking forward to the next race.

**RECENTLY at SSAS by Maisie and Maya**

**EGG DROP CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to the finalists of the school Egg Drop challenge and of course our overall winner Eva in Year 5.

Our finalists were: Rebecca from Class 1, Charlotte from Class 2, Simon Jennings and Adelina from Class 3, Annalise from Class 4, Eva from Class 5, Jessica from Class 6, Charlie from Class 7 and Wara from Class 8. It was a hard decision but we were all very happy for the winner. Mr Hancock climbed carefully to the top of the wall bars to drop the eggs. How brave!

**DISCO**
On Friday 26th February we had our Neon themed school disco, everybody looked like they were having a fantastic time dancing about in the Hall to the sounds from DJ Rob. Thank you to the PTA for helping to organise this fab-tastic event.

**SPEED STACKING**
Four boys and four girls were chosen from each Year 4 class to take part in a Speed Stacking competition at Garden Fields School. Sadly, our school came third last, which was a fair result. Our team competed against Wheatfields Junior School, Garden Fields, St John Fisher, Fleetville and many others. The overall winners were Wheatfield Junior School. Congratulations to them!

**CROSS COUNTRY**
A team from our school went to cross country. Our school did really well and it was hard but they managed to complete the course. WELL DONE! The people that ran for our school were:

**YEAR THREE AND FOUR:**

ELISA JAKE
AMELIA CRISTIAN
AVA MARCO
ADELINA MICHAEL

**YEAR FIVE AND SIX:**

ALFIE CELESTE
JOESPHER CAITLIN
LIAM SOFIA