



# 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

### Christingle

Thank you everyone who attended our Christingle service on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As always, it was a truly wonderful service supported by many within our school community and parishioners, providing a meaningful start to Christmas celebrations.

### School Masses

Epiphany Mass in St Alban's Church – 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Ash Wednesday Mass in St Alban's Church – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

### Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies Advent project was successful again this year! Doncaster Royal Infirmary Children's department were once again overwhelmed by the toy donation presents sent in by our families. Thank you so much for your generous donations – together we will have added the extra sparkle to numerous children's Christmas. Mini Vinnies are very grateful for all of your donations and are now starting to work on their next charity project with Miss Gibson.

### Faith in Action Leaders

Our Y6 Faith in Action Leaders are growing in confidence as well as deepening their faith, week by week. Each week, they present and lead the reflection of the Gospel reading in our Assembly and lead in ensuring all children understand the message and word of the week.

## Friends of School Updates

### FoS FESTIVE FUNDRAISING

Our Friends of School group are proud to share that they raised over £400 during the festive fundraising projects over Advent. Both FoS and St Alban's staff would like to express our gratitude for your phenomenal support over this period, particularly when we know that for many, Christmas is a difficult financial time.

### ENHANCED CURRICULUM WITH VISITS & VISITORS

Soon, you will be informed of the planned visits to enhance children's learning throughout school this year which will be possible at reduced costs to parents and school with the fundraising capital from FoS.

### FUTURE FUNDRAISING PLANS

FoS will be meeting again soon – anyone interested is welcome to join! Just look out for a message soon on your School Spider App. They will be organising and supporting our Lenten Good Shepherd Appeal this year amongst other events over the Spring and Summer terms.

Christmas jumpers are an expensive tradition and FoS have a great idea to continue this tradition at a reduced cost to our families. They are asking for you to donate your children's old Christmas jumpers and they will resell them at reduced costs in November, in readiness for our Christmas Jumper Days 2023!

## 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 a slightly increased cost of £2.50 per session. Late bookings or frequent cancellations 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:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
Y6 SATS Boosters after school start

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Y1 Phonics parents and carers meeting 2:50pm in school

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Y2 SATS parents and carers meeting at 2:50pm in school

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Y4 multiplication check parents and carers meeting at 2:50pm in school

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Open morning for parents & carers  
9:00am to 10:00am

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**

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents and Carers Evening  
3.30 – 4.30

### BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Mrs Carter-Ward and Miss Gibson who are both expecting their first babies in June 2023. Obviously, we will be advertising soon to cover the roles that Mrs Carter-Ward and Miss Gibson currently have while they are on Maternity Leave however, we can confirm that Mrs Dyson and Miss Brennan will teach Y6 next year, meaning that they will move up with their current class to ensure continuity, maintain high expectations and support the children that they know well to achieve excellent outcomes by the Summer of 2024.

### ATTENDANCE

We proudly celebrate the following children who have achieved 100% attendance for Autumn Term 2022.

Class	100% attenders
Easby Nursery	Reuben
Rosedale Reception	T-Jay, Dennis & Reggie
Roche Y1	Teddi-Lee, Lydia, Thomas KC, Millicent, Patience, Nevaeh, Ivy & Lewis
Selby Y2	Jameel, Zac, Renesmae & Esme
Whitby Y3	Theo, Isabelle, Lilly & Primrose
Fountains Y4	Tallulah, Jude, Drew & Romeo
Kirkstall Y5	Drew, Bailey G, Eva, Henry, George, Max, Raffe-J & Ethan
Rievaulx Y6	Mckinnley, Katy, Charlie & Adi

### Autumn Term Attendance

Class	Attendance
Easby Nursery	76.3%
Rosedale Reception	91.7%
Roche Y1	94.3%
Selby Y2	94.5%
Whitby Y3	88.8%
Fountains Y4	94.7%
Kirkstall Y5	92.9%
Rievaulx Y6	91.1%
TOTAL with Nursery	91.2%
TOTAL without Nursery*	92.5%

National Primary Attendance figures include Reception to Y6 only, not Nurseries. Attendance must improve rapidly and hopefully it will this term after the winter illnesses reduce.

Working together to improve attendance is the only solution. Please speak with our Attendance Team if you have not done so already and need support in getting your children to school each day on time.

### 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. Only book bags are needed daily but on PE days, children will need a bag.

Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days nor should they have ears pierced during term time if they cannot be removed. Haircuts must not be extreme and long hair must be tied up for health and safety.

Class	Day
Easby Nursery	Friday
Rosedale Reception	Monday
Roche Y1	Monday
Selby Y2	Tuesday
Whitby Y3	Tuesday
Fountains Y4	Thursday/Swimming
Kirkstall Y5	Thursday/Swimming
Rievaulx Y6	Wednesday

**Head Teacher** Lindsey Ebsworth BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH **Chair of Governors** John Cape  
**Deputy Headteacher** Clare Brennan BA (Hons), NPQSL **Vice-chair of Governors** Karen Seaman