



# 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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## Monday Messages!

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### Epiphany of the Lord: Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterwards, some men who studied the stars came from the east to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."



When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

"In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote: 'Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.'"

So Herod called the visitors from the east to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child, and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him."

And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the east. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to him.

Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

This week...

### Word of the week:

Equality



### Virtue of the week:

How can we make sure we treat everyone equal?



Scripture of the week: No slaves are greater than their master, no messengers are greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:16

### 'Tweet Time' question we're discussing:



### Our prayer this week:

God of love, guide us to do what is right and to use our gifts to change the lives of others for the better. Amen.



### NEWS & CELEBRATIONS...

Welcome back!

We welcome back all in our school community and look forward to starting our new year, and our new Spring Term ready to start our Adventures in learning expeditions focusing on how people and our planet work together. We have many parents' meetings this half-term which start with the Y6 SATs meeting on Wednesday at 2.45 pm in the hall and Y5 Beaumanor residential meeting on Thursday 2.45 pm in the hall – please ensure a parent or carer of children in these classes attend as the information being shared is extremely important.

#### Epiphany celebration

We complete our Christmastide celebrations on Thursday morning this week with our Robin Hood Pantomime for Reception to Y6 children. We have again booked M & M productions to bring live theatre to our children at St Alban's. This will be heavily subsidised by monies raised by Friends of School reducing the parental contribution to £3 which we request is paid for by yourselves on ParentPay before Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. As part of this event, children will be served refreshments to make the event feel like a real visit to the theatre.

#### Catholic life, RE and collective worship inspection

If you have not seen our S48 report yet, please take a look. We are delighted with our first 'Outstanding' at St Alban's but as always remain steadfast in our mission to continually develop and improve so that our children are provided with the very best in all areas at our school. <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/catholic-life/131246>

#### Young Voices

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, over 30 of our KS2 children, along with members of staff, are joining many schools across the country in this years Young Voices event at the Utilita Arena in Sheffield. This is the first time St Alban's have attended the event and are excited about joining the largest national choir along with professional and famous musical artists!, Thank you to Miss Brennan along with other staff and parents/carers who have supported the children in learning the songs and making this memorable experience possible for our children.