



# 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/>

#### Lenten Journey 2026

Children have learnt this week about Ash Wednesday and we are now on our Lenten journey in school. Please support your child at home with the three pillars of Lent and encourage them to give up something, pray daily and raise funds for others.

During our Lenten learning adventure, 'How can we show faith, hope and love to everyone, always?' we will be following the Good Shepherd Diocesan learning where we learn about Peace, Adoration and Giving.

#### Week Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Peace

Focus on St Francis and St Clare of Assisi

#### Week Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Adoration & Prayer

Children will make Prayer Cards to be sold in our community from St Patrick's day onwards

#### Week Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Giving

Children will visit Church and pray at each station of the cross

Children will start to collect sponsors for their Lenten sponsored walk this Lent

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Children will complete their walk this year to Assisi, Italy on our field on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March! Monies raised will go to Caritas - Hallam Diocese Caring and CAFOD

#### Lenten journey - walk to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Y5 will lead on the Stations of the Cross presentation in school for the children - this is a Good Friday liturgy

#### Celebrating our House Team Saints!!!

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Celebrate St David's Day in school!**

**All children in St David's team to wear yellow PE t-shirts or traditional Welsh dress and bring in any Welsh artefacts to share with your class!**

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Celebrate St Patrick's Day in school!**

**All children in St Patrick's team to wear green PE t-shirts or traditional Irish dress and bring in any Irish artefacts to share with your class!**

## 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!**

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

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

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

2.45pm Rosedale Reception

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

9.15am Whitby Y3 & 2.45pm Fountains Y4

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

9.15am Easby Nursery & 2.45pm Roche Y1

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

3.30pm - 6.30pm

National Check Meetings last 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](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:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

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

Assessment week for all children

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**WORLD BOOK DAY!**

Reading for fun... 2026 is the Year of Reading

Dress up as a character from your favourite book!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrate International women's day in school!

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

LENTEN journey starts as detailed above

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrate British Science Week in school

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Parent and carer's meetings 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Focus on progress and next steps to meeting targets

Book on Spider App –

Appointments go live on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Prayer cards will go on sale – £1 donation per prayer card – all funds raised will go to Caritas – our caring and counselling service which children and adults in our community benefit from

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Y5 Science trip to St Pius

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrate neurodiversity awareness in school!

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrate World Maths Day in school!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Break up at 3.25pm for the Easter holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Return to school for Summer Term

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary attendance to 6/2/26 is: 94.82%

Class	Attendance to date 25/2/26	Attendance this time last year
Easby Nursery	87.9%	87.9%
Rosedale FS2	95.5%	92.3%
Roche Y1	94.2%	95.4%
Selby Y2	95.3%	91.9%
Whitby Y3	95.6%	94.9%
Fountains Y4	95.4%	94.9%
Kirkstall Y5	95.7%	94.9%
Rievaulx Y6	93.1%	95.2%
TOTAL without Nursery	93.3%	93.6%

### Centenary Celebrations Planning!

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm in the school hall

We invite parishioners and relatives to come to the meeting with clear ideas that we can take to the Parish Council, Friends of School and Governors to arrange a special day filled with fun, memories and laughter!

Best Start in Life...our Nursery development is finally beginning...!

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.