Newsletter

November 2026

Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

Dear families

We ended a long half term with a wonderful whole school Mass in Church. It was great for Fr. Paul to welcome our new reception children into the St Aloysius family and for us to welcome him to the Parish. As always, the children sang and read beautifully and as expected, the behaviour was immaculate.

We have another long half term coming up and this one is a busy one! All the dates are on this letter and they are also on our website and our Face Book page.

I have scheduled ear surgery due at the end of November and have been instructed that due to an infection risk, I am unable to be in school for a few weeks, so will sadly miss some of the main Christmas events. During this time, please contact Mrs Broadhurst, Head of School, if needed.

Thank you as always for the support.

Mrs Tumelty

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Broadhurst, Head of School, after her maternity leave and she is looking forward to being back in school. Mrs Broadhurst will be working four days a week.

Mrs Hindmarch, infant teacher, begun her maternity leave before the holidays, and we look forward to hearing news from her and her husband.

Mr Hunter, year one teacher, is beginning a two week paternity leave following the birth of a beautiful baby girl.

We are sad to announce that Mrs Kay, key stage two lead and year six teacher, is leaving us at Christmas. Mrs Kay is leaving us to spend more time with her family and will be a big miss at school.

REMINDER

Our SEND team, Mrs Balfour, Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Brown are always around if you have any questions relating to Special Educational Needs, although they all have classroom responsibilities then it is best to make an appointment. Your child's class teacher is the first person to contact and you will be able to speak to them after school or at family consultations.

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 Spring and Summer, then please email the SEND email address and a meeting will be set. We will add more dates if needed.

Spring dates are:

27th January 2027 (INFANTS)

3rd February 2027 (JUNIORS)

Summer dates are:

16th June 2027 (INFANTS)

23rd June 2027 (JUNIORS)

Playground equipment

Our new 'Trim Trail' is nearly complete on the junior yard. This has been fully paid for with our fundraising money, so thank you…

Both infant and junior children will get a chance to enjoy this equipment for years to come.

A reminder- please fully supervise your children on the yard before and after school.

Parent Survey

As part of our continuous dedication to improve our school, we would like you to take part in our parental survey. We are aware that you have also completed some questions at recent class kindness cafes, but we would be grateful if you could also complete this.

Click here -Parental survey link or SCAN the QR code.

Health and Safety

As a school, we take your child's Health and Safety very seriously. We recently commissioned an expert to come into school and review our First Aid provision, as we want it to be the best that we can be. The visit was very successful and we are pleased that we had many strengths; we were given some advice on how to strengthen procedures and we have developed some areas to further improve them.

Those of you that have children in school with allergies or a medical condition may have noticed some changes in our forms. Children will be receiving basic allergy training in school and will all be receiving basic first aid training- this fits in with our Enrichment curriculum and our ARISE Character Development Curriculum. It also helps the children to reach their full potential and Live Life to the Full.

We would like to remind you that we are a NUT FREE school. Items in packed lunches cannot have nuts listed in the ingredients. We have some children and staff with nut allergies and we do not want to risk their health.

Pantomime visit

We will be taking the children to the Pantomime in North Shields in December. We attended the event two years ago and it was very successful. Last year, we had a panto visit us in school, but nothing beats a theatre visit. To keep costs at a minimum for you, we will continue to alternate in and out of school experiences.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 will attend the Panto on Thursday, December 10th whilst years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend the Panto on Thursday December 17th.

The shows are on 1-3pm so the children will arrive back to school slightly later on these dates. We expect that they will be back between approximately 3:30 and 3:45pm. For safety, we will take the children back onto the yard and dismiss as normal.

The children will be travelling on coaches to North Shields- school are paying for the travel from our fundraising money. To reduce the price for families, school have also paid towards the ticket price and there will be a discounted £5 contribution per child on ParentPay; this also gives your child permission to attend. If you would like financial assistance, then please contact school as soon as possible.

Children can bring a small drink and snack into school on this date to take to the Panto. No popcorn allowed and no items with nuts in. Please put these items into a clear plastic bag (sandwich bag) so that they can carry them on the bus without having to take their full bags.



Future Events

Grandparents' Christmas Events

Last year, we held two events rather than the one event, so that more Grandparents could attend. We will continue to hold two events again this year. We will hold an Infants Christmas Breakfast, in the infant hall, and a Junior Christmas Party in the junior hall. The choir will join the events and some RE ambassadors, Love in Action or/and Mini Vinnies will also attend.

