



Newsletter

July 2026

Dear families

What a busy half term this has been and still is...

School was very hot last week and temperatures are due to rise again next week. To ensure that children are comfortable in the heat, please send them with a hat, a drink and sun-cream. In the last two weeks of school, the children can wear either PE kits or school uniform.

There are some exceptions to this - see the text box.

As year 6 prepare to leave St. Aloysius, we would like to wish them all the best and we want them to remember that they and their families will always be part of the St. Aloysius family.

Once again, thank you for all of your support.

Best wishes

Mrs Tumelty and all the staff



Reminder

INSET Friday 3rd July

School is closed

Uniform requirements

- Monday 6th- PE kits for fayre
- Tuesday 7th- PE kits or uniform
 - (Y6 uniform for Mass)
 - (Y5 RH PE kits for surfing)
- Wednesday 8th- R to Y6 Wear your colours for Tolerance Day.
 - (Nursery A uniform for Graduation)
- Thursday 10th- PE kits or uniform
 - (Y2 PE kits for trip)
 - (Nursery B uniform for Graduation)
- Friday 10th- PE kits or uniform

- Monday 13th – Clothes for Colour event
- Tuesday 14th- PE kits or uniform
 - (Reception PE kits for trip)
- Wednesday 15th – PE kits or uniform
 - (Y6 uniform for Leavers Celebration of the Word)
 - (Y4 LC PE kits for trip)
- Thursday 16th- PE kits or uniforms
- Friday 17th- PE kits or uniforms

- Y6 can wear their leavers' hoodies with their uniforms.
- Nursery can wear clothes that help to keep them cool as there is no formal PE kit

The children have been informed today who their new teacher will be. They will be taught in their new classroom on the morning of Friday 10th July 2026.

Children with Special Educational Needs will have additional transition sessions into their new room and will spend additional time with their teachers and classroom support staff.

The children have also been informed of which support staff will work within the year groups. In the junior school, the support staff work in teams across year groups as some Teaching Assistants work part time.

Year group	New teacher 2026-2027	Current teacher 2025-2026	Support staff 2026-2027
Nursery	Mrs V James/ Mrs L Smissen	New cohort or returners	Mrs Crawford, Mrs Williamson, Miss Chapman
Reception	Mrs L McDermott/Mrs A Cawthorn	New cohort	Mrs Bellis
Reception	Mrs M Backhurst	New cohort	Mrs Hogg
Year 1	Miss E Davis (New to the school)	Mrs Backhurst	Mrs Nixon
Year 1	Mr R Hunter	Mrs McDermott/Mrs Cawthorn	Mrs Averre
Year 2	Mrs N Storey	Mrs Hindmarch	Miss Kelly
Year 2	Miss S Miller	Mrs Storey/Mrs Storey	Miss Baxter
Year 3	Mrs K Dow	Mr Brown	Mrs Thompson
Year 3	Miss A Proud	Miss Atkinson	Mrs Welsh
Year 4	Mr J Brown	Mrs Dow	Mrs Brown
Year 4	Mrs L Carmichael	Miss Rowe	Mrs Hagan
Year 5	Miss C Rowe/ Mrs R Hague (New to the school)	Miss Proud	Mrs Johnson
Year 5	Miss N Atkinson	Mrs Carmichael	Mrs Coppock
Year 6	Mrs S Kay	Mr Hunter	Mrs Falconer
Year 6	Mrs P Storey	Mrs Kay	Miss McManus



As Mrs Tait, our SENCO, is going on maternity leave, this has prompted us to reflect on our SEND provision. Next academic year, we will have a SENCO in each school, and they will work in a team with Mrs Brown, our TA with a lot of SEND experience and Mrs Tumelty, who was a SENCO for over ten years.

Mrs Balfour will be the named SENCO in the infants and Mrs Woodhouse will be the named SENCO in the juniors, although it will be a team effort.

