St Alban's
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CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

St Alban's Church Website:
https://www.stalbansatdenabymain.co.uk/

Friday 20th November
FOS sending Raffle Tickets home

Monday 23rd November
Advent topic begins in School

Raffle Tickets and Christmas Decorations on sale every day from FOS at the gates up to Thursday 3rd December

Monday 30th November
Donations day!
Donations can be brought into school week and we kindly request the following:
* Bottles of any kind – drinks, food or toiletries
* Sweets and chocolate for both children and adults
* Toys and games
* Pre-loved Christmas jumpers

Friday 4th December
Christmas Jumper Day 1
2pm onwards – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 8th December
9.15am Immaculate Conception Mass led by Y5

Monday 14th December
2.30pm EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 15th December
2.15pm Y1 – Y3 Performance

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Jumper Day 2
2.15pm Y4 – Y6 Performance

Thursday 17th December
House Team Winners Treat
Christmas Parties and Special Guests!
Party Clothes Day

Friday 18th December
Christmas Jumper Day 3; Save the Children collection
2pm – Christingle Service in Church
3.25pm – Break for Christmas holiday!

Parent/Carer feedback from our 'Settling in' Parent/Carer meetings last week

Thank you for completing the survey after parent/carers evening. Your responses were extremely positive and we will take on board all feedback. As a summary, here are the outcomes:

96% of parents were happy (89% very happy!) with how well their child had settled into their new class, with 4% unsure.

96% of parents were very positive about what we have put in place to support children settling into their new classes this term so far.

A couple of ideas to improve further included: TAs following children up into their next class, particularly to improve communication for those children with SEND. We will be looking at these suggestions for next year to further improve our transition. In the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss a SEND plan.

98% of parents were happy (91% very happy!) with the information received on this settling in parent/carers evening.

A suggestion to improve this included; sharing topics the children are learning and children's targets. You can have a look at our Curriculum page on the school website to see what your children are learning each term, and some outcomes on Class Pages.
St Alban's Catholic Primary and Nursery School: Curriculum
And make sure you attend our Grand Finales live action each term to see what your child has been learning! Dates below!
Targets for your children for this term were sent home on their last year's reports – please take a look at these to refresh your memory and so you know what to support at home with.

We will be delivering workshops for parents/carers who have children in National Check year groups including; Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and we have already had Year 6 SATs meeting. In addition to this, we will be sending the Home Learning letter home this week and invitation to a meeting next half-term.

Home Learning Meeting
(primarily for Reception parent/carers or a refresher for everyone!)
Tuesday 10th November 2.15pm and 5pm in the school hall – please confirm attendance to spider message sent on 20th October

Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Resits Meeting
Thursday 26th November at 9am in the school hall

Y4 Multiplication Check Meeting
Friday 27th November at 9am in the school hall

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Half-term holiday for school and nurseries

Monday 2nd November
INSET day – school and nurseries closed

Tuesday 3rd November
School and Nurseries re-open to all pupils

Wednesday 4th November
Screen time, safe time, your time
1.30pm – 3pm Online safety workshop for parents

Friday 13th November
Children in Need day
Dress up in yellow and/or spots and Challenge Yourself 26! Sponsor sheets for remembering 26 spellings Y1 – Y6

Monday 16th November
Assessment Week starts
Anti-bullying week – Break the silence
Wear odd socks today as a sign of our uniqueness
2.45pm – Kirkstall Grand Finale(swapped with Fountains)

Tuesday 17th November
Kirkstall at St Pius – Technology Day
9.05am Fountains Grand Finale(swapped due to Y5 visit)
2.50pm Roche Grand Finale

Wednesday 18th November
9.05am Whitby Grand Finale
2.50pm Rosedale Grand Finale

Thursday 19th November
9.05am Rievaulx Grand Finale
NSPCC Speak out, stay safe assembly

Friday 20th November
Photo day! See to the right!
9.05am Selby Grand Finale

Thursday 26th November
NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshops

Friday 27th November
Celebrate St Andrews Day in school

Monday 4th January 2027
All children return to school

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

National Primary published attendance to 25/9/26 was: 95.9%

Class	Attendance to date 20/10/26	Attendance this date 2025
Easby Nursery	86.9%	91.7%
Rosedale FS2	93.0%	95.7%
Roche Y1	96.3%	92.1%
Selby Y2	95.1%	95.1%
Whitby Y3	96.7%	96.0%
Fountains Y4	96.4%	92.8%
Kirkstall Y5	98.9%	95.4%
Rievaulx Y6	96.3%	93.0%
TOTAL without Nursery	96.1%	94.3%

Despite a good start for attendance, punctuality for our children from Reception to Y6 has not met expectations. Our children have missed 1004 minutes (16 hours and 44 minutes) learning time so far this year. Children in KS2 must be in the playground for 8.45am, and KS1 and Reception by 8.50am to join their lines ready for a good start to the day .

Friday 20th November (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) - Photo day!
This year, we are having the return of class photos!
If you wish for pre-school siblings (attending our nurseries or not) or other extended family in school to be included in photos with children in school, please arrive from 8am at the playground gates to queue in the corridor for your children to have sibling/family photographs.
Parents/Carers with children who do not attend Easby or Stepping Stones Nurseries on Friday morning sessions are also welcome to bring your children for their photograph taking from 8am.
Please note that during the school day, the photographer will only be photographing children on their own and with their whole class.

PE DAYS

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to bring kit on Mondays and take it home on Fridays. Please check your child's day for PE below and ensure they have all jewellery, including earrings removed before they arrive at school or plasters placed over their studs if they cannot take out their earrings so that they can join their lesson safely.
Full PE kit is required in house team colour polo shirt or t-shirt, black shorts and a change into soft black trainers. Spare kit will be given if they are without, as PE is a compulsory lesson. Easby children to come dressed in PE kit for the day on Friday. Thank you.

Monday	Roche & Selby
Tuesday	Whitby, Fountains & Kirkstall
Wednesday	Roche & Whitby
Thursday	Selby, Fountains & Rievaulx
Friday	Easby & Rosedale

Please note that the photobooks ordered at the Centenary Celebration are still being made – we will let you know as soon as they are delivered!

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