



# St Albans

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

St Alban's Church Website:

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

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

### Learning about Saints at St Alban's

The children will be learning about our Patron Saints throughout the coming months. If any of you have artefacts or traditional outfits etc. that you think the children would love to look at to bring their learning to life, please see Mrs Ebsworth.

#### *St David's day learning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March*

All children in St David's may accessorise in yellow or wear their yellow PE kit t-shirt.

#### *St Patrick's day learning on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

All children in St Patrick's may accessorise in green or wear their green PE kit t-shirt.

#### *St George's day learning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April*

All children in St George's may accessorise in red or wear their red PE kit t-shirt.

As usual we will celebrate St Alban in the summer term with a Mass on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.

We will focus on St Andrew next academic year as close to 30<sup>th</sup> November as possible.

### Lent

As we are on half-term holiday for Ash Wednesday, we will be having an Ash Wednesday liturgy in school on the first day back after the holidays. We will be taking part in a variety of Lenten activities throughout next half-term and will update you in February's newsletter as to what these will be.

Our Stations of the Cross Service in church will hopefully be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am and will be led by our Y4 Fountains class. All are welcome to join us for this very special and moving service during Holy Week.

## ONLINE SAFETY OPEN MORNING WITH YOUR CHILD – SAVE THE DATE!

As you already know, children are younger in using devices and wanting their own phones etc.

We have dealt with a huge increase in online issues between our children since Christmas and together we must stay ahead of our children to keep them safe. Our staff keep up to date with new safeguarding and computing information and we urgently need to share our knowledge with you. Research shows that the apps and games many adults think are harmless, are actually extremely harmful and not what we think. It is Safer Internet Day soon and we ask that if you cannot attend all our events, this is the one you prioritise. All parents and carers are invited into school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 9am – 10am where you can enjoy learning in class with your child and also have refreshments in the hall whilst listening to our staff sharing their online safety advice.

### Spring Term Learning

We enjoyed our incredible Immersion Week activities to launch our Spring Adventures in Learning Expeditions to find out the answers to:

### **'How do people and our planet work together?'**

To see your child in action during immersion week, please follow the link to the Class Pages, where, along with information and the curriculum planning overview for your child's class, you will find a slideshow or pdf of pictures of the fun we had Spring Term 2024 Immersion week!

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/classes>

Please see dates below left, which detail when you are invited in to see a very different presentation that will showcase all your children's learning.

RISE AND SHINE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS daily 8 am – 8.45 am and 3.25 pm – 4.25 pm – for fun learning, childcare or both! BOOK ON PARENTPAY at least 24 hours in advance.

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:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Safer Internet Day and Phonics learning in Y1  
Parent and Carer open morning 9 – 10 am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Chinese New Year Celebration Day!  
Break up for Half-term

Monday 19th February 2024

All children return to school

Ash Wednesday Liturgy to mark the start of Lent

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Year 3 and 4 trip to Magna!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

St David's Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

9.05am Y4 Grande Finale Presentation

2.45pm Y1 Grande Finale Presentation

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am FS2 Grande Finale Presentation

2.45pm Y3 Grande Finale Presentation

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9.05am Y5 Grande Finale Presentation

2.45pm Nursery Grande Finale Presentation

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Y6 Grande Finale Presentation

World Book Day – Changing lives through a love of  
books and reading for pleasure

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am Nursery Grande Finale Presentation

2.45pm Y2 Grande Finale Presentation

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Y5 Forensic Science Day at St Pius

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Super Science Day!

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all families who ensure their children are on time and attend every day and to those who have worked with our Attendance Team to improve their child's attendance and punctuality. National Primary attendance to date this year is 94.7%

Class	Attendance to date 12.1.24	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	86.9%	76.5%
Rosedale FS2	92.5%	92.1%
Roche Y1	93.3%	94.6%
Selby Y2	95.9%	95.3%
Whitby Y3	94.4%	89.8%
Fountains Y4	93.1%	94.8%
Kirkstall Y5	96.4%	93.0%
Rievaulx Y6	93.9%	91.5%
TOTAL without Nursery	94.2%	92.9%

## FRIENDS OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Our Friends of School Group worked incredibly hard during Advent for the benefit of our school community. A questionnaire has been sent out to request feedback from yourselves which is encouraged and very welcome! You have been extremely generous and, as has already been noted in Monday Messages, almost £2000 was raised and £1600 will be donated to reduce the costs of trips out and visitors to school for our children to enhance their learning. With the £200 donation to our Year 3 and Year 4 classes, we have managed to reduce the cost to all families for the Magna visit after half term from £19 to £12.

If you haven't completed the form already, please click on the link below which will take you directly to it on any device. It will only take a minute or so of your time and your feedback is invaluable! Thank you, Mrs Ebsworth.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/zpiANuE8T9>

## OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS TOUCHED HEARTS ACROSS THE SEA!

We were delighted to receive a handwritten card and donation of £100 from a thoughtful Priest who lives in Northern Ireland. He was touched by the Christ-centred approach and joy that our Y6's brought to our very own 'Old Nan'. You can see a copy of the card on our Monday Messages from this week on our school website.

[https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/serve\\_file/23496123](https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/serve_file/23496123)