



St Albans

Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

St Albans Church Website:

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

Sacramental preparation –

First Confession and First Holy Communion

Sacramental Preparation will begin on Sunday 1st February. All baptised children in Year 3 and above are eligible to join. Registration forms are available from church.

Lent

Ash Wednesday falls in the half-term holiday therefore on return after the February break we will begin our Lenten journey in school

Fond memories and exciting times!

Children and staff watched, with fond memories and excitement, the demolition of the old Catholic Club three storey extension. We are looking forward to being able to restore the oldest part of the building and bring back the former glory of this parish building into a beautiful Nursery during school opening hours and special community space outside in the evenings, weekends and holidays.

We want our children to be involved as much as possible and last week they were part of history. The children have the option of entering the competition to design the outdoor play area for our new nursery which will also be used for Rise and Shine and After School Clubs. They can also decide on a name for our new Nursery which will be another Yorkshire Abbey link! This is our children's heritage that we wish to remember and continue to celebrate as we move into the next era.

Any parishioners or others in the community with photos of the original big lounge and the now demolished club, please email them in with a date and information of the event so we can collate a memory book/display which we want to share on our school Centenary Celebration on Friday 3rd July as well as have on display in our refurbished building to keep the memories alive forever like we have with the old school attendance registers and baptismal/confirmation log book!



Calling all parents & carers - we want you!

Please make sure you add these dates to your calendar so that you can attend and support your child at home with their learning and development in line with how we teach them to learn in school.

Reading sessions – learn in the moment how to support your child improve in their sounds, fluency and comprehension and WORLD BOOK DAY reading for fun!

Tuesday 27th January 2026

3pm – Reception, Y1 and Y2 parents/carers

Thursday 29th January 2026

3pm – KS2 (Y3 – Y6) parents/carers

Thursday 5th March 2026

3pm – All parents/carers invited in to read their favourite books snuggled up with their children

Online safety workshop – everything you need to know to keep your child safe on the internet at all times

9.15am Tuesday 10th February 2026

Grand Finales – showcasing Adventures in Learning based on 'How do people and the planet work together?'

Monday 2nd March 2026

2.45pm Rosedale Reception

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

9.15am Whitby Y3 & 2.45pm Fountains Y4

Wednesday 4th March 2026

9.15am Easby Nursery & 2.45pm Roche Y1

Friday 6th March 2026

9.15am Selby Y2 & 2.45pm Kirkstall Y5

Parent Carers Evenings – find out how well your child is learning in class, the progress they have made this year and what they need to do next to meet their targets.

Bookings for time slots will go live on: Friday 27th Feb

Monday 16th March

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 18th March

3.30pm – 6.30pm

National Check Meetings this month

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Phonics and Numbots (Rec), Phonics Screening Check Y1, Multiplication Check Y4 and Y6 SATs meetings.

Feedback has been extremely positive, thank you! For those who want a refresh of the information shared or if you could not make these meetings, the powerpoints are available on your child's Class Page of our website on:

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/class-pages/151414>

If you have any further questions about these national checks, please email your child's class teacher directly.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

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

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Y6 Crucial Crew visit

Thursday 29th January 2026

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

Monday 2nd February 2026

Feast Day Presentation of the Lord liturgy in school – Y4 leading

Competition Deadline! Entries into Mrs Ebsworth for the new Nursery play area

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Y3 & Y4 visit to Magna

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Safer Internet Day celebrated in school for children 9.15am all parent and carers invited in to a workshop on how to keep your child safe online

Young Voices concert at Sheffield Utilita Arena

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

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March 2026

Grand Finales – all parents/carers and extended relatives invited! Specific dates above.

Thursday 5th March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY!

Reading for fun... 2026 is the Year of Reading
Dress up as a character from your favourite book!

Monday 9th March 2026

Celebrating International Women's Day in school
Start celebrating Science Week in school

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary attendance to 9/1/26 is: 94.78%

Class	Attendance to date 26/1/26	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	87.8%	88.4%
Rosedale FS2	94.6%	92.3%
Roche Y1	93.6%	95.5%
Selby Y2	95.1%	91.2%
Whitby Y3	95.3%	95.0%
Fountains Y4	95.2%	95.1%
Kirkstall Y5	94.5%	94.8%
Rievaulx Y6	93.2%	95.7%
TOTAL without Nursery	93.0%	93.7%

Best Start in Life...our Nursery development has finally begun!

Nursery places for children from 9 month old up to and including 4 years can be applied for through our school website. Enquire now at

<https://www.st-albans.doncaster.sch.uk/page/admissions-apply-for-a-place/151377>

These places are for all children (Catholic children having priority as per our normal admissions):

- 9 months of age up, of parents/carers who are working, entitled up to 30 hours free childcare
- All who are 3 years old under the universal offer to 15 hours free childcare
- 2 year olds with parents/carers not working and entitled to 2 year old funding
- All Nursery aged children, 9 months to 4 years, whose parents would like paid or extra paid hours of childcare for their child.

Please note the benefits of St Alban's Nursery:

- Our extended Nursery will be open 7.45am – 5.45pm Monday – Friday, throughout term-time.
- Parents/carers can use their free funded hours flexibly between 9am and 3.30 pm every day we are open.