



Newsletter

October 2025



Dear families

Thank you again for the support this half term. The children and staff are ready for a week off following the longest half term of the school year.

Many classes have had trips out this half term; including Beamish, Eden Camp and the year 4 residential to Boggle Hole in Yorkshire. Next half term, year 3 will attend a one night residential in Beamish- they are so excited for this giant Christmas sleepover; this is a new event and we know the children will enjoy it.

All children from Y1 to Y6 attended a whole school Mass recently and the feedback was brilliant. The children sang and read beautifully and as always, the behaviour was immaculate.

I have shared the dates for the next half term and some key dates moving forward. Summer dates will be shared after this holiday.

We listen to your feedback from events and have set times so there's no clashes for our class Celebration of the Words and we are going to separate the sports days to infants and juniors so that there is more space to see the children.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Tumelty

Congratulations

On 8th October, Mrs Broadhurst and her husband welcomed their twins, Finn and Eddie, into the world. The boys came a bit earlier than expected but are doing very well. Mrs Broadhurst will hopefully bring the boys in to meet us all soon.

School uniform

As part of our duty to ensure that uniform is easily accessible for all, we now have uniform rails at the entrances to both the infants and the juniors. This uniform is pre-loved and has been washed and ironed and is free for those that want it. If you are unable to see the size that you need then please speak to a member of office staff and they will look in our stocks.

A reminder that long hair needs to be tied fully up (no half and half) and no metal earrings are to be worn- plastic clear retainer type earrings only to be worn. Please name all items so they can be returned if lost.

St Aloysius' Got Talent

Well done to the thirty- four children and four staff members that were the St. Aloysius finalists. They were all fantastic and were incredibly brave. They danced, sang and performed on the stage; lots of trophies were given out and the children truly deserved them (and the staff). We were lucky that we had Dennis from The Custom's House as our compere; the audience were so encouraging and all the children had huge grins on their faces.

The nursery and reception children had a chance to perform on the stage in front of their friends.



CAFOD (Catholic Charity) movie night

This was a wonderful night. This year, the children will choose what the money is spent on using a CAFOD shopping list and we will let you know soon.

Holiday requests

As a school, we understand that you may take your children out of school for various reasons. We have systems in place to allow us to process the applications in a timely manner. We ask that parents/carers request permission in advance (at least two weeks' notice) from school for leave of absence for any reason, including holidays.

Although we understand that holidays are cheaper during school time, Headteachers cannot grant leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and cannot grant permission retrospectively. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not be an exceptional circumstance.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Grandparents' Christmas Party

Many of you know how successful the annual Grandparents' party is and each year we are inundated with more requests. This year, we are going to hold two events so that more Grandparents can attend. 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 and Mini Vinnies will also attend.

Both events will be held on December 12th.

Infants- 9:30am

Junior- 2pm



If you would like to nominate a Grandparent, please email

christmas@st-aloysius.co.uk by November 3rd 2025. Please include your name, child's name, AM or PM 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.

Kindness Café

REMINDER- We offer a kindness café to each of the classes; they are all going to be held in the junior hall this year; between 8:30-8:55am and give you the chance to meet school staff and other families and have your breakfast. Children and siblings are welcome before they go to class and best of all they are free!

Year 2- Friday 28th November 2025

Year 3- Friday 30th January 2026

Year 4- Friday 20th February 2026

Year 5- Friday 27th March 2026

Year 6- Friday 24th April 2026

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

Information is sent directly to the Head Teacher who may need to liaise with the police/child protection services. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families.

As a school we have ensured that members of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs James, Mrs Broadhurst, Mrs Balfour and Mrs Woodhouse) known as a Key Adults, have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. Operation Encompass has proved very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner.

If you would like some more information about how Operation Encompass operates and the benefits, you can view it online at <https://www.operationencompass.org>

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this initiative is extremely beneficial and supportive for all of those involved.



Prayers to share

“GOD OF AUTUMN, AS WE EMBRACE
THE AUTUMN CHILL AND MISTY
MORNINGS SHROUDED IN FOG, WE
ASK YOU TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH
JOY. HELP US TO NAVIGATE THIS
TRANSITION INTO SHORTER, COOLER
DAYS WITH JOYFUL AND THANKFUL
HEARTS. MAY JOY RADIATE FROM US
IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE
BRILLIANT COLORS OF THE LEAVES
RADIATE FROM THE TREES. AMEN.”



PRAY FOR EVERYTHING