Both events will be held on Friday December 11th

Infants- 9:30am

Junior- 2pm

If you would like to nominate a Grandparent, please email christmas@st-aloysius.co.uk by November 20th 2026. Please include your name, your child's name, specify if you would prefer the morning breakfast or afternoon party, the name of the grandparent/s.

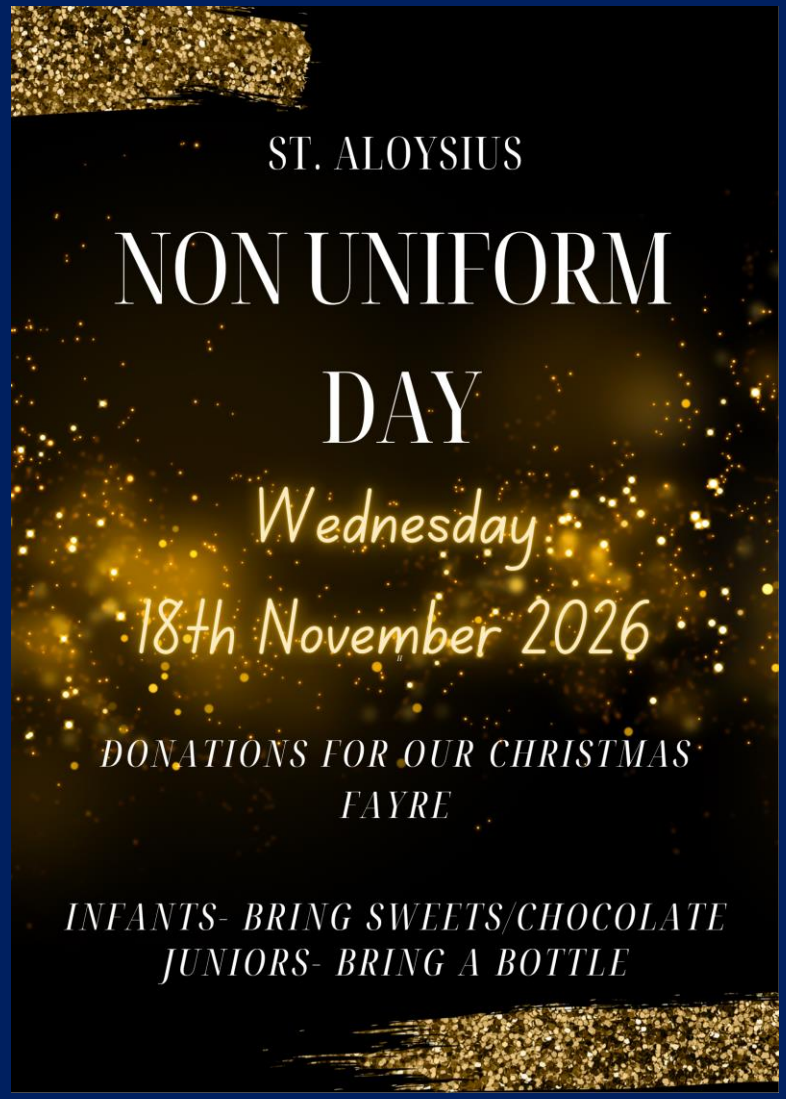
If you have children in the infants, then please nominate for the infant event, if children are in the juniors then nominate for the junior event or if you have children in both then nominate for one event only, but of course you can have a back up request.

Note: Not all grandchildren will attend due to numbers in the hall. This event is the chance for the Grandparents to relax without having to supervise their loved ones.



