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*In the light of Jesus, we love together, hope together
and learn together*

Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter No.2

Dear Parents/Carers



Respect

Certificate Awards for Children's Work and Efforts. Well Done this week to:

Respect Award

Reception - Archie

Year 1 - Hunter

Year 2 - Sonia

Year 3 - Aahil

Year 4 - Nancy

Year 5 - Arham

Year 6 Shayan

Workers of the week

Reception - All of Reception Class

Year 1 - Jack

Year 2 - Aurora

Year 3 - Tilly

Year 4 - Sidra

Year 5 - Abdul

Year 6 - Ehsan

Star Reader Award

Year 1 - Myrah

Year 2 - Sayhan

Year 3 - Jakub

Year 4 - Joseph

Year 5 - Oscar

Year 6 - Saud

Open Morning for future YR Class

Is your child starting Reception Class in September 2026?

We are having an Open Morning on Thursday 2nd October 2025. Please see the poster below.

Come and spend time getting to know our wonderful school and staff. Please visit us anytime between 9:00am and 11:30am or just come to the main office on Trinity Street.

If you are not able to join us then, please ring school on 01254 57582 to make an appointment to visit at another date.

Education Sunday

This Sunday 14th September is Education Sunday, one of the oldest days of special prayer in England and Wales. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in working in Catholic schools' places of enlightenment. This year we are asking that any children attending mass on Education Sunday wear their school sweatshirt to mark the occasion.

Secondary Schools Information

- Year 6 Open Evening at **BCHS**. On Thursday 18th September, 4:00pm -7:15pm
- Year 6 Open Evening at **Westholme**. On Thursday 2 October 2025, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Information from Outside the School – Please see poster(s) below

- MyDentist- NHS Dental Practice
- Open Morning – Parents and children of future years potential intakes into Reception Class
- Letter to parents and carers from the Prime Minister, Kier Starmer, about some of the new changes he is hoping to introduce.

Attendance.

Well done to **Year R** who received the Attendance Award week. They had the best attendance in the school with **99.0%** attendance.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.0%	86.8%	96.0%	98.1%	93.0%	94.5%	98.7%

Diary

- Year 3 Class Harvest Assembly, 9:15am Friday 10th October.
We will be collecting one type of goods for foodbank. Details to follow.
- Autumn 1 Half-Term ends Friday 24th October. School closed 27/10/25-31/10/25.
- Autumn 2 Half Term starts (school re-opens) Monday 3rd November

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to open at 8:00am. Children are to be handed in directly to the Club Manager by a parent/carer. Fees are to be paid up front or within a few days online via SCOPay. If fees are not paid on time (by the end of that week) the children will not be able to attend the club.

Free School Meals Eligibility and Application

a. Universal Free School Meals

All KS1 children (Years R, 1 & 2) are entitled to Free School meals as part of the government's initiative

b. Free school meal through benefits –eligible if in receipt of:

Universal Credit (<£7400 net earned income), Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Support Part IV Immigration/Asylum Act 1999, Pension Credit (Guarantee element), Child Tax Credit (Plus not WTC & Income <£16190), Working tax Credit Run On (paid 4 weeks after non-WTC eligible)

* Please Apply online to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's Admission's Team:

www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals/

c. All other children will be charged for school dinners which must be paid for online via the SCOPay App.

Mrs C. Speakman & Mrs D. Boardman



OPEN MORNING

Thursday 2ND October

Come and spend some time getting to know our wonderful school and staff, anytime between 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. Our Headteacher will be there to welcome you and show you round.

Quotes from Ofsted 2024

“St Alban’s is a warm & friendly school where everyone is welcome.”

“Pupils benefit from a rich curriculum from early years to year 6,”



Hi all,

I hope this message finds you well.

We're pleased to share that our Practice has recently been awarded an NHS Children's Access Contract, allowing us to register children aged 0-16 for NHS dental care!

This initiative aims to help children establish strong, lifelong habits for healthy teeth and gums from an early age.

If you are aware of any children in your care who do not currently have an NHS dentist, we would be grateful if you could share this information with families directly or include it in your newsletter.

We would be delighted to welcome and register any children in need of a dentist to our care!

To make dental visits a positive experience, we also offer kids clubs and oral health education sessions, making learning about dental care fun and engaging for children.

If you'd like more information or would like to refer children to our care, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting children's health and wellbeing.

