



# 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

Each Sunday of Advent will be the focus of our Monday Assemblies and children's RE learning focuses on this special time that we prepare to be ready for the birth of Jesus Christ. Children will be making prayer cards which will be delivered to church for our parishioners.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity, KS2 Candlelit Carols  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Admission is priced at £2 for which you can pay on ParentPay to see our first live EYFS/KS1 Nativity in the hall since COVID, followed by KS2 Carols on the Playground. If you do not have a child in EYFS & KS1, then for £1 admission each, you and other relatives can come onto the playground for warm refreshments and KS2 Carols. Due to the number of children we now have in school, for health, safety and fire regulations, we must organise these performances differently and we thank all of our parents and carers for your positive support and understanding with this. Further details below.

Christingle for everyone led by KS2

Christingle will be in Church at 2.15pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December which will no doubt get you into the Christmas spirit!

## GOOD NEWS!

### AWARDS, SPECIAL MENTIONS AND PROUD MOMENTS...

#### EXCELLENT OUTCOMES ONCE AGAIN!

The results of the national Multiplication Tables Check which our Y5s completed in June have been released and the national average % of children achieving full marks in the test which is timed and taken by the children online in test conditions, is 25%. We are proud to say the St Alban's % of children achieving full marks is 70%!!!! The average score nationally was 19.5 and our children's average score was 22.5. We are delighted with this exceptional result which reaffirms the great work that is happening at our school. Well done Kirkstall Class!!!

#### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL GROUP

Already our FoS group are thriving and your support for them has been overwhelming for which both school staff and the FoS team are very grateful. It's not too late to join and help make a difference for our children. See details below for the festive events that FoS have arranged to fundraise towards extending our range of educational visits to enhance your children's learning experiences in 2023!

## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION ON MORNING OF FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

We have live theatre coming to our hall for all children in school!!!! As part of our Epiphany Celebration, as well as Mass in church, we will have a live pantomime of Aladdin in the school hall along with treats! In order to support us in making this a special occasion for your children, we ask for a donation of £2 on ParentPay towards the cost of their performance treats. You will be able to pay for your child on ParentPay from next week.

## WEBSITE AND SCHOOL SPIDER APP

Thank you to all our community for your patience with this move to School Spider. If you haven't done so already, please download the app and share your details with all those involved in your child's school life at St Alban's such as Grandparents etc. who do the school run. The website is currently being developed in the background, although you can still access the temporary website at: <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/>

## 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). These will remain the same in January, however the Charging Policy is currently being updated and once approved by our Local Academy Committee (previously known as Governing Body), it will be shared with you and available on the school website in readiness for the Spring Term 2023 starting.

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 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Presentation at 2.15 pm in the school hall

GATES OPEN AT 1.45 pm AND CLOSE AT 2pm for this performance in the hall. Please queue on the pedestrian walkway. Entry will only be allowed if you have prepaid on ParentPay and your name is listed for the specific performance. Once this performance has finished, you are welcome to stay, buy further refreshments and join the audience on the playground to watch the KS2 Candlelit Carols.

KS2 Candlelit Carols at 3 pm on the school playground  
GATES OPEN AT 2.45pm AND CLOSE AT 2.55pm for this performance on the school playground. Entry will only be allowed if you have prepaid on ParentPay and your name is listed for the specific performance.

All children will finish school at their normal time unless Nursery parents would like to extend their Nursery child's time to 3.30 pm on these days. Please see Miss Strawbridge to arrange this.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Due to the later finish, all children will need collecting after this event. Those at After School Club will be taken to see the special visitor and then join the After School Club for normal collection at 4.25-4.30pm  
Party food and party dress is encouraged on this day!  
Children will bring home details of what food to bring to share at our parties.

House Team Winners of the Term Cinema morning treat

Please bring large oranges in from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December for Christingles

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas dinner in school  
(Pay on parentpay as normal if you pay for dinners)

Christingle in Church at 2.15 pm

Break up for Christmas at 3.20 pm/3.25 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
All children return to School

## Festive Fun Fundraising organised by FoS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Bring a bottle (can be alcoholic!) or a box of chocolates and wear your Christmas jumper (with uniform bottoms).

All donations will be added to the Christmas Grand Raffle which will be drawn on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December by FoS – winners will be notified via School Spider.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Children wear Christmas Jumpers (with uniform bottoms) – no donations needed.

Wooden decorations bought by yourselves and decorated by the children will be chosen at random to win prizes!

### ATTENDANCE

We celebrate children with 100% attendance each week and classes with attendance higher than our 96% target. Fountains Class are highest with 95.4% attendance so far albeit still not on target. Unfortunately, our whole school attendance is below our target at 92.8% which is now below national average. Please work with us to improve your child's attendance – it is imperative they come to school on time every day. Our learning days are busy and start immediately as children arrive in the classroom and continue at pace until the bell rings at the end of the day. Don't let your child miss out on what they are entitled to.

### 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. Only book bags are needed daily but on PE days, children can bring their kit in a bag.

Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days nor should they have ears pierced during term time if they cannot be removed. Hair-cuts must not be extreme and long hair must be tied up for health and safety.

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

**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