



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

St Alban's Church Website:

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

Advent Arrangements 2025



Monday 15th December

2.15pm EYFS Nativity Performance in the hall

Tuesday 16th December

2.15pm Y1 – Y3 Nativity Performance in the hall

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day 1
Christmas lunch for children

2.15pm Y4 – Y6 Advent Performance in the hall

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day 2
(and/or Christmas Party Clothes)

Morning – House Point Winners treat in school

10am – Y6 Carol Singing in the community

Afternoon – Christmas parties and surprise special guests!

Children finish at: 3.50pm – Reception, 4pm – Y1/2,
4.10pm – Y3/4 and 4.15pm – Y5/6

Friday 19th December

2pm Christingle Service in Church



Tuesday 6th January 2026

9.15pm Epiphany Mass in church



ATTENDANCE – NEW YEAR, NEW START! Together we can improve..

Our school attendance remains well below the national average despite the work we are doing to support our families. We have lots of rewards for good attendance and punctuality however we have a number of children who are missing out on their learning. When the winter bugs strike, children may need to be off school due to being too ill to attend however, those who have poor attendance below 95% due to having time off for holidays or other reasons, means that when they are too ill to be in school, this causes a serious concern as their attendance drops below what is acceptable. Research nationally, and the evidence in our school, highlights the hugely negative impact on children's well-being due to absences, including holidays taken in term time.

Please remember your child receives house points every morning for being in the line on time ready for learning! We have also structured our INSET days around the holidays to enable you to book cheaper holidays in the breaktimes of February half-term, Easter and at the end of the summer by finishing the year early! Please ensure you are booking holidays in the breaks from school – it is a legal requirement that your child, once 5 years old, attends school every day. We are however grateful to those of you who do complete the leave of absence forms in time before you take your child out of school.

Those of you who do not inform us of why your child is off school, if we do not have satisfactory evidence of why, then this absence will be unauthorised. All evidence of appointments must be shown to a member of the Attendance Team or when you sign out your child at the main school office. We are working alongside the Local Authority and where families are not engaging with support offered in school or by the EWO, this can result in fines as you are already aware, but also S.444 prosecution with fines up to £2500 or imprisonment – please see:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/promoting-good-attendance>

We are doing all we can to avoid the above for our families, and ask for our children that you please work with us. Thank you to all our families who already do and those who ensure their children have great attendance – it is wonderful to see so many thriving, loving school and making great progress!

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

Monday 5th January 2026

ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Immersion week for 'How do people and our planet work together?' learning

Tuesday 6th January 2026

9.15am – Epiphany School Mass in Church – led by Y6
2.45pm – Y6 Parents/Carers SATs meeting

Wednesday 7th January 2026

5pm – Reception parents/carers meeting for Numbots and RWI

Thursday 8th January 2026

5pm – Y6 SATs parent/carers meeting

Friday 9th January 2026

Pantomime Theatre Experience
£3.50 Reception to Y6 payable on Parentpay

Wednesday 14th January 2026

2.45pm and 5pm Y4 Multiplication Check
parent/carers meetings

Thursday 15th January 2026

2.45pm and 5pm Y1 and Y2 resit Phonics screening
check parents/carers meetings

Please note there are curriculum visits to Magna for Y3 and Y4 and Crucial Crew for Y6 – letters regarding these will be sent out to parents/carers before Christmas

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Return of coming into class to learn with your child!
3pm – Reception, Y1 and Y2 parents/carers come to school to read in class with your child

Thursday 29th January 2026

3pm – KS2 parents/carers come to school to read with your child

Monday 16th February 2026

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd February 2026

INSET day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 24th February 2026

All children return to school

Lent begins in school

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary attendance to 21/11/25 is: 95.34%

| Class | Attendance to date 11/12/25 | Attendance this time last year |
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| Easby Nursery | 87.9% | 83.9% |
| Rosedale FS2 | 94.4% | 91.8% |
| Roche Y1 | 92.7% | 94.8% |
| Selby Y2 | 94.8% | 92.9% |
| Whitby Y3 | 94.7% | 95.4% |
| Fountains Y4 | 95.2% | 94.8% |
| Kirkstall Y5 | 93.9% | 94.7% |
| Rievaulx Y6 | 93.1% | 95.0% |
| TOTAL without Nursery | 92.7% | 93.9% |

APPLY FOR A PLACE & ADMISSIONS

Please note that the deadline for Reception starters for September 2026 is 15th January. For more information see our school website: <https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/admissions-apply-for-a-place/151377>

If your child attends our school Nursery, this does not automatically reserve them a place in school. All parents/carers must apply on the council system by the deadline. Click this link to apply:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

Term dates 2025/2026

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| Closing Date for Nursery Applications (TBC) | Closing Date for Reception Classes and Year 3 into Junior Schools | Bank Holidays |
| Closing Date for Secondary Applications | Inset Days | School Holidays |



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