

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/

Father Desmond Edozie will leave St Alban's at the end of this month and we ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Lord, we thank you for Father Desmond and the 10 years of service he has given St Alban's. We ask for your blessing upon him as he moves to a new parish. Give him strength, joy, and wisdom in all that he does. We will forever cherish the guidance and love he shared with us. Amen.

And as we say goodbye to Father Desmond, we are blessed to be able to welcome Father Augustine to St Alban's and we ask you also pray for our new priest.

Almighty Father,

We give you thanks for Father Augustine who is coming to serve in our parish. We pray that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit, giving them wisdom, grace, and strength for their ministry. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

On Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 11am, we invite children and families to attend mass to welcome Father Augustine.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated food to the local food bank earlier this month. A special thank you to our Faith and School Leaders for organising this – Cafod Club, Mini Vinnies and School Council – your efforts made a difference for many.

NURSERY UPDATE

As you are aware, our extended Nursery provision for 9 month olds is under way. We are awaiting final planning details then the safe demolition of the club building will commence. Thank you for your patience with this and using the singular pedestrian walkway when dropping off and collecting – we are certain it will be worth the wait! If you know of someone with a baby or toddler, who is looking for a nurturing provision and a Catholic Christian education for their child, please recommend us. Applications can be requested from Mrs Hays, Pupil Administration Manager in the School Office.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES: Friday 24th October School closes 5.45pm for half-term break

Monday 3rd November School reopens to everyone from 7.45am

> Tuesday 11th November Remembrance services

Thursday 13th November Photographs in school

Friday 14th November
Children in Need Day – Challenge Yourself to 25
Dress in school uniform and accessorise with
Pudsey ears hairband, painted face or
Pudsey/yellow/spotty t-shirt/top
Donations can be made on ParentPay

Monday 17th November 9.15 am Easby Nursery Grand Finale

Tuesday 18th November 9.05am Selby Y2 Grand Finale

Wednesday 19th November 9.05 am Whitby Grand Finale 2.30 pm Roche Y1 Grand Finale

Thursday 20th November 9.00am Kirkstall Y5 Grand Finale 2.30pm Fountains Y4 Grand Finale

Friday 21st November 9.00am Rievaulx Y6 Grand Finale 2.45pm Rosedale Reception Grand Finale

Sunday 23rd November
11am Children's Mass at St Alban's Church
All children and families invited to mass

Wednesday 19th/Friday 21st November TBC Y5 Evacuation Day at St Pius

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary attendance to 26/9/25 is: 95.8%

Class	Attendance to date 21/10/25	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	91.6%	90.4%
Rosedale FS2	80.0%	95.2%
Roche Y1	92.6%	91.1%
Selby Y2	95.3%	94.5%
Whitby Y3	95.9%	95.6%
Fountains Y4	93.0%	96.6%
Kirkstall Y5	95.3%	95.5%
Rievaulx Y6	93.1%	96.9%
TOTAL without Nursery	92.5%	95.0%

ADVENT ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 28th November 2pm onwards - FOS Christmas Fair

Preparation for Christmas

Monday 15th December

2.15pm EYFS Nativity Performance in the hall*

Easby parents and carers – please see Spider Message sent

21/10/25 from Mrs Ebsworth

Tuesday 16th December 2.15pm Y1 – Y3 Nativity Performance in the hall*

Wednesday 17th December 2.15pm Y4 – Y6 Advent Performance in the hall*

Thursday 18th December

Morning - House Point Winners treat in school

Christmas lunch

Afternoon - Christmas Parties and special guests

until 3.50pm Reception, 4pm Y1/2, 4.10pm Y3/4

and 4.15pm Y5/6

Friday 19th December 2pm Christingle in Church

*Due to health and safety protocols, we have to limit numbers in the hall, therefore you will be able to buy 2 tickets maximum for each performance. These will be available to purchase on Parentpay nearer the time.

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