



St Alban's

Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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Let God's love shine in our lives as we grow and learn together

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CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

St Alban's Church Website:

<https://www.stalbansatdenabymain.co.uk/>

Please click on the link above to take you to St Alban's Catholic Church website.

Advent starts Sunday 26th November

This year as part of our new and exciting Adventures in Learning, we will be having an expedition into Advent with our guiding question: How do people prepare for special celebrations? Obviously, the main focus will be how Catholics and Christians around the world prepare for Christmas during Advent however the knowledge and understanding of the children will be deepened as we explore what happened leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. This will be our inspiration for our English, drama, Art and design or DT, music and computing, in addition to our RE. Also, during our Advent expedition, we will be investigating other faiths and cultures by finding out about Buddhism and Sikhism and comparing and contrasting these religions and celebrations to the Christian faith. Our holistic curriculum will prioritise each Sunday of Advent and enable children to prepare for Christmas in a deeper and more meaningful way than we have ever before. We cannot wait to see our children immersed, finding deeper meaning and analysing the real reason we prepare and celebrate Christmas as we do!

Immaculate Conception Mass

9.30 am Thursday 7th December 2023 mass at St Alban's Catholic Church. Everyone welcome.

Christingle Service

2.30 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 at St Alban's Catholic Church. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.

Epiphany Celebration

Epiphany Liturgy on Monday 8th January and Pantomime Theatre Celebration on Thursday 11th January 2024 in School. £3 per child – Robin Hood performance plus refreshments. Please pay on Parentpay.

Exciting news from Friends of School!

Come and join us for our second
FOS Christmas Fayre
Friday 15th December 2023
2 pm – 4pm

£1 admission entry on the gate with a
free drink, mince pie and Carol
singing!!!

This is a cash only event!

There will be:

- ❖ Tombola for adults
- ❖ Tombola for children
- ❖ Christmas Stall selling reindeer food, hot chocolate kits and chocolate stirrers
- ❖ Christmas Jumper swap
- ❖ Guess the elf/reindeer/number of sweets
- ❖ Craft activities for all ages!
- ❖ Cake stall

And the Grand Raffle will be drawn!

Donations welcome from Monday 4th December onwards. If you would like to help out, please see Mrs Ebsworth or a member of FOS group.

RISE AND SHINE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS daily 8 am – 8.45 am and 3.25 pm – 4.25 pm – for fun learning, childcare or both! BOOK ON PARENTPAY at least 24 hours in advance.

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rise and Shine Club	Reading & Comic Creations	Art and Crafts and Design Technology	Active Scoot and Games	Fitness and Sports	iPads and Film
After School Club	Comics/ Expressive arts/Lego	Art and Crafts and Design Technology	Active Scoot and Games	Fitness and Sports	iPads and Film

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

Thursday 16th November

Photos – all sibling groups including any with pre-school children from 8.00 am – please enter from the playground – all photos will be taken in the hall.

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Dress up like Pudsey in yellow and/or spots and donate on ParentPay to Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November

Rosedale FS2 Grand Finale Class Presentation
9.15am

Easby Nursery Grand Finale Class Presentation
2.40pm

Wednesday 22nd November

Whitby Y3 Grand Finale Class Presentation 9.15am

Rievaulx Y6 Grand Finale Class Presentation
2.40pm

Thursday 23rd November

Fountains Y4 Grand Finale Class Presentation
9.15am

Roche Y1 Grand Finale Class Presentation 2.40pm

Friday 24th November

Kirkstall Y5 Grand Finale Class Presentation 9.15am

Selby Y2 Grand Finale Class Presentation 2.40pm

Christmas Grande Raffle tickets will be sent home for friends and family to buy

Monday 27th November

Advent begins in school

Friday 15th December

Children wear Christmas Jumpers and bring in bottle or chocolate donations for prizes

Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm

FOS information above

Monday 18th December 2023 – 9.30 am

House Team Autumn Term Winners Prize

Monday 8th January 2024

All children return to school for Spring Term

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Please see the Term Dates for this school year and for next school year. We have added INSET days to February 2025 and Summer 2025 holidays to enable families to book cheaper holidays in school breaks as holidays in term time cannot be consented to.

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/term-dates/131446>

National Primary Attendance to date is 95.2%

Kirkstall Y5 are leading the way!

Class	Attendance to date 13.11.23	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	85.6%	79.4%
Rosedale FS2	95.6%	93.9%
Roche Y1	92.4%	94.4%
Selby Y2	96.1%	94.1%
Whitby Y3	94.1%	91.8%
Fountains Y4	93.9%	95.6%
Kirkstall Y5	96.6%	94.6%
Rievaulx Y6	93.4	92.6%
TOTAL with Nursery	93.6%	92.7%
TOTAL without Nursery	94.4%	93.8%

ADVENT ARRANGEMENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th December	Y1, Y2 and Y3 Performance: Gates open 9 am for refreshments & 9.30 am start EYFS pm Performance: Gates open 2pm for 2.30pm start
Wednesday 20 th December	EYFS am Performance: Gates open 9 am for refreshments and 9.30 am start
Thursday 21 st December	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Performance: Gates open 9 am for refreshments & 9.30 am start
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Dinner in school 2.30 pm – Christingle in Church Children will finish school at the normal time