



"Where together we learn to live
life to the full"
(John 10:10)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Schools Inspection Report

We are delighted to share with you a copy of the school's Catholic Schools Inspection report, which celebrates how wonderful our school community is in the areas of Catholic Life and Mission (Outstanding), Collective Worship (Good) and Religious Education (Good).

Findings included:

What the school does well

- Senior leaders and governors inspire the whole school by driving the vision and mission of St Alban's with a caring, inclusive approach that shapes its strong family ethos.
- Relationships across the school are rooted in high levels of care, creating a welcoming community where every individual is loved, respected, and valued.
- Pupils engage enthusiastically in religious education lessons and consistently strive to do their best, demonstrating curiosity, commitment, and a positive attitude to learning.
- Pupils confidently plan and lead prayer and liturgy with deep reverence, relishing leadership opportunities and participating with enthusiasm, especially through joyful, wholehearted singing.

The Diocesan Director of Education, Catherine Craig, has asked us to pass on her thanks to all involved in our inspection process. The pupils were, and continue to be, excellent ambassadors for our school community and spoke so positively about the superb provision on offer for them.

As the last of our external visits and residentials take place, we look forward to continuing to watch your children thrive and flourish in the last half-term of the year.

Statutory Assessments

Year 4 Multiplication Check Window – Monday 1st to Friday 12th June 2026

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window – Monday 8th to Friday 12th June 2026

Upcoming statutory assessments take place on the dates listed above. Strong attendance helps children feel settled, confident and ready to do their best. Keeping routines as normal as possible means assessments can be completed calmly and often, within the classroom environment. For our Year 4 and Year 1 pupils, the tests may take place at any point during the outlined period, so it is vitally important that pupils are present and in school each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sports Day

Our sports day has been arranged for **Monday 15th June**.



Our pupils will participate in a carousel of activities on the yard and field before commencing the 'sprint events' on the field. Please feel free to bring a camping chair or picnic blanket with you so that you can enjoy the sprint events without needing to stand.

Our **Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 event will commence at 9:15am** (as soon as registration has taken place) and we envisage it will last approximately 1 hour. Please note that you will be able to drop off your child

and wait on the early years yard, until pupils are due to commence their session. Parents/carers will then be brought round to the main yard by staff.

Our **Key Stage 2 event will be split between Year 3/4 and Year 5/6**.

Year 3 and Year 4's event will commence at 1:15pm and we envisage it last approximately 1-hour.

Year 5 and Year 6's event will commence at 2:15pm and we envisage it last approximately 1-hour.

Should inclement weather occur, we will endeavour to rearrange the event for another day, as opposed to hosting it indoors. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Transition Events

Year 5 will be visiting St. Joseph's Catholic Academy on **Wednesday 24th June**, where they will take part in a range of taster lessons and have the opportunity to experience what life is like at the school. This will be a valuable opportunity for the children as they begin to think about their next steps. Further details will be shared with Year 5 parents and carers in due course.

In addition, there will be transition sessions for our **Year 6** pupils who will be moving on to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. These lessons will take place here at St. Alban's on **Wednesday 1st July**, with a further date to be confirmed. These sessions are designed to support a smooth and confident transition for the children as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Year 6 Performance

Year 6 are working hard in preparation for their end of year performance of Aladdin, and excitement is certainly building. The children are thoroughly enjoying rehearsals, and we are looking forward to seeing their hard work come together. The performance will take place on Tuesday 7th July at 9:30am and again at 2:30pm. Further information for parents and carers will be shared in due course.

Year 6 End of Year
Performance

of
Aladdin

Tuesday 7th July
at 9:30am & 2:30pm



THE GREAT ALBAN'S RUN

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026



We're running to raise money for our school. The School Council has gathered ideas from pupils – watch this space to see what we choose!

During the event children will:

- *Work in their year groups running distances ranging 1.6km to 3.5km.
- *Tackle a range of fun and challenging obstacles on their route as well as running.

Children will celebrate their achievement at the finish line with an ice cream by our sandpit!



- Please ask your family and friends to sponsor the children.
- All Sponsor money to be collected and handed to the school office by Thursday 25th June.

Dates for the Diary

(Please note that these dates are subject to change)

New dates added in *green*

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 PSC Rechecks

Wednesday 10th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Friday 12th June – Great St. Alban's Run

Monday 15th June – Sports Day – EY and KS1 AM / KS2 PM

Tuesday 16th June – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 1

Wednesday 17th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June Year 6 Residential – Ford Castle

Monday 21st June – Year 5 Transition visit to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 6 Primary Youth Festival

Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 24th June – Year 5 Transition visit to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

Friday 26th June – INSET DAY PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL

Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July – Year 5 Holy Island Residential

Tuesday 30th June – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 2

Wednesday 1st July – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 3

Wednesday 1st July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 1st July – Year 1 visit to The Glasshouse - Big Sing for Mini Singers

Thursday 2nd July – Year 5 Celebration of Sport

Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 Performance - 2pm

Wednesday 8th July – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 8th July – Reports sent out to parents

Thursday 9th July – Nursery and Reception visit to Washington Wetlands

Thursday 9th July – Year 4 visit to The Glasshouse, The Big Sing

Wednesday 15th July – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Thursday 16th July – Leavers' Mass in Church 10am

Thursday 16th July – Whole School – World Cup Final Special Lunch

Friday 17th July – School Closes at 3.30pm

Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school: Mrs K. Swaddle and Mr S.

Keys

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school:

Miss Colligan, Mrs McAtominey, Mrs Hall and Mrs Dellow.

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