If you would like to contact the SEND team directly, please email

send@st-aloysius.co.uk

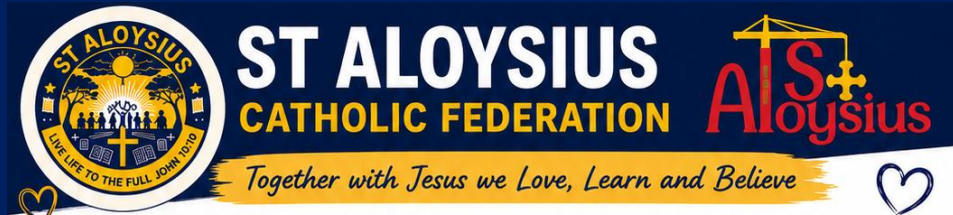
This email account is checked regularly by a member of the SEND team.

If you would like to meet with the SEND team in Autumn, then please email the SEND email address before the end of term and a meeting will be set. We will add more dates if needed.

Autumn dates for these meetings are

23rd September 2026 (INFANTS)

30th September 2026 (JUNIORS)



SEND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES

EVERY CHILD • EVERY OPPORTUNITY • EVERY SUCCESS



OUR SEND VISION

At St Aloysius, we are a fully inclusive school where the needs of every child are central to our educational philosophy. We believe every child should be welcomed, valued and supported to achieve their full potential.

- ✓ We remove barriers to learning
- ✓ We provide personalised support
- ✓ High expectations for all
- ✓ We celebrate diversity and individuality
- ✓ We work in partnership with families



HOW WE SUPPORT CHILDREN

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Quality First Teaching
- Teacher-led support
- Teaching Assistant support
- Adapted learning approaches
- Individualised strategies

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Small group interventions
- One-to-one support
- Reading and phonological programmes
- Specialist intervention teaching
- Developing independent learners

AREAS OF SEND WE SUPPORT

COMMUNICATION & INTERACTION

- Speech and language needs
- Social communication differences

COGNITION & LEARNING

- Literacy difficulties
- Learning needs

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH

- Emotional wellbeing
- Mental health support

SENSORY & PHYSICAL NEEDS

- Hearing needs
- Visual needs
- Physical needs

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

We help children move confidently between:

- ➔ Classes
- ➔ Key Stages
- ➔ Primary and Secondary School

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transition visits
- ✓ Meeting new teachers
- ✓ Familiarisation opportunities
- ✓ Phased transitions when needed
- ✓ SEND team collaboration



INCLUSION FOR ALL

- Every child has access to:
- 🏆 School clubs
 - 🎨 Enrichment activities
 - 🚌 Educational visits
 - 🏠 Residential experiences
 - 🎭 Extra-curricular opportunities

♥ No child is marginalised. Activities are carefully planned to ensure full participation and appropriate support.

WORKING TOGETHER

We work closely with:

- Parents and carers
- Health professionals
- Educational specialists
- Social care services
- External agencies

Together we provide the right support at the right time.

SEND TEAM

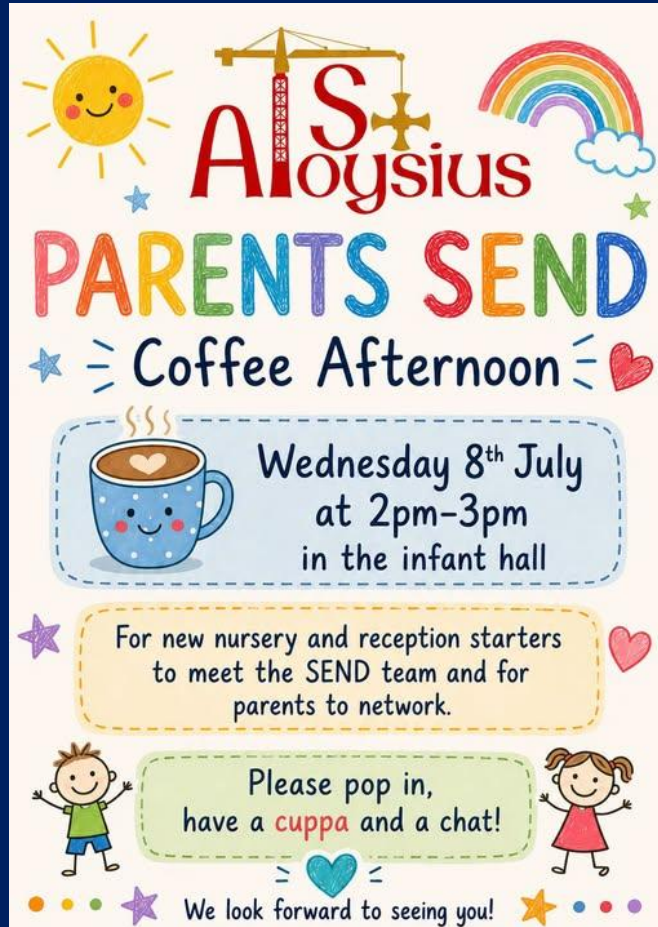
SENCOs:
INFANTS: Mrs Balfour
JUNIORS: Mrs Woodhouse
 ✉ SEND@st-aloysius.co.uk
 ☎ 0191 483 2274

