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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited and proud to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of St Alban's. Having previously worked in senior leadership positions in Catholic schools in Newcastle, I feel truly privileged to join the St Alban's community and to lead our school into its next chapter.

Our mission statement reminds us that "we are proud to celebrate each individual for all that they are, enjoying and excelling in the presence of God." St Alban's is a wonderful place where learning grows and flourishes in God's presence, and I am committed to working with staff, pupils, and families to live out this mission fully.

It has been a busy and exciting summer at school, with several improvements completed:

- New classrooms for Reception and Year 1, each with dedicated outdoor learning spaces.
- An additional entrance to ensure a smooth and calm start to the school day.
- A newly upgraded office, including a window for clearer communication.
- Improved accessibility, with a sloped entrance added to the main corridor.
- A dedicated room for pupils with additional needs, providing tailored support.

We are also delighted to be introducing Forest School to St Alban's this year, led by a trained and experienced Forest School teacher. Each class will access this provision once every half term. Timetables will be shared soon, and children will need old clothes for these sessions. I am grateful to have secured a grant for this, which will also fund further outdoor developments, including the creation of a willow tunnel. If any parents or carers would like to get involved or share skills to support this project, please do get in touch—we would love your help.

I am keen to ensure parents and carers are closely involved in their children's education. Over the coming months we will be inviting you into school for a variety of opportunities, including:

- Parents' Evenings (Wednesday 8th and 15th October)
- Christmas Performances (dates tbc)
- English Cafés (dates tbc)
- Phonics workshops for parents and carers (dates tbc)

Key information

Behaviour System

This year, St Alban's launched a new behaviour system that the children are enjoying. Each day starts as a Purple Day, with all children on purple earning 1 house point. Excellent behaviour moves children up to pink (2 points) and then orange (3 points). The system includes clear steps: a reminder, then a first and second warning. If needed, children spend 5 minutes reflecting on turquoise. Should behaviour not improve, they move to brown for supported reflection time. This approach helps children understand expectations and encourages positive choices throughout the day.

Break time

Healthy snacks are encouraged if your child would like to bring something to eat at breaktime. To keep all children safe, please ensure that grapes are cut up into small pieces. We also ask that children eat their snacks before playing or running to minimize the risk of choking. We recommend snacks such as fresh fruit, vegetables or wholegrain options to support your child's energy and focus throughout the day. Please avoid nuts and any products containing nuts due to allergy concerns within the school community.

Children Entry Points at the beginning of the day

- Children in Years 1, 3, and 4 will enter through the first door on the yard.
- Children in Years 2, 5, and 6 will enter through the second door on the yard.
- Reception children will enter at the wooden gate on the yard.
- Nursery children will enter through the side gate.

Timetables

PE timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Nursery	Year 4	Year 5	Year 2
Year 3	Reception		Year 6	

Forest School
Monday afternoon
Year 5
Year 6

I am truly excited for the year ahead and for all that we will achieve together as a school community. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Yeoman
Headteacher