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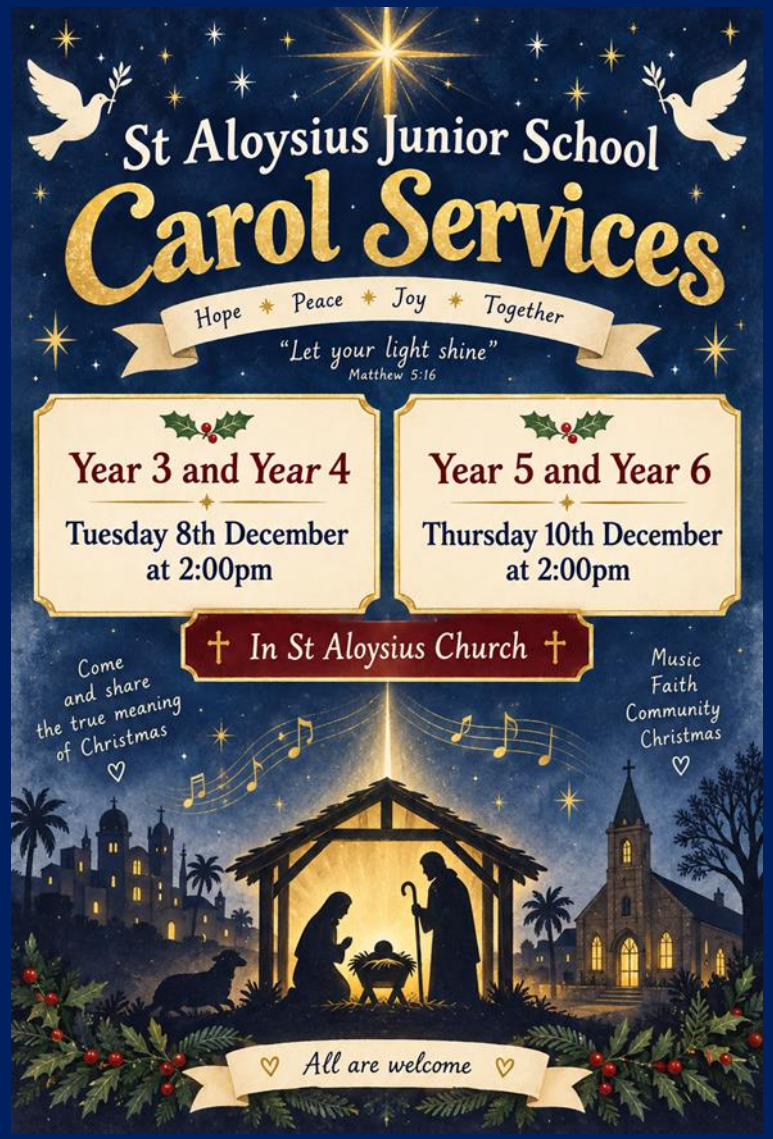






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Key Dates for families 2026-2027

Autumn B				
When	Day	What	Time	More information
13th November	Friday	Children in Need Day	All day	Non uniform day
16th November	Monday	Anti-bullying event in school	All day	Wear odd socks- all children
18th November	Wednesday	Non-uniform day- bring a bottle or sweets	All day	Items for Christmas fayre
27th November	Friday	Y2 kindness café	8:30 am	Junior hall
3rd December	Thursday	Christmas Fayre	3:20 pm	Junior School yard and school
4th December	Friday	Y1 nativity: class RH	9:30 am	Infant hall
4th December	Friday	Y1 nativity: class ED	2:30 pm	Infant hall
7th December	Monday	Y2 nativity: class NS	9:30 am	Infant hall
7th December	Monday	Y2 nativity: class SM	2:30 pm	Infant hall
8th December	Tuesday	Nursery A nativity	9:30 am	Infant hall
8th December	Tuesday	Y3/Y4 Carol service	2pm	Church
9th December	Wednesday	Reception nativity: class MB	9:30 am	Infant hall
9th December	Wednesday	Reception nativity: class LM/ AC	2:30 pm	Infant hall
9th December	Wednesday	Christmas Dinner Day	n/a	Wear Christmas jumper with uniform
10th December	Thursday	Nursery B nativity	9:30 am	Infant hall
10th December	Thursday	Y5/Y6 Carol service	2pm	Church
10th December	Thursday	Rec- Y2 Panto visit at The Exchange in North Shields	1-3 pm	Children will arrive back in school at around 3:30-3:45pm. £5 contribution
11th December	Friday	Grandparents Infant Breakfast	9:30 am	Infant hall
11th December	Friday	Grandparents Junior Party	2 pm	Junior hall
16th December	Wednesday	Christmas Party Day	n/a	Party clothes to be worn by all children
17th December	Thursday	Y3-Y6 Panto visit at The Exchange in North Shields	1-3 pm	Children will arrive back in school at around 3:30-3:45pm. £5 contribution
18th December	Friday	Last day of term- school closes early	1:15 pm	Wear Christmas jumper with uniform

All dates are subject to change; however, we will try our best not to change any dates.

Any changes will be shared by newsletters, facebook and texts.

Prayers to share

