



# St Alban's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Reception Newsletter

Classes RLP & RH

Lent Term 2025/6



### Welcome back!

Welcome to St Albans Catholic Voluntary Academy and our Reception newsletter. We hope you had a wonderful and restful Christmas. As we begin this new term, we are excited to continue supporting your children's learning and development and look forward to sharing the exciting experiences ahead

### Curriculum News

Our first topic for the Lent term is **"Once Upon a Time..."**, where the children will be exploring traditional tales.

This half term we will be encouraging **independence** by developing key self-help skills, such as looking after belongings and putting on coats and fastening zips independently.

In **Phonics**, the children will be learning the sounds **x, y, ff, ll, and ss**, along with the letter shapes that represent these sounds. They will begin to read and write **CVC** words containing these sounds, such as fox and huff.



Hello to those I haven't had the chance to meet yet. My name is Mrs Franik, and I will be the base teacher in RLP. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your children this week, and I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with you all.



MRS FRANIK



MR HILTON

In **English**, our stories of the week will include Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, and The Princess and the Pea.

In **Mathematics**, we will be exploring numbers from 1-10 in greater depth before moving on to learning about measurement, including weight, length, and height..



## Curriculum News, con't

As the term progresses, we will move on to reading and writing CVCC words, using all of the sounds learned throughout the year, including words such as tent and wind. We will also be introducing more 'everyday' (common exception) words. These are words that are used frequently and cannot always be sounded out. The words we will focus on are: all, come, some, and to.

In RE we are on a new topic called: 'Gaililee to Jerusalem' where we look at the different scriptures from the bible: The wise men following the star, Jesus welcomes the children and feeding the 5 thousand.

Earlier this week Fr Roji, our parish priest came into school to meet with the children in Reception and discussed with us how to make the sign of the cross and why we do so, explained more about the Epiphany and the wise men. The children were very welcoming and showed excellent behaviour. During this half term we will be beginning to learn the prayer 'Glory be'

At St Albans, we believe in outdoor learning. Therefore, children should always have suitable clothing for outdoors, e.g. Wellington Boots and waterproof coat. These can be left on children's pegs if desired. It is also advisable for children to bring a coat everyday regardless of the weather. As it gets colder, it is important that children bring in a warm hat and gloves. Please ensure these are all clearly labelled.

## Our Early years practitioners



Mrs Eagles and Mrs Gregg will continue to support our Reception class this term. We are also delighted to have several students working in our class.



In Reception, we enjoy WOW Days and celebrate a range of cultural events throughout the school year. This half term, the children will be taking part in activities such as:

- \* Baking and decorating gingerbread men
- \* Making pancakes in preparation for Lent.
- \* We will also be exploring and tasting foods linked to the celebration of Chinese New Year.

These experiences provide valuable and memorable learning opportunities for the children. However, due to ongoing funding pressures, we kindly ask for a £5 voluntary contribution per child, where possible, to help cover the costs of these activities each half term. Payments can be made via our online payment system.

