



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

Remembrance Mass – Friday 11th November, 9.15 am
Remembrance Mass will take place in church on Armistice Day. After Mass our Mini Vinnies will be representing our school at the Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in Denaby at 11 am.

Choir to sing at St Pius Advent Mass on Tuesday 6th December

Miss Brennan will be leading a choir of children from KS2 who will be invited to sing at St Pius as our Dearne Valley family meet for an Advent Mass.

Nativity, Candlelit Carols & Christingle

Tickets will soon be on sale on ParentPay for you to buy for our first live EYFS/KS1 Nativity in the hall since COVID. We will also be having Candlelit Carols by KS2 on the playground that you will be able to buy tickets for. Due to the number of children we now have in school, for health, safety and fire regulations, we must organise these performances differently. Christingle for everyone led by KS2 will be in Church on the last afternoon of term to get you into the Christmas spirit!

GOOD NEWS!

AWARDS, SPECIAL MENTIONS AND PROUD MOMENTS...

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES – 2.40 pm every Friday

If your child receives an award or certificate out of school eg, swimming, dance, gym, karate, music, football etc. please encourage them to bring their award into school to share their triumph with all of us! Please note the earlier start time – we have tried our best to finish early and not managed this as our children are too special and too talented to rush their moment of fame and celebration!

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL GROUP – first meeting soon...

Following on from our initial discussion at our Open Morning on 21st October, a group of parents and carers will be meeting in school with Mrs Ebsworth 9am – 10 am on Thursday 17th November in the school hall to share ideas and plan the first projects to support our school. If you think you may be able to lend a hand, you are very welcome to come along and listen or share your ideas – many hands make light work! The first task for this group will be to raise money to support necessary educational visits which enhance your children's learning experiences beyond school that we have planned for 2023.

WEBSITE AND SCHOOL JOTTER APP

After being very excited about the upgrade to our website and School Jotter App, we have been extremely disappointed with these services and are sincerely grateful to all of our community who have been very patient over the recent period whilst technical issues have been frequent. As these upgrades have not delivered the high standards of service promised and expected, we have taken the decision to move to an alternative provider. Over the next week, you will be notified of a new communication app which will offer immediate use and should provide us with a superior platform for communication between school and all of you in our community, along with a website which will be live immediately also but will be personalised and developed over this half-term.

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). Each session is currently £2 (Reception to Y6) per session however we can only maintain this provision and keep prices low if parents and carers PAY IN ADVANCE ON PARENTPAY. Without pre-booking and pre-payment we cannot offer a safe adult to child ratio for the session. With the numbers of parents and carers who do not pre-book and pre-pay 24 hours in advance, our charging policy will be changing in January to include late booking and payment charges as an administrative fee for the inconvenience. Thank you to those parents and carers who adhere to the expectations – it is very much appreciated by all staff in school.

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast 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:

Friday 11th November
Remembrance Mass at 9.15am

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November
Anti-Bullying Week – WEAR ODD SOCKS with
uniform on Monday 14th November

Thursday 17th November
School Photographs – starting at 8.20 am for
family photos with Nursery children in the
Prayer Room.

Friday 18th November
Children in Need – The Great Spotacular
Fancy Dress with spots to raise money for
Children in Need – donations to be paid on
Parentpay.

Thursday 1st December
10 am Open Morning for prospective families for
Reception Class starters September 2023

Friday 2nd December
Open afternoon 2.15 pm – 3.20 pm – workshop
on handwriting and spelling with refreshments
and working in classes to support children in
making Christmas Cards or Calendars

Tuesday 6th December
St Pius Advent Mass – details nearer the time

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th December
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Presentation at 2.15 pm in
the school hall
KS2 Candlelit Carols at 3 pm on the school
playground

Thursday 15th December
Christmas Parties and a special visitor after
school until 4 pm – EYFS, 4.05 pm – KS1, 4.10 pm
– Y3 & Y4 and 4.15 pm – Y5 & Y6

Friday 16th December
Christmas dinner in school
Christingle in Church at 2.15 pm
Break up for Christmas at 3.20 pm/3.25 pm

Wednesday 4th January 2023
All children return to School

ATTENDANCE

We celebrate children with 100% attendance each week and classes with attendance higher than our 96% target. Fountains Class are highest with 95.8% attendance so far albeit still not on target. Unfortunately, our whole school attendance is below our target at 93.5%.

A leave of absence request form can be found at the back of our policy and **MUST** be completed at least 21 days prior to the leave of absence. Only in exceptional circumstances may consent for a leave of absence be given, therefore any other leave of absence may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice. Below is a link to Doncaster Council website which outlines expectations: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/holidays-during-term-time>

APPOINTMENTS

All appointments (medical, dental, opticians, hospital etc) during the school day must be evidenced with paper or electronic appointment confirmation. Parent/carers must show this to the Main Office staff prior to or at the time of signing out your child. This absence will then be recorded as authorised – no evidence will mean the absence is unauthorised and may be subject to a Penalty Notice if your child's attendance falls below 96%. We do ask that if possible, any non-urgent appointments be arranged for after school, during lunchtime, INSET days or holidays, as there are 175 days per year that are non-school days.

PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality is much improved since last month – well done to everyone arriving on time everyday – children are happier and are making great progress in phonics and spelling and enjoying adding their Alban's up ready for spending!

UNIFORM, PE KIT and JEWELLRY

Please ensure your child is dressed in correct uniform (grey trousers and dresses/skirts NOT black) as well as having correct PE kit on PE days. Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days nor should they have ears pierced during term time if they cannot be removed.

Class	Day
Easby Nursery	Friday
Rosedale Reception	Monday
Roche Y1	Monday
Selby Y2	Tuesday
Whitby Y3	Tuesday
Fountains Y4	Thursday
Kirkstall Y5	Thursday
Rievaulx Y6	Wednesday

