



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



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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the academic year of 2026 – 2027. We were blessed with good weather during the six-week holidays and we hope that you enjoyed spending time together as a family throughout July and August. Please see below for some key events and reminders.

School Mass:

Mass for the start of the new school year takes place in St. Alban's Church on Friday 25th September, at 10am. We look forward to seeing you there. All year groups (Reception to Year 6) will be present.

PE Days for September:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery			Little Movers (PM Session)		
Reception			Little Movers (PM Session)	PE	
Year 1	PE				PE
Year 2		PE		PE	
Year 3		PE		PE	
Year 4				PE	PE
Year 5	PE	Swimming (PM Session)			
Year 6		PE		PE	

**Swimming commences in week 3 – Tuesday 15th September*

School Uniform:

Details of our school uniform can be found in the parent section of our school website and if you wish to buy branded items, you will find them online at Tots to Teams:

<https://totstoteams.com/schools/st-albans-r-c-primary-school-pelaw/>

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed smartly!

Can we also remind you of the expectations regarding jewellery: Jewellery, other than a watch, is not allowed. For safety reasons earrings and rings are not to be worn in school by children.

After School Activity Clubs:

At St. Alban's Catholic Primary Schools, we are committed to providing rich and forward-thinking educational experiences that prepare our pupils for future learning and life beyond the classroom. In anticipation of the DfE's 2028 Primary Curriculum, we have proactively reviewed emerging curriculum priorities and identified key themes, including **oracy, creativity, wellbeing, digital literacy, cultural capital, civic responsibility, and the secure acquisition of foundational knowledge.**

Our extra-curricular offer has been carefully designed and developed to align with these anticipated directions. Each club has been thoughtfully planned to complement and enhance classroom learning, ensuring that pupils have meaningful opportunities to apply knowledge, develop new skills, and grow as confident, well-rounded individuals.

Please remember to book after-school activity clubs via Arbor.



Free School Meals:

Please be reminded that there are changes for free school meal entitlement from September and Mrs Reynolds has contacted those families who were eligible last academic year and may not be now.

All families in receipt of universal credit should now be eligible, so if you would like us to check this for you, please email us or populate your Arbor guardian profile with your date of birth and National Insurance number and we will complete the check on your behalf.

School Meal Payments:

As we move into the new academic year, please may we politely request that school meal accounts are topped up at regular intervals in Arbor, whether that be weekly or monthly, in line with your pay dates, to ensure that you remain in credit at all times. We cannot allow debit balances and regrettably, if any pupil accounts are in debt on a regular basis, we may need to withdraw the applicable service until the balance is settled.

Relationships and Health Education:

The DfE announced changes to the Relationships and Health Education programme for September 2026. The changes are subtle, but reflect modern society and re-emphasise the importance of online safety, medicines and healthy relationships.

St. Alban's Catholic Primary School continue to use the Diocesan recommended resource 'Ten:Ten Life to the Full' as well as additional school-resources to fulfil curriculum delivery. Ten:Ten Resources is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work. Ten:Ten Resources entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the RHE statutory curriculum.

They have also created an Online Parent Portal for you to view resources should you wish.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: st-alban-ne10

Password: cathedral-111

The full curriculum document can be accessed on our school website [RSHE Overview - St. Alban's Catholic Primary School](#) Please note that we only teach statutory content from the DfE programme.

Should you have any queries or questions about the programme, or content, then please email info@stap.bwcet.com where a member of staff will be happy to help you.

Dates for the Diary

(Please note that these dates are subject to change)

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 8th September – Year 5 Visit to Kynren
Wednesday 16th September – Year 6 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Friday 18th September – Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 22nd September – Half-day Bikeability Year 4
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 23rd/24th/25th Bikeability – Year 5 3-full days
Wednesday 23rd September Year 2 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Friday 25th September – Whole School Class Mass in Church
Wednesday 30th September – Year 5 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Wednesday 7th October – Year 1 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Friday 9th October – Year 4 Class Mass – 10:00am in Church
Wednesday 14th October – Year 4 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Wednesday 21st October – Reception Class Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Friday 23rd October – Last Day in school - half term holiday
Monday 2nd November – Return to School

Monday 2nd November Individual and Sibling Photographs
Monday 2nd November – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4th November – Parents' Evening
Friday 13th November – Year 6 Class Mass 10.00am in Church
Wednesday 18th November - Year 2 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Wednesday 25th November - Year 6 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Wednesday 2nd December – Year 1 Celebration of the Word – 3.00pm
Friday 4th December – Year 5 Class Mass in Church
Friday 11th December – Reception & KS1 Nativity in Church 9.30am & 2:30pm

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January – Children are welcomed back to school

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

Deputy Leads: *Miss Colligan, Mrs Dellow, Mrs McAtominey and Mrs Hall*

Visit: News – [St Patrick's RC Church, Felling](#) for more information



**ST. ALBAN'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



Reception 2027 Open Morning

Monday 28th September 2026 9:30am



Considering primary school places for September 2027? Join us for our open morning at St. Alban's Catholic Primary School in Pelaw.

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