



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

Church Website:

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

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

New School Year Mass

Wednesday 4th October @ 9.30am – everyone welcome to celebrate with us at St Alban's church.

St Clare Trust Mass

Thursday 19th October 2023 – Whitby Class will be representing St Alban's at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.

Monday Messages

We hope you have enjoyed reading our new 'Monday Messages'. Each week we will send these out on the Spider app and post them on the website and school facebook page. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child and find out how they have reflected on the message of the week as well as tried to demonstrate the virtue of the week – we now have a Headteacher's Award for a child that has wowed the adults with their virtues and followed the Gospel message each week! You can see all our editions of the Monday blog so far on our school website:

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/catholic-life/131246>

Prayer Bags

Our new and updated class prayer bags will soon be coming home. Each time, a different child in each class will bring home the special prayer bags that have a variety of resources in them to support you and your child with family collective worship.

Friends of St Alban's

Thank you again to our FOS group who supported Sports Days at the beginning of term. If you can help out, more support is much appreciated – remember 'many hands make light work'. Please see Mrs Ebsworth, Miss Brennan or Mrs Davey if you would like to know more!

Last year FOS raised a phenomenal amount of money which was donated to school and will be used for enhancing the curriculum experiences for all of our children. 2 of our heroes are pictured below – Beth and Danielle who raised over £900 – you are amazing and we are so very grateful!



Spider App

Please make sure you have downloaded the School Spider App as this is our main method of communication.

[St Alban's Catholic Primary and Nursery School: School Apps \(st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk\)](http://StAlban'sCatholicPrimaryandNurserySchool:SchoolApps(st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk))

RISE AND SHINE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the Curricular Clubs we offer in the morning (8 am – 8.45 am) and after school (3.30 pm – 4.25pm). These can be used for your child who has interests in these areas or for childcare purposes. Every session must be booked in advance on Parentpay and the **session fees will increase to £3 from 1st November 2023**. Late requests will incur an additional £3 per session administration charge as outlined in the Charging and Debt Recovery policy. Nursery children are charged at the current nursery hourly rate to cover extra staff ratios.

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 29th September 2023
Homework expectations for all to be sent out

Monday 2nd October
Deadline for Applications for Nursery starters
September 2024

Wednesday 4th October – 9.30 am in Church
New School Year Mass

Thursday 5th October – 2.40 pm on the field
Long Distance Race for Y1 – Y6 – all
parents/carers invited to cheer on ...or join in!

Monday 9th October – Monday 16th October
Harvest donations

Tuesday 10th October
Nurses in school – flu immunisation

Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October
Parent/Carers Meetings
Book time slots on Spider App

Thursday 19th October
St Clare's Trust Mass at St Marie's Cathedral,
Sheffield – Whitby Class trip

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Half-term holiday

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October
INSET days – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 1st November
All children return to school
All Saints Day

Thursday 16th November
Photos – sibling photos with pre-school children
from 8.15 am.

Week commencing Monday 20th November
Grand Finale Class Presentations starting at
either 9.15 am or 2.40 pm – times for each class
will be sent on the Spider App next week.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have made a good start to the year however we have had some holiday absences that cannot be consented to in term time therefore result in fines needing to be processed. We appreciate that the cost of holidays in school breaks is very costly however we are trying to arrange our INSET days around school breaks to enable our families to book cheaper holidays. A child who misses the beginning of the year, finds it harder to catch up not only on learning, but routines and friendships therefore we respectfully request that parents and carers book holidays during the school breaks and INSET days when school is closed to children – please take advantage of this rather than the cost to your children's learning and progress. Please see the Term Dates for this school year which were published last year and for the next school year on our website – INSET days will be added soon for 24-25 to enable you to book holidays for the next academic year around term time.

https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/serve_file/18467610

Punctuality is much better than this time last year so well done to everyone arriving on time on the playground with their children. There were 20 children late during last week which unfortunately affected every class in school. Everyone on time means that children's learning is not disrupted and they all have a great start to the day!

National Primary Attendance to date is 94%.
Year 3 are leading the way!

Class	Attendance to date 22.9.23	Attendance this time last year
Nursery FS1	91.75%	79.4%
Reception FS2	96.4%	97.6%
Year 1	97.4%	93.7%
Year 2	97.4%	96.5%
Year 3	98.4%	95.2%
Year 4	94.3%	95.1%
Year 5	97.0%	95.2%
Year 6	93.7%	93.6%
TOTAL with Nursery	95.7%	94.3%
TOTAL without Nursery	96.3%	95.0%

ICT Acceptable Use forms

Please return your child's form, signed by a parent/carers by the end of this week so we can start distributing them to our children for use to enhance learning. Thank you.