



Newsletter

February 2026



Dear families

We have one week left until the half term holiday and the children are continuing to work hard. Last week, we had a visit from Mr Brendan Tapping, our CEO, and he was very impressed with the learning and how articulate the children were when they were talking to him about their learning.

We also had a routine Health and Safety visit last week, and once again, we were reassured that everything is in place to keep the children and staff safe in school.

A lot of other schools in the North East break up the week before us- hopefully it may mean that our holiday break will be quieter when visiting places. We break up on Friday 20th February at 3:15/3:20pm and return on Monday 2nd March 2026.

You may have noticed that both yards are getting some additional play equipment; this has been purchased through our fundraising. The fundraising also reduces the cost of trips for the children.

Thank you

Mrs Tumelty and all the staff

Staffing

Mrs. Tait and her husband are pleased to announce that they are expecting a baby in the summer. Congratulations to them both on this wonderful news.



Number Day

The children celebrated Number Day last week, whilst also raising money for the NSPCC.

Our focus was around 'Financial Education' and the children experienced a range of age appropriate lessons such as 'Cash Vs Card', 'Wants Vs Needs', 'Good debt Vs Bad debt' and 'Saving Vs Spending'. Hopefully, they have a deeper understanding around money and finance. We will continue to focus on important aspects in our Personal Development lessons.

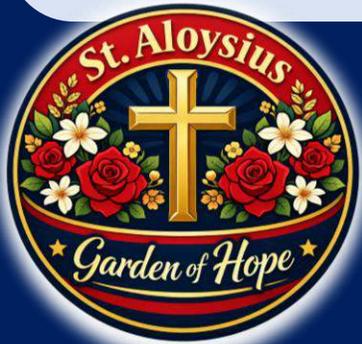
The children and staff looked great in their number costumes; some of them even managed to have a game of human dominos!



Garden of Hope

Our Garden of Hope will be coming together in the next few weeks- this will be on the junior yard and will include a quiet space for children to reflect and pray. All children across the school will have the opportunity to use this space. We will also open it to families to use as a quiet spiritual area.

If you would like to help us develop this, alongside our RE ambassadors, then we would love your help. If you or any family members would like to volunteer to put benches together, plant some plants etc then let the office know. We are aiming to do this on Tuesday 3rd of March 2026.



Car Parks

The school car parks are for staff and visitors. We are limited for space and often staff cannot get parked on a morning.

If you are dropping off at wraparound, then please only use the car park before 8:15am and please park at the entrance of the car park rather than near the main door. No cars are to enter the car park after 8:15am, other than staff.

When collecting from wraparound, then you can use the car park if there is space available.

Parking

When dropping off or collecting from school, please be respectful of our neighbours. We know that parking is incredibly difficult around school, but please park safely and avoid yellow lines.

Staff will be patient if you're a couple of minutes late as we would rather everyone is safe.

SEND

We are working at improving our communication and one element of this is to improve contact with the SEND team. 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.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school yard, however, the exception to this is small puppies that cannot be placed on the ground. If this is the case then please make sure the dog is in a carrier and is secure.

Parent/ Carer Consultations

Our Spring Term parent/carers consultations are coming up. You will be able to set your time slots soon. The dates are:

Year group	Date	Venue
Reception	Wednesday 11 th March	Infant Hall
Year 1	Wednesday 18 th March	Infant Hall
Year 2	Tuesday 17 th March	Infant Hall
Year 3	Thursday 19 th March	Junior Hall
Year 4	Wednesday 18 th March	Junior Hall
Year 5	Monday 16 th March	Junior Hall
Year 6	Wednesday 11 th March	Junior Hall

Kindness Café

REMINDER

Our kindness cafés are held in the junior hall (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 4- Friday 20th February 2026
Year 5- Friday 27th March 2026
Year 6- Friday 24th April 2026



Holy Week

Class Celebrations of the Word

REMINDER

Date	9:15am	2:30pm
Monday 30 th March	Reception MB	Y3
Tuesday 31 st March	Reception LM/AC & Y2	Y5
Wednesday 1 st April	Y1	Y6

We have tried to avoid clashes, but please let us know if you wish to attend Rec LM/AC and Y2 and we will come up with a plan so that you can support both children.

Year 4

Reconciliation Service

REMINDER

Wednesday 25th March 9:30am – Junior Hall



Easter Egg Decoration

Last year, the children thoroughly enjoyed having their family members attend school to help them decorate eggs. We know that this is a time commitment for families and we want to reassure you that if you cannot attend, then your child will be fully supported by school staff and can work in groups with their friends. If you have children in different year groups and can only attend once, then we can arrange for you to work with both children at once if needed.

We will provide some crafts, but please feel free to bring any crafts that you need for own design. Where possible, please bring or send your child in with a hard-boiled egg or a foam egg.

