



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

School Masses and Liturgies this half-term

Stations of the Cross Liturgy at St Alban's Church
9.30 am Monday 3rd April 2023

Lenten Activities

Last week our World Book Day PJs and Bedtime stories to deepen bonds saw us raise almost £300 towards the Good Shepherd Appeal – thank you to all those who donated monies.

This week children are learning about Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

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

On Monday 13th March, children will be making Prayer Cards for St Alban's and Blessed English Martyr's Parishioners to 'take and donate' to the Good Shepherd Appeal.

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

On Friday 31st March, children will be scooting, cycling or on any other wheels the distance around the Yorkshire Abbeys on our school playground! Please sponsor them and come and cheer them on at the times outlined on the diary dates section below.

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

Wednesday 17th May – Caritas Diocese of Hallam
Thanksgiving Service 10 am at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.

STAFFING 2023 – 2024

As you are already aware Mrs Carter-Ward and Miss Gibson will be leaving us temporarily at the end of the academic year, to each welcome their new babies into the world and take their maternity leave. In addition to this, Mrs Costello who joined us temporarily part-time for this year, will also leave St Alban's at the end of her contract in July 2023.

In order to offer the very best for our children, Governors have taken the decision to advertise early and secure talented practitioners to cover Mrs Carter-Ward and Miss Gibson. I am delighted to inform you that through our rigorous recruitment process, we have filled both class teacher posts with two dynamic Early Career Teachers who will start St Alban's before the end of this school year to ensure a smooth transition for our children into the 2023 – 2024 academic year. At present, class teachers will be positioned for 2023 – 2024 as outlined below:

Easby Nursery – Miss H Strawbridge

Rosedale Reception – Mrs H Petty

Roche Y1 – Miss R Watts

Selby Y2 – Miss L Redfearn and Mrs H Needham

Whitby Y3 – Miss R Fidler

Fountains Y4 – Mrs R Diver

Kirkstall Y5 – Miss J Burge

Rievaulx Y6 – Mrs M Dyson and Miss C Brennan

We also look forward to one of our HLTAs, Miss Sellars, returning from Maternity Leave in September 2023. Miss Sellars will work across our KS2 team in classes and enhance our pastoral care team across school. Our TA team will be positioned based on needs across our school next year and this decision will be made after the appointment of another TA to strengthen the SEN provision in KS2. We are currently advertising this post and once the recruitment process is complete, we will inform you as to which classes our TAs will be supporting next year and where our HLTAs will work to complement the work of teachers in school.

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. 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:
Monday 13th – Friday 17th March
Science Week

Friday 17th March
Our World, our future Workshops Y1 – Y6
£2 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid
on ParentPay

Tuesday 21st March
6pm – 8.30pm Movement Evening at St Pius

Thursday 23rd March
World Maths Day

Wednesday 22nd March
Changed from 29th March
Parents and Carers Evening
3.30 – 4.30
Live Booking on Spider App available from Friday
10th March

Monday 27th March
Parents and Carers Evening
3.30 – 6.30
Live Booking on Spider App available from Friday
10th March

Wednesday 29th March
KS1 Conisbrough Castle Visit
£3 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid
on ParentPay

Thursday 30th March
Y6 Rievaulx Crucial Crew visit

Friday 31st March
Sponsored Wheelathon!
Easby Nursery – 9 am & 2.30 pm, Rosedale
Reception – 9am, Roche Y1 – 9.45 am, Selby Y2 –
10.30 am, Whitby – 11.15 am, Fountains – 1pm,
Kirkstall – 1.45 pm, Rievaulx – 2.30pm

Friday 7th April – Friday 21st April
Easter Break + INSET day

Monday 24th April
All children return to school
EYFS Mobile Zoo coming to school!
£2 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid
on ParentPay

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all parents and carers who have worked hard to improve their children's punctuality – most children, in most classes, are in school on time every day. Learning is now less disrupted by latecomers and children are settled into learning as registers are finished. Please keep this up – it is not just your child that benefits but all of our children as learning can begin immediately in the morning.

Attendance to date – Selby are leading the way!

Class	Attendance as at 6.3.23
Easby Nursery	75.6%
Rosedale Reception	91.4%
Roche Y1	95.0%
Selby Y2	95.1%
Whitby Y3	90.4%
Fountains Y4	94.4%
Kirkstall Y5	92.9
Rievaulx Y6	91.8%
TOTAL without Nursery	92.9%

Attendance is improving slightly from Reception to Y6 however, we must maintain this improvement to be within reach of our target of 96% therefore please remember it is your legal duty as parents and carers to ensure your child attends school every day. We are holding meetings with families who need support to improve their child's attendance and extend this offer to those parents and carers who need support from the Attendance Team – please do not hesitate to contact us – we can and we will help you to get your child(ren) to school on time every day.

ONLINE SAFETY

We are aware that many of our children, like others nationally, are accessing games, apps and social media on phones, devices and gaming consoles, which is aimed at much older children. Ratings are given to these as content is inappropriate and/or dangerous and negatively influential for children. We are updating our computing curriculum to include teaching children how to use a variety of sites and apps appropriately and we will be hosting workshops to support you in helping your child safely navigate their way around this modern media. Questionnaires will be shared soon and we appreciate your feedback so that we can tailor this to the needs of our children and families. Look out soon for the survey and please make sure you complete it!

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