



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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To all in our school community,

It has been another busy Autumn term in which we have enjoyed many events starting with our Sports Days in September, Parents Evening in October, Story Sack sessions, Zones of regulation workshop, Adventures in Learning Presentations in November and a variety of activities in December, finishing with Nativities and Christingle this week! Once again, our parents, carers and extended families, our Parish, Governors and our Friends of School group have supported us in our continuous efforts to ensure our children receive the very best Catholic education on offer! You can see St Alban's Autumn term 2024 in pictures at:

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

At St Alban's, almsgiving continues to be a real strength of our school community. Our faith leaders in school have organised different charitable work for those in need. These have included; the Mini Vinnies Harvest Food Drive and Christmas Toy Appeal, Cafod Club's Christmas Fayre items of hand-made cakes and tree decorations, and all of our children supported the Royal British Legion, raising £236.27 towards the Poppy Appeal. In addition to the children, our Friends of School grandparents and parents group once again gave their time throughout Advent to raise a phenomenal amount of money, totalling around £1500!!! Most of this will be donated to school and used to continue to enhance our curriculum, ensuring our children are offered exciting experiences out and visitors to school, at reduced costs to parents and carers. These incredible efforts demonstrate the support and love we have for each other within the St Alban's community and our neighbours. God's love is definitely at work within our St Alban's family! See more about our Faith leaders under the Catholic Life page of our school website.

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/catholic-life/131246>

As we move from Autumn into our Spring Term, there are many more events that we ask you to attend to support your children on their learning journeys throughout the year. We have the Parents Meetings for National tests in Y1 (Phonics Screening), Y4 (Multiplication Check) and Y6 (SATs) in January. Y6 SATs meeting is Tuesday 7th January at 2.45pm and the Y1 Phonics Screening meeting is Wednesday 8th January at 2.45pm. Y4 Multiplication Check meeting to be confirmed. Letters have been sent to Year 4 and 5 parents to invite you in to learn more about the exciting Residential visits we have planned for September to Whitby (Y5s 2025-2026) and Beaumanor Hall (Y6s 2025-2026). Beaumanor Meeting for current Y5s is at 2.45pm on Thursday 9th January and the Whitby Meeting for current Y4s is at 2.45pm on Thursday 16th January 2025. Please make sure you have the Spider App working properly to see updated messages about all that is happening and information about the above Parent/Carer meetings.

We also plan to hold workshops and further open days for you to learn more about how we teach in school and how to support your child's learning at home but in the meantime please continue to use our updated website for information on what your children will learn in each year group, what homework they will receive weekly and how to support them at <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/home-and-remote-learning/131443>.

You can find up to date information about our curriculum under the Curriculum section on the website which is broken down into the areas we cover in our core, life and essential learning categories: <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/curriculum/151318>. To see how your children are experiencing the curriculum in their classes this year, please see the Class Pages section of the school website: <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/class-pages/151414>.

We continue on our journey to improve and develop and despite our Good and Outstanding S48 inspection outcomes a year ago, we have not once rested on our laurels but have continued to work relentlessly on our whole curriculum, provision, attendance, SEN support and personal development throughout school and are hopeful of another great outcome in our impending Ofsted inspection. With support from the Diocese, Parish, Trust and Local Authority, we are awaiting further news from the DfE regarding our Nursery expansion from 9 months old starting in September 2025. As a 'new school' in September 2022, when we joined St Clare CMAT, our first inspection as an Academy school is due this academic year and with your support, we aim to demonstrate what an amazing school and community St Alban's is. Your feedback is always appreciated and knowing your thoughts on the work we do at St Alban's is imperative in our future development and outcomes, so we ask that you please spare a few minutes over the holiday period to respond to this survey. You can capture the QR code or click the link:

Parent and carer feedback
December 2024



<https://forms.office.com/e/1rzu7JTjZq>

Finally, as we move into the Year of the Jubilee from Christmas Eve, Pope Francis has invited us to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love. Through our Spring and Summer Term adventures in learning on 'How do people and our planet work together?' and 'How can we love our World better?' we will thread the theme of hope into our lessons to encourage our children to be on this pilgrimage together. We pray that all in our school and church community, have a very happy and holy Christmas and look forward to a brighter future for everyone in 2025.

Mrs L Ebsworth
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