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further support.



If your child is starting St. Aloysius Infant School in September, and you would like to come in for an informal chat then please join us on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm.

We will be holding regular SEND coffee mornings. These will be shared on Facebook and newsletters.



Aloysius
PARENTS SEND
Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 8th July
at 2pm-3pm
in the infant hall

For new nursery and reception starters
to meet the SEND team and for
parents to network.

Please pop in,
have a **cuppa** and a chat!

We look forward to seeing you!

The poster features a sun, a rainbow, a crane, and a smiling coffee cup. It includes the school's logo and the motto 'Live Life to the Full. John 10:10'.



SEND Aloysius
Support • Encourage • Nurture • Develop

LET'S TALK
ABOUT
SEND

COFFEE MORNING
FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

9:15 am
Wednesday 16th September 2026
Venue: Junior School Hall

Come along
for a cuppa,
a chat and
support.

A friendly, welcoming space to share
experiences, get support and connect

SUPPORT ♥ ENCOURAGE ♥ NURTURE ♥ DEVELOP
Live Life to the Full. John 10:10

The poster features a blue coffee cup with a heart, speech bubbles, and a group of diverse children holding hands. It includes the school's logo and the motto 'Live Life to the Full. John 10:10'.

Charity Events

Next academic year, each school will choose a charity to fundraise for. We will let you know which charities these are and we will let you know the events.

All other fundraising will go straight into our school fundraising pot to spend directly back on the children.

Following on from your feedback, we will only hold one sponsor event per year, and we will spread fundraising out throughout the year.

Colour Event

We have changed the date of the colour run and it will now be an in-school event on Monday 13th July 2026.

We are asking for a £5 contribution towards the cost of the paints and towards our school fundraising pot.

A waiver must be agreed to on Parent Pay prior to the event.



COLOUR EVENT

NEW DATE- MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026

ST ALOYSIUS INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS

- Wear clothes that can be covered in paint to school on this date
- Bring in sunglasses (we will have some spares)
- Bring in a hat (optional)
- Bring in an old towel
- Waiver must be agreed to on ParentPay

Time to make memories!

Uniform

In line with the new Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 (England), there is now a legal cap on the number of branded school uniform items that a school can request that families buy. We have updated the uniform page on our website inline with this and a text went out last week about this. [UNIFORM](#)

Hopefully this will be easier for you, but if you want to buy more than three branded items then please do.

Used Uniform

If you have any good quality St Aloysius Branded uniform, then please donate them to school and we will share them with families. We will have a stall at the fayre if we have enough to share.

- PE tops
- Hoodies
- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- Polo tops
- Ties



ST ALOYSIUS

— CATHOLIC SCHOOLS —

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL JOHN 10:10

We strongly believe that the way the children look in uniform is of vital importance. It is essential that parents support the policy because it helps our school to stand out and makes our children feel proud.

Under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 (England), there is now a legal cap on the number of branded school uniform items that schools can require. Here's a clear breakdown focused specifically on those limits and what counts at St. Aloysius Catholic Schools.