Kind Regards,

Sophie Etherington

Practice Manager

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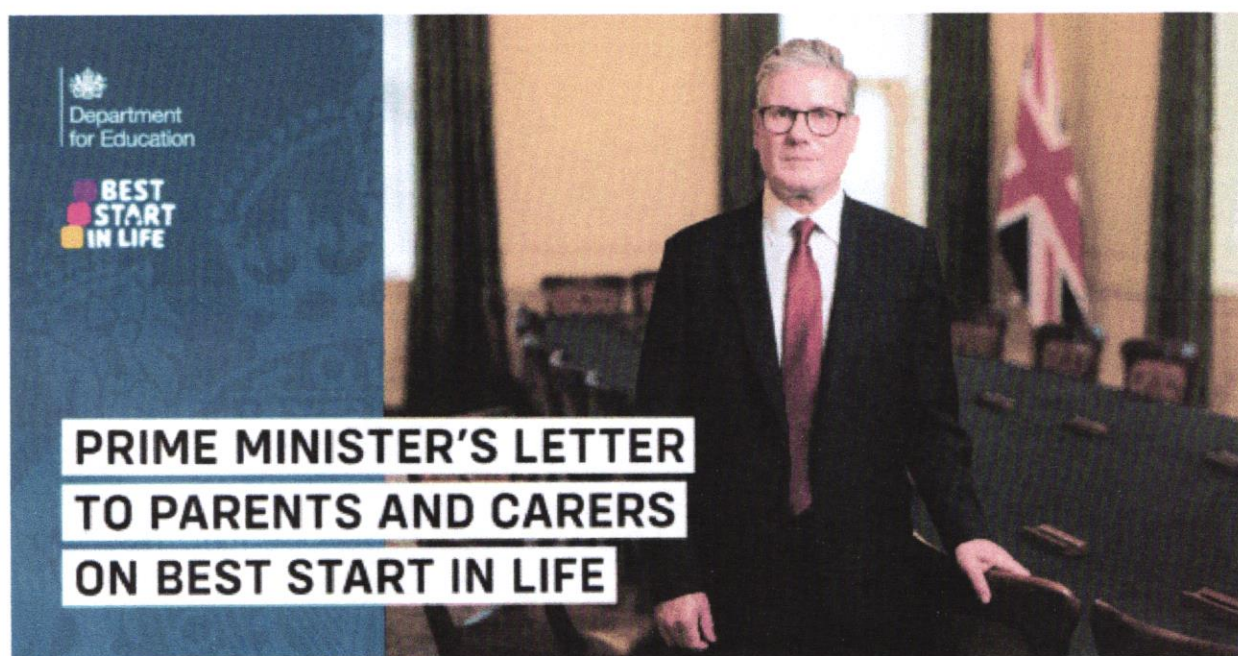
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Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on Best Start in Life

[mediaofficer](#), 4 September 2025 - [Uncategorized](#)



Dear Parent/Carer,

Across England, millions of children and families are beginning a new school year.

As a father of two, I know well the pride and joy of watching your children grow up. But I also understand how juggling parenthood, work and other responsibilities can sometimes be difficult especially when the cost-of-living is still tough, childcare is expensive, and your time is tight.

Supporting families is at the heart of our Plan for Change. Over the past year we have started to deliver the change promised – new help designed to make your life easier and give your children the best possible start.

We are making high quality childcare more affordable by introducing 30 hours of government-funded childcare during term time, from the end of parental leave to the start of primary school, saving an average working parent up to £7,500 per year – money that stays in your pocket for your family's needs.

We are making family life easier too, with hundreds of school-based nursery places opening this September, and thousands more to come. This means more families can access government-funded childcare and perhaps manage with just one school run in the morning. This comes alongside expanding wraparound childcare available to you outside of school hours, including a free Best Start Breakfast Club

which we will be rolling out in every primary school.

We are proud to build on the legacy of Sure Start through our Best Start Family Hubs, a growing network of welcoming spaces. Families can access a wide range of support and services to make the journey of being a parent a little easier – from expert advice on feeding your baby to how to support your toddler's learning and development at home.

Of course, this is just the beginning. This government will keep building support for you and your family to help make parenting easier and ensure no child's background dictates what they go on to achieve. I know that this is also a priority for local MPs and councils, who can provide more information about what is available in your area. I encourage you to get in touch with them directly.

To find out more about the support available to you and your family, including free breakfast clubs, eligibility for childcare offers, Best Start Family Hubs in your area and support with your child's early health and learning, visit our new site that brings this all together in one place: www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk.

I also wanted to thank you, the parents and carers, and the grandparents, as well as the childminders, early educators, teachers and health workers, for all you do to give children the best start in life.

Nothing will stop me in my mission to back families like yours through our Plan for Change, to build a better future for you, for your children, and for Britain.

All best wishes,

Keir Starmer



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