



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

Lenten Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Good Shepherd Appeal and our Lenten activities last term. A special thank you to our Mini Vinnies and Friends of School groups who were extremely generous of their time and supported us in our almsgiving.

We are delighted to share with you that we once again raised an amazing amount of money for the Caritas Caring Service, Diocese of Hallam. The grand total raised from donations for Prayer Cards from the Parish, Sponsored Wheelathon around the Yorkshire Abbeys, World Book Day Events and the Easter Egg Raffle was £1308.50. Many of our children and families benefit from the support that Caritas provide through the counselling service we have in school. Without this, our children who are in need of immediate support, would have to wait months for this type of counselling therapy. Having the support from Caritas, allows us to offer the support quickly for our children in need. Donating this money, means that they can continue to support not only our community but others across the Diocese also.

Summer Term

10.30 am Wednesday 17th May 2023 - St Marie's Cathedral

Caritas Diocese of Hallam Thanksgiving Service where our children will be leading the celebrations for all our schools across the Hallam Diocese.

11am Sunday 14th May 2023 - St Alban's Catholic Church

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be taking their First Holy Communion this month. We look forward to celebrating this special time with them at St Alban's Church Mass on Sunday 14th May 2023.

Wow what a start to our Adventures in Learning! Expeditions start here!

Our children were fully enthralled during Immersion Week last week where they enjoyed the virtual reality of the Eden Project, Cornwall, found themselves deep in mud planting in our Faith Garden, took a Save the Planet tour with David Attenborough, cleared the streets of Denaby on a mammoth litter pick, got up close and personal with an array of reptiles and mammals, and explored the coral reef Finding Nemo! We have set sail on our first Expeditions and are enjoying our learning even more than before!

If you have missed the Spider message with links to see your children in action during Immersion Week, please click the links below to take you to our slideshows on the school website and Facebook page. You can then see first-hand what our children have been up to so far this term, adventuring far and wide in the comfort of our local community!

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/current-news/131892>

<https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Alban's-Catholic-Primary-and-Nursery-School-Doncaster/100067956307241/>

We will be holding the grand finale presentations to which all parents, carers and relatives are invited to come and see the galleries, performances and premieres that our children will have curated! These will take place each day of the week commencing 3rd July 2023. You will be cordially invited to your child's class presentation soon!

STAFFING UPDATE FOR THIS TERM IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Mrs Carter-Ward is due to have her baby in early June and will be leaving us on Friday 19th May 2023 to start her Maternity Leave. Mrs Diver will continue to teach the Year 6 class for the remainder of this school year supported by Mrs Noonan and Mrs Davies. Mrs Petty and Miss Strawbridge supported by Mrs Ebsworth and Mrs Davey will cover the SENDCo role while Mrs Carter-Ward is on Maternity Leave.

We are delighted to have one our new teachers starting with us in KS2 on Monday 5th June; Miss Burge who will teach Y4 when Miss Gibson leaves in June to start her Maternity Leave and Miss Burge will take this class to Y5 and teach them throughout the next academic year. In addition to Miss Burge starting, from next week, you will start to see Miss Sellars in school as she prepares to return to St Alban's following her Maternity Leave. Please keep these staff in your prayers as they embark on new journeys in their lives.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

Monday 8th May
Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation –
School closed

Tuesday 9th May
Coronation Lunch Picnic and Celebrations

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May
Y6 SATS week

Saturday 13th May
Mrs Davies, FOS member completes her 100K
Jurassic Coast Challenge in aid of fundraising for
St Alban's

Please sponsor using the FOS forms your child
brought home last Friday or request another
from the Main Office

11 am Sunday 14th May
Mass at St Alban's – First Holy Communion
celebration

Monday 15th May – Friday 26th May
Y2 SATs period

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 5th June
All children return to school
Y4 Multiplication Checks start

2.30 pm Wednesday 7th June
Online Safety Parent/Carer Workshop and open
morning seeing safe use of devices in action
from Reception to Y6

Monday 12th June
Y1 and Y2 resits Phonics Screening starts

Thursday 22nd June
St Alban's Feast Day Celebrations
Mass at 9.30

Monday 26th June
Whole school assessment week

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary Attendance to date is 93.9%
We are creeping up steadily but still below National and
Doncaster local attendance to date. Together, we can
improve this and achieve an end of year attendance level
in line with local and National Primary Schools if all
children attend school every day on time as expected.

Roche are leading the way!

Class	Attendance as at 5.5.23
Easby Nursery	77.7%
Rosedale Reception	92.4%
Roche Y1	95.0%
Selby Y2	94.8%
Whitby Y3	90.2%
Fountains Y4	94.3%
Kirkstall Y5	93.8%
Rievaulx Y6	92.1%
TOTAL without Nursery	93.2%

PARENT/CARER AND CHILD'S VOICE

Website and Spider App

If you have not taken a peek at our new look website yet,
please make sure you do and also respond to the Spider
App message with your suggestions so that we know
exactly the information you want! There are still some of
you who have not yet downloaded the app – this is
essential to keep up to date with all that is happening!

Questionnaires

Thank you to parents and carers responses to the Online
Safety and RE and Catholic Life Questionnaires sent out
last term. Your feedback has been overwhelmingly
positive and helpful in planning our next Open afternoon
and workshop focusing on online safety. Please try to
attend this event in June as the more we increase our
knowledge of what our children are engaging in online,
the safer we can keep them.

Relationships

As you know, we aim to work in partnership with our
parents and carers as you are the first educators of your
children. As we all know, a united team builds success
and that success for us is thriving children. We
encourage feedback and invite you to speak with the
relevant members of staff when appropriate if you have
a concern, a worry or a compliment! Our children tell us
and show us every day what they think and feel about
our school and because we know, we can act on these
things meaning our children are happier and safer,
enjoying learning more and making great progress as
Christian citizens and learners.

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