



# 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

### Lent

What a journey it has been this year and how far our children have come, deepening their understanding through a variety of ways over this important time. Our stations of the cross service was a powerful dramatisation and those there shared in the solemnity. After learning in school about the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then observing the fall of Jesus before his death at the service on Monday, our children know of Jesus' pain and sacrifice – the sorrow of Good Friday but then the joy and the Good News of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our children understand that Easter is so much more to us than chocolate and eggs. For that, we are blessed and thank God that we can share our faith with them.

### Summer Term

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10 am – Caritas Diocese of Hallam Thanksgiving Service 10 am at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. Our children will be leading the service to celebrate the work of all our schools across the Hallam Diocese in supporting the Good Shepherd Appeal.

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be taking their First Holy Communion in the Summer Term this year. We look forward to celebrating this special time with them on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am Mass.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – St Alban's Feast Day Mass led by Y6 followed by a celebratory picnic on the school field.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – End of School Year and Leavers Mass – led by Rievaulx class of 2023

Please join us so we can all celebrate together!

## Adventures in Learning begin at St Alban's on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023...

As you are already aware, we are continuously developing our curriculum to ensure our children are enjoying learning and make great progress in all subjects. Our outward looking mindset and relentlessness to seek better ways of doing things has led our senior leaders to visit outstanding Catholic schools within our CMAT and work beyond our Diocese with XP Trust Doncaster. An off the shelf curriculum will not cut it for our children as we want to offer them so much more based on what they need and deserve. On our mission to build something that will excite them, immerse them in a purposeful learning journey and enable them to master skills and knowledge to apply and deepen their understanding, we are trialling a new 'expeditionary' style learning...

To embark on this next journey, we will launch our whole school 'Adventures in Learning' with **OUR WORLD. WHY SHOULD WE LOVE IT?** guiding question. Teachers are planning with the end in mind and we are teaching a curriculum that focuses on what our children need now and in the future in their modern society, building on the cultural capital they bring. For example, we are not just going to learn about climate change, we are going to change the climate (where we can!) and we are not going to teach about the dangers of social media, we are going to use it responsibly.

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## 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:

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn  
10:30 am Friends of School Meeting  
House Point Team Winners Afternoon Treat  
Children visit Alban's shop to choose their toys

Good Friday - 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  
'Immersion Week' starts with EYFS Mobile Zoo coming to school!  
**£2 parental/carer contribution per child to be paid on ParentPay**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Kirkstall Y5 Bikeability

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Bank Holiday - School closed

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation - School closed

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Coronation Lunch Picnic and Celebrations

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Y6 SATS week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Y2 SATs period

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
All children return to school

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Y4 Multiplication Checks start

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Y1 and Y2 resits Phonics Screening starts

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Whole school assessment week

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
KS2 Visiting Theatre Performance of Oliver Twist  
**Parental contribution on parentpay will be available after the Easter holiday**

## Adventures in Learning continued...

Every class during the Summer term will engage in 'Immersion week' where children will be going out on litter picks, watching an inspirational film or have the Mobile Zoo visit! From the immersion week, we will begin expeditions focusing on Science, Geography, English and DT (different subjects will be taught in different terms to suit which will be carefully curated in the Summer Term by our teachers for next year) using our skills across the curriculum to enhance our learning. Children will link their learning together creating a product inspired by a teacher 'WAGOLL' (What a good one looks like!) and holding a grand finale presentation, to which all parents, carers and relatives will be invited to come see the galleries, performances, premieres that our children will have curated! We will assess children in a variety of ways but also in a way that prepares them for High School and GCSEs as their primary education is only the start. We aim to nurture more successful, revolutionary learners who are activists for all that is good, starting with the good news of Jesus Christ and God's love for all of us.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

### Roche are leading the way!

Class	Attendance as at
	<b>5.4.23</b>
Easby Nursery	<b>76.3%</b>
Rosedale Reception	<b>92.1%</b>
Roche Y1	<b>95.0%</b>
Selby Y2	<b>94.6%</b>
Whitby Y3	<b>90.0%</b>
Fountains Y4	<b>94.2%</b>
Kirkstall Y5	<b>93.6%</b>
Rievaulx Y6	<b>91.9%</b>
TOTAL without Nursery	<b>93.0%</b>

Thank you to all families that have worked with our Attendance Team this term to improve their child's punctuality and attendance - it has not only made a difference for your children but all of our children as learning is less disrupted and attitudes to learning are more consistent!

**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