



# St Alban's

Catholic Primary and Nursery School  
Member of St Clare's Catholic Multi Academy Trust, Diocese of Hallam

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

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## CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

### School Masses and Liturgies next half-term

Ash Wednesday Mass in St Alban's Church

9.30 am Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Stations of the Cross Liturgy at St Alban's Church

9.30 am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### Lenten Activities

The Diocese of Hallam Good Shepherd Appeal 2023 will focus on 'Good relationships' with at least 3 focus days where children will learn about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, focus on how to be mindful and prayerful together and engage in charitable events to raise money. The following scripture will guide us through our focus days:

Day 1 - "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10: 11)

Day 2 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Day 3 - "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed" (Proverbs 19:17)

We will be inviting our school community to join us throughout Lent and as part of the Day 3 focus on alms giving, we aim to equal, if we can, last year's phenomenal fundraising of over £1700 which our community generously donated to Caritas through the Good Shepherd Appeal. Our school community was recognised for this and, as you may remember, we have been asked to lead the Diocesan Thanksgiving Service at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, which we are very much looking forward to!

## ENHANCED CURRICULUM WITH VISITS & VISITORS

As we continue on our journey to improve our curriculum provision, the following activities are booked and further details will be sent to you nearer the time, if not already.

We will be using the fundraising from Friends of School to support these activities reducing the contributions we ask from parents and carers so that all our children can enjoy everything on offer at St Alban's.

Mobile Zoo visit for EYFS (Easby and Rosedale) next half term to support their Amazing Animals topic - £2 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid on ParentPay.

Conisbrough Castle visit for Y1 Roche Class & Y2 Selby Class to support their history and art learning next half term.

Y5 visit to St Pius on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March for a curriculum enrichment day!

Our World, Our Future - Science, geography, poetry and drama workshop - Y1 - Y6 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March as part of Science Week - £2 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid on ParentPay.

A group of KS2 dancers will be attending the long awaited return of the Movement Evening at St Pius, 6pm - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March - look out for your child's invite!

Y6 will be Crucial Crewing on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## RISE AND SHINE (PREVIOUSLY BREAKFAST) AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the Curricular Clubs we offer at Breakfast time (8 am - 8.45 am) and after school (3.30 pm - 4.25pm). Every session must be booked in advance, now at £2.50 per session. Frequent no bookings / late requests will incur a £2.50 administration charge as outlined in the new Charging and Debt Recovery policy.

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 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Open Morning  
9 – 10.30 am

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Half-term holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
INSET day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
All children return to school

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Ash Wednesday – Lent begins  
Separate information about Lenten activities  
will be sent out soon!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
World Book Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Science Week

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
World Maths Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Changed from 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents and Carers Evening  
3.30 – 4.30

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents and Carers Evening  
3.30 – 6.30

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Open Afternoon for our school community  
2.30 pm – 3.30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Easter Break + INSET day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
All children return to school

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you to those parents and carers who are working with us to improve their child's attendance and punctuality. We can see a real difference when children are ready for learning in the morning; some racing through the gates on foot, others arriving safely on wheels wearing helmets! It is a pleasure to see their smiling faces, smartly dressed in uniform, book bags in one hand, water bottle in the other, well prepared for a busy day!

As we are on catch up still from poorer attendance over the Autumn Term, our attendance percentage to date remains lower than the current national average for Reception to Y6, so we must remind parents and carers, it is imperative your child attends every day unless they are far too ill to come to school.

### Attendance to date – Selby are leading the way!

Class	Up to end of Autumn Attendance	Attendance as at 6.2.23
Easby Nursery	76.3%	75%
Rosedale Reception	91.7%	91.3%
Roche Y1	94.3%	94.8%
Selby Y2	94.5%	95.0%
Whitby Y3	88.8%	90.5%
Fountains Y4	94.7%	94.3%
Kirkstall Y5	92.9%	92.8%
Rievaulx Y6	91.1%	91.7%
TOTAL without Nursery	92.5%	92.9%

### UNIFORM, PE KIT and JEWELLERY

Please ensure your child is dressed in correct uniform (grey trousers and dresses/skirts NOT black) as well as having correct PE kit on PE days. Shoes must be plain black with buckles, Velcro or laces. If your child has laces, then your child should be able to fasten these themselves for safety.

Children should not wear any make up or nail varnish. Earrings must be plain studs and crucifixes or crosses must be worn inside shirts and jumpers. Haircuts must not be extreme and long hair must be tied up every day. All of these expectations at our school are to keep your children safe and we ask for all parents and carers to adhere to this please.

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