OUR MAXIMUM OF 3 BRANDED ITEMS ARE

- 1** BRANDED School Jumper, Cardigan or tank top.
- 2** BRANDED PE top
- 3** BRANDED PE hoodie OR School tie (juniors)*

PE KIT

-  BRANDED Navy sports top with an embroidered St. Aloysius logo (required)
-  Plain navy shorts or plain navy tracksuits or leggings (no logos) (required)
The uniform shop also sell branded tracksuit bottoms- this type is optional.
-  Trainers (any colour) (required)
-  BRANDED Navy hoodie with an embroidered St. Aloysius logo (required- *see note above)

THE DAILY UNIFORM IS AS FOLLOWS:

-  BRANDED School logo jumper, cardigan or tank top (required)
-  Light blue polo shirt (required- can be logo or not)
The uniform shop also sell branded polo tshirts- this type is optional.
-  Grey trousers, shorts or skirt (required)
-  Black shoes (not trainers) (required)
-  Summer dress – blue (optional)
-  JUNIOR CHILDREN ONLY may wear a blue shirt with a school tie (optional)

Our suggested supplier for school uniform is **JK CLOTHING** in Jarrow.

Please speak to senior staff should you have any difficulties with the purchasing of school branded uniform. The infant and the junior offices both hold used good quality uniform which can be taken for free.

On PE days, the children will wear their PE kits to school. This is twice a week from Y1 to Y6 and once a week in Reception.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:
Pupils are expected to follow our uniform policy and not wear or bring into schools items outside of this policy. School is not responsible for your child's belongings. Please make every effort to ensure that uniform is labelled, so if it is lost our lost property can return it to its owner. Thank you.

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL JOHN 10:10

Term Dates

Our Term Dates are on the website [2026-2027 Term Dates](#)

Children return to school on Wednesday September 2nd 2026.

We will inform you of the INSET days in September.

St. Aloysius Catholic Infant and Junior School Academic term dates 2026-2027



	AUGUST 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026	JANUARY 2027			
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	Half Term 1	39	01/09/26 - 23/10/26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	Half Term 2	35	02/11/26 - 18/12/26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	Half Term 3	30	04/01/27 - 12/02/27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	Half Term 4	24	22/02/27 - 25/03/27
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	Half Term 5	34	12/04/27 - 28/05/27
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	Half Term 6	30	07/06/27 - 16/07/27
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31		192	

	FEBRUARY 2027	MARCH 2027	APRIL 2027	MAY 2027	JUNE 2027	JULY 2027
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Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19

 INSET- School closed (one more day to be confirmed)
 School Holidays
 Bank Holidays

Upcoming Events

St. Aloysius
SUMMER FAYRE
Monday July 6th 2026

PEKITS TO BE WORN

JUNIOR SCHOOL FIELD
Collect 1:15pm from normal doors

Games, stalls and lots more...

NON UNIFORM DAY
REC- YEAR 6

WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH 2026

Rainbow Hampers

WE INVITE YOU TO WEAR ANY COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW ON OUR TOLERANCE DAY (FOOTBALL STRIPS ALLOWED) IN EXCHANGE WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR OUR COLOUR HAMPERS.

FOOD, DRINK AND TOILETRIES WANTED.

Show your support for difference!

Year group	Item colour to donate
Nursery	Any colour
Reception	Any colour
Year 1	Purple
Year 2	Blue
Year 3	Green
Year 4	Yellow
Year 5	Orange
Year 6	Red

ST ALOYSIUS
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
WRAPAROUND EVENT

TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026

TROPICAL HAWAII THEMED EVENT!

3:15PM - 5PM

BOOK AS USUAL THROUGH THE SCHOOL EMAIL
info@st-aloysius.co.uk

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

EXCITING SPECIAL MENU...
TROPICAL TREATS, FRUITY SNACKS AND MORE DELICIOUS SURPRISES!

FUN! FRIENDS! FOOD! FAITH!

First Holy Communion

Thirty-seven of our Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion this month. We would like to thank Fr Simon, Deacon Peter and the amazing team of catechists who all helped to prepare the children to receive this Holy Sacrament.



Prayer to share