Year group	Date	Time	Venue
Nursery A	Wednesday 25 th March	9:15-10:15 am	Infant Hall
Nursery B	Wednesday 25 th March	2-3 pm	Infant Hall
Reception MB	Monday 23 rd March	9:15-10:15 am	Infant Hall
Reception LM/AC	Monday 23 rd March	10:20-11:20 am	Infant Hall
Year 1 PS/NS	Monday 23 rd March	1:10-2:10 pm	Infant Hall
Year 1 CH	Monday 23 rd March	2:15-3:15 pm	Infant Hall
Year 2 JB	Tuesday 24 th March	9:15-10:15 am	Infant Hall
Year 2 NA	Tuesday 24 th March	10:20-11:20 am	Infant Hall
Year 3 KD	Monday 23 rd March	9:15-10:15 am	Junior Hall
Year 3 CR (KL)	Monday 23 rd March	10:20-11:20 am	Junior Hall
Year 4 LC	Monday 23 rd March	1:15-2:15 pm	Junior Hall
Year 4 AP	Monday 23 rd March	2:20-3:20 pm	Junior Hall
Year 5 RH	Tuesday 24 th March	9:15-10:15 am	Junior Hall
Year 5 SK	Tuesday 24 th March	10:20-11:20 am	Junior Hall
Year 6 SM	Tuesday 24 th March	1:15-2:15 pm	Junior Hall
Year 6 BT	Tuesday 24 th March	2:20-3:20 pm	Junior Hall

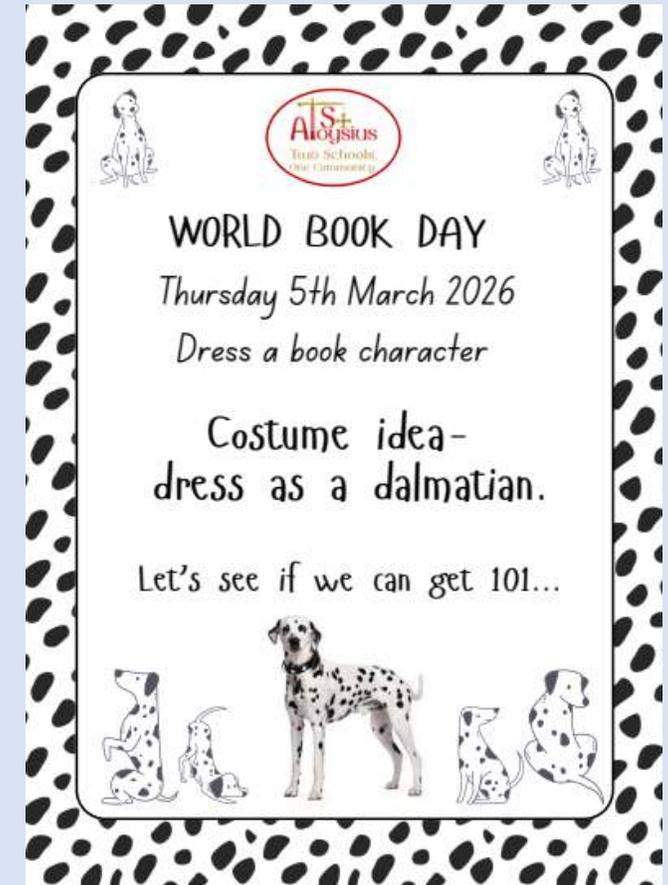
World Book Day

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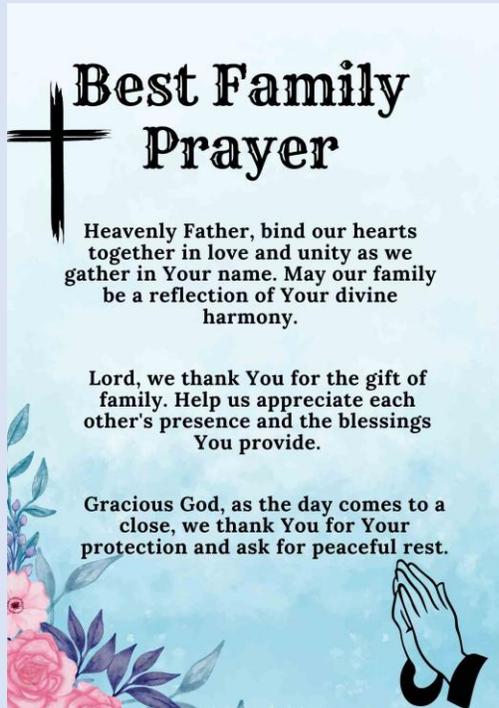
Non-uniform day

Thursday 5th March

Dress up as a book character



Prayer to share

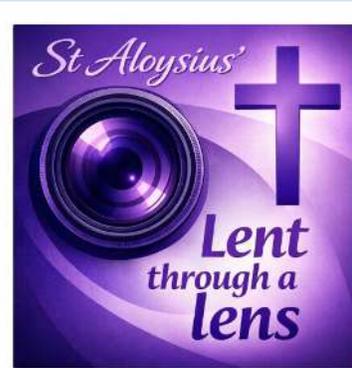


Future Dates

Please see the attached document for future dates. We are aware that it looks a lot when it is listed, but we do not expect an adult to attend all events. We have taken your feedback on some specific events, e.g. sports days- this is now separated so that you are able to see your children at the event as it will be less busy.

Lent

Each class will take on a 'One hundred Challenge'- this will help to raise money for local charities and will buy some plants for our Garden of Hope. More information will follow.



Celebrate Lent with our '*Lent through a lens*' competition. To enter just email a photo to lent@st-aloysius.co.uk

The photo should show something that portrays the meaning of this special season- please provide a brief written explanation as to why they feel their image represents Lent. Don't forget to add your child's name and class. Family members or members of our community are also welcome to take part in separate categories- just let us know who you are in the email.

We will be collecting loose change for our LENT sign again this year. This can be sent into school at anytime up to Easter. We will be donating the money to CAFOD.



Each year group will be given a date to take part in THE BIG LENT WALK. Where possible, we would love it if you could also walk, bike or scooter on the same day. This is part of our Live Simply Pledge.