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St Alban's Catholic Primary School

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Monday 2nd September 2024

Welcome back

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you have all had a happy and safe summer holiday and are now refreshed and looking forward to the start of our school year. I really enjoyed introducing a new theme into school last year of looking after the little things because it sits really well alongside our mission to live 'life to the full'. This year, we will take time to understand more about our particular virtues which help us live out this vision – keep an eye on my weekly newsletter for more details.

Please find below some reminders of key pieces of information.

Staffing for 2024-25

Headteacher:	Mrs M Robinson
Deputy Headteacher:	Miss L Colligan
Secretary:	Mrs J Reynolds
School Business Manager:	Mr G Lilley
Site Manager:	Mr P Cullen
Cleaner:	Mrs R Noble
Early Years Unit:	Mrs S Dowling (M-W) and Mrs L Howe (W-F)
EY Teaching Assistants	Mrs Y Sexton and Mrs Johnson (3 days)
EY & KS1 Teaching Assistant:	Mrs Wilson (4 days)
KS1 Teaching Assistant:	Miss R Johnson
Health Care Worker:	Mrs A Maliszewska
Year 1:	Mrs K Clark (M-T) and Mrs H Hall (W-F)
Year 2:	Miss C Curtiss (M-W) and Mrs S Hill (Th-F)
KS2 Teaching Assistants:	Mrs E Cartner and Miss C Fedynech
Year 3:	Mrs C Clark (M-W) and Mrs R Kennedy (Th-F)
Year 4:	Mrs A Phillipson
Year 5:	Miss L Colligan
Year 6:	Mrs N Dellow
HLTA:	Miss L Parkin (4 days)
Kitchen Staff:	Mrs D Robson, Mrs S Tamilvannan, Mrs P Todman
Lunchtime supervisor:	Mrs L Kettle
Lunchtime assistants:	Mrs M Goodfellow, Mrs J Butler, Miss T Radcliffe, Mrs L Woods



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School Uniform

Wearing full school uniform (or PE kit on your child's PE days) will be a focus for us as we start back to school in September. With your support, we will continue to ensure that our uniform is worn smartly and with pride. The full uniform list is available on our school website: <https://stalbansgateshead.org/school-uniform/>. If you require any support in providing your child's uniform, please let myself or Mrs Reynolds know or visit our St Alban's Pelaw Uniform Exchange Facebook page.

- No jewellery. Remember to remove earrings if your child has had their ears pierced during the holidays.
- Charity wrist bands will only be permitted on that particular day.
- We follow St Joseph's/Cardinal Hume's policies on hairstyles. Hairstyles must be deemed acceptable by the school. No extreme haircuts including lines or being cut extremely short. Long hair must be tied back in a ponytail or plaits with sensible bobbles and hairbands.

PE kit

Children can continue to come into school wearing PE kits on their PE day. A full PE kit list is available on our school website: [School Uniform – St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Pelaw \(bwcet.com\)](https://stalbansgateshead.org/school-uniform/)

Early Years:	Tuesday (Little Movers) and Friday
Year 1:	Tuesday (Little Movers), Wednesday (Grassroots) and Friday
Year 2:	Thursday (Grassroots) and Friday
Year 3:	Wednesday and Thursday (Grassroots)
Year 4:	Monday and Wednesday (Grassroots)
Year 5:	Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday (Grassroots PE)
Year 6:	Monday and Wednesday (Grassroots PE)

Attendance: I have been very happy with our good attendance figures over the last few years. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school every day they are well enough. We will again be aiming for 97% overall. Remember to ring the school office before school starts to let us know if your child is unwell and won't be in.

Notice regarding term-time holidays: from September 2024, all holidays of 5 days and more will be referred to the Local Authority. Changes to school attendance penalty notices will come into effect from 19th August 2024. Previous fines were set at £120 (£60 if paid within 21 days) but the new fine will be set at £160 (£80 if paid within 21 days unless it is a repeat offence). There is a limit of 2 penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. At the 3rd offence, another tool, such as prosecution, will be considered. Please support our policy for good attendance by sending your child to school every school day.



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Contacting School

We hope that you feel able to contact us easily in school. Please remember to telephone or email Mrs Reynolds in the school office on 0191 4693251 or info@stap.bwcet.com. This is for all general enquiries, to inform us of pupil absence and to make appointments with class teachers or the leadership team.

Diary dates

Please find attached important dates for this term which I will continue to update each week.

We are all really looking forward to seeing you again tomorrow!

Yours sincerely,

M Robinson

Headteacher

This week's Eco Endeavour:

Remember to recycle unwanted clothes and shoes in our school Clothing Bank or through our Uniform Exchange on Facebook.



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