



Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025

Enjoying and excelling in the presence of God

Welcome back to our final half term of our school year – we have lots of great things to look forward to!

Last half term was short yet busy. Highlights included our Year 6 class completing their SATs, the boys' football team having an amazing opportunity to represent the Northern region in the Pokemon Schools Tournament at Stoke City's Stadium, and our reception class enjoying their visit to Hall Hill Farm. It is great to see the children of St. Alban's enjoying and excelling in all that they do.

Many of you have mentioned that you have not seen Mrs Duncan at school, this week. She is currently resting and recovering after an operation and is looking forward to seeing you soon.

Safeguarding

A further reminder for parents of children who have mobile phones or devices of the need to carefully monitor what their children are viewing or posting. Apps like TikTok and SnapChat are very popular with a number of children and it has come to our attention that some children have their own accounts and are posting content for others to view. The minimum age to create an account is 13 years old but unfortunately there is no strict age verification process so children can create their own account. We will continue to provide online safety in school this term.

Children's devices should be turned off once they enter the school grounds on arrival and handed in to their teacher as soon as they arrive in the classroom. These should then remain off until the children have left the school premises at the end of the school day.

Residential

Our Year 6 class have enjoyed their residential to Newby Wiske Hall in North Yorkshire this week. They have really challenged themselves and gained so much from this valuable experience. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on this visit.

Our current Year 3 class will be invited to attend a residential trip to the Youth Village in county Durham. This visit is scheduled to take place in September when the children will be in Year 4. A separate letter regarding this trip has been sent out to Year 3 parents, this week. If you have not received this letter, please contact the school office.



Holidays

Term-time holidays are not authorised by the school unless it is deemed an exceptional circumstance. A holiday form should be completed and handed into the school office prior to the absence, at least two weeks before the planned absence.

As of September, there will be a change to procedures from the local authority meaning that holiday warning letters will no longer be issued. More details on this will follow.

RE/Catholic Life

We continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope in school with a focus on a new theme linked to this each month. This month the theme is 'open the door to the power of prayer.'

Holy Communion

Many of our Year 4 children will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th June at 10am at St. Anthony's Church. All are welcome to support our children as they make this important step in their faith journey. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Preparations have already started for next year's sacramental preparations. If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you would like them to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and holy communion next year, please complete the online form, using the QR code below. Hard copies of the letter are available for the office. If you have any further queries, please see Fr. Jonathon after mass.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2025/26

Any parent who would like their child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is invited to fill in the interest form. Sessions will begin in September 2025. More information will be made available after Easter concerning all the dates for the programme. Children need to be at least 7 years old to take part. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon for a hard copy of the interest form.



School Uniform

Can I just remind parents of our school uniform policy

which is published on our school website? Please note some of the main points i.e., no earrings or jewellery, dark grey/charcoal trousers (**not black or navy blue**), dark grey/charcoal knee length school shorts (**not black or navy blue**), dark grey/charcoal dress/skirt (**not black or navy blue**). **Jeans, tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not considered suitable.** It is important that uniform is consistent for all children in school. We thank you for your support with this.

Nut Allergy

We now have a child in school with a nut allergy. For those parents who have children on packed lunch, could you ensure you do **not** include items containing nuts.

Upcoming Dates

We have scheduled this year's Sports Day for Friday 27th June (weather permitting). More details to follow.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is planned for Wednesday 16th July at 2pm.