



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.

Christingle Service

2.30 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 at St Alban's Catholic Church.

Epiphany Celebrations

Epiphany Liturgy on Monday 8th January 2024 and Pantomime Theatre Celebration on Thursday 11th January 2024 in School. £3 per child – Robin Hood performance plus refreshments. Please pay on Parentpay for children in Reception class up to and including Rievaulx class.

In order to allow us to keep offering these exciting opportunities for our children, a voluntary donation towards such activities, at already reduced costs to parents and carers due to FOS support, will ensure we can do this for all children regularly. Thank you to those who have already paid the £3 donation. Please can those of you who haven't, do so before Wednesday 10th January 2024. Thank you, Mrs Ebsworth

The Epiphany, usually celebrated on 6th January, is a celebration of the gift of Christ to all. It is the day that the three kings visited Jesus in Bethlehem, after following a bright star, and presented their gifts to the baby Jesus of gold (to symbolise his royal birth), frankincense (to represent his divine birth) and myrrh (to recognise his mortality). The word Epiphany comes from the Greek, meaning "manifestation or to reveal", in this case the manifestation of Christ to the Magi (Three Kings) and a time now for us to thank our loving God for sending us our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your kind donations to our recent charity events which have raised £314.80 for the Poppy Appeal and £98.50 for Children In Need.

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 ticket for a free drink, mince pie and KS2 Carol singing 2.30 – 3.00pm!!!
This is a cash only event!

Thank you for all donations that have arrived in school so far and for the FOS group and their hard work to date to make this event a success for everyone.

Christmas Fayre – Safety update

When parents and carers arrive, you will need to sign in and at that point sign out your child(ren) from school, who will be your responsibility from that moment onwards. Children cannot be signed out by siblings or other relatives who are not on the agreed list of those who can collect.

Children whose parents and carers cannot attend, will be taken around the Fayre by staff during the afternoon before 3.30 pm. These children may bring a maximum of £3 to spend. At the normal end of the school day, you will be able to collect your child as usual and visit the Fayre. At this point there will not be a compulsory £1 entry fee and free refreshments, however donations will be greatly appreciated.

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:

Friday 15th December

Children wear Christmas Jumpers and bring in
'bottle of any kind' donations for prizes
Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm
Further information above

Monday 18th December 2023 – 9.30 am
House Team Autumn Term Winners Prize

Tuesday 19th 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 20th December

EYFS am Performance: Gates open 9 am for
refreshments and 9.30 am start

Thursday 21st December

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Performance: Gates open 9 am for
refreshments & 9.30 am start
Christmas Party with a special visitor and presents!
Children may wear their Christmas jumpers all day
or bring party clothes to change into in the
afternoon.

Friday 22nd December

Christmas Dinner in school
2.30 pm – Christingle in Church

Monday 8th January 2024

All children return to school for Spring Term

Wednesday 10th January 2024

Y6 SATs meeting for parents and carers
2.45pm in school and 5pm on Teams

Thursday 18th January 2024

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting for parents
and carers – 2.45pm in school and 5pm on Teams

Monday 22nd January 2024

Y1 Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents
and carers – 2.45pm in school and 5pm on Teams
Miss Redfearn will contact Y2 parents/carers
individually who are also invited to attend

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all families who ensure their children are on time and attend every day and to those who have worked with our Attendance Team to improve their child's attendance and punctuality. You are giving your children the best start to their education and allowing other children to start their day without disruption. If we all work together, every child in our school will be offered this great start to each and every day.

Class	Attendance to date 11.12.23	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	86.0%	77.8%
Rosedale FS2	92.1%	91.7%
Roche Y1	91.9%	94.3%
Selby Y2	96.1%	95.0%
Whitby Y3	94.4%	90.1%
Fountains Y4	92.8%	95.2%
Kirkstall Y5	96.3%	93.1%
Rievaulx Y6	93.1%	91.3%
TOTAL with Nursery	93.2%	91.6%
TOTAL without Nursery	93.8%	92.8%

Christmas Performances

Due to health and safety, we can only offer a maximum of 2 tickets for each family for each of the performances and these must be purchased on ParentPay by 1pm on the previous day at the latest. Entry will be via the school playground and hall doorway where you will be signed in and then able to buy refreshments etc. before the performances begin.

Christmas Party information

Please note that EYFS party finishes at 4pm, KS1 at 4.05pm, Y3 & Y4 at 4.10 pm and Y5 & Y6 at 4.15pm. Children will not be sent home at the usual end of the day time and those who parents and carers who rely on club, your children will have longer with our special visitor until 4.25pm usual collection time!

Last day of term – 22nd December

Please pay for Christmas dinner on ParentPay by Monday 18th December if your child is not entitled to a free school meal and you wish for your child to have the Christmas lunch. Children will bring home their cards, calendars and Christingles when they finish at the normal end time of the school day.