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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a happy and peaceful Christmas filled with fun family times and are now ready to embrace all that 2025 has to offer.



Every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a year of jubilee is celebrated. This year has been announced as a Jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis has said: *'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.'* New Year is usually a time when people look ahead and perhaps make New Year's resolutions so let us look ahead with hope to 2025.

We are all keen for the children to return to school tomorrow and we also look forward to welcoming our youngest new starters as they begin their school journey with us in nursery. We hope they all make friends quickly and settle in well over the next few weeks. Just a reminder that the closing date for applications into our Reception class for September 2025 is the 15th January so, for anyone hoping for a place, please make sure your paperwork has been sent to Gateshead Council to secure your place with us. We also have a few spaces left in our nursery so please be in touch if you, or someone you know, would like a place in our school nursery.

Please find attached our diary dates for spring term and also have a look on Arbor for spring term clubs. Take note of all meetings for parents about Y1 phonics, Y6 SATs and Y5-6 residential visits. It would also be great to have lots of you attend the Friends of St Alban's meeting on Friday 10th January 9am to share your ideas and expertise in planning events for the children. All are welcome!

Attendance: Out whole school attendance is at 95.4%. Let's work together to keep healthy and well to reach our target of 97%.

We look forward to seeing you all as term starts tomorrow, Tuesday 7th January 2025.

With kind regards,

M Robinson

Headteacher

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