

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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We have had a wonderful start to the school year; our pupils are happy in their new classes and I am sure will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the weekend!

### Welcome to Mrs. Ward

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Ward as the newest member of our All Saints' family – she's made a wonderful start to the school already. Mrs. Walls will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Ward will join her on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

### Primary School Places – September 2025

Come and join our wonderful family...tell your friends and neighbours about us – take a leaflet from our office to give to anyone who is interested! The deadline for places for the academic year 2024 - 2025 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Individual appointments are available for prospective parents to look around the school and ask any questions they may have. We also have an EYFS Open Morning planned for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10 – 11.30am...pass on the word please!

### Welcome Event

Thank you to those who came to the Welcome Event on Friday. For those who were unable to make it, the information shared with each class will be emailed out to you. As always, if you have any issue, please speak to us!

### Autumn Dates

These will be sent out separately as well as appearing on the bottom of each newsletter. All dates are subject to change.

### Attendance Letters

These will be sent out next week and will detail your child's attendance for last year. As mentioned at our Welcome Event this week, attendance is a priority for us. We will continue to implement Bishop Wilkinson's Attendance Policy which reflects the new national guidance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. On that day, please send your child to school wearing the colours of the European county they will be studying. Below are the countries that each class will be focusing upon:  
Nursery & Reception: Romania (blue, yellow & red)  
Year One: Spain (red & yellow)

Year Two: Greece (blue & white)  
Year Three: France (red, white & blue)  
Year Four: Italy (red, white & green)  
Year Five: Poland (red & white)  
Year Six: Germany (black, red & yellow)

### Asda Rewards

At the time of writing this, you have helped to fundraise £91.59 for school just by shopping at Asda! Please join up to support our school on the Asda Rewards App by adding our postcode DH7 0JG and telling your friends, family and neighbours too – thank you!

### Arbor

If you have not signed up to receive notifications – please do! We send out a lot of important messages via the app. Thank you for your patience and understanding with school lunches. When our menu is changed, we will let you know in advance about your ordering options.

### Wednesday Sport Afternoons

Across the course of the year, each class has some sporting afternoons with our sports coach, Mr. Adderson. On these days, please send your child into school wearing their P.E. kit.

### Earrings

Children are not allowed to wear earrings in school; they must be removed if possible. If your child has had their ears pierced over summer and they are not yet healed, they will be required to wear tape. After half term, all earrings must be removed completely.

### Village Voice

I am going to publish the monthly articles that we write for the Village Voice on our website because I am aware not everyone gets access to the newspaper. Our parish newsletter will also be added to our website so you can keep up to date with parish events. Please remember that there is a Family Bingo night planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. You can buy tickets from our school office.

### Daisy Chain

Please see the following link for a list of coffee mornings and workshops for families of neurodivergent children and young people:  
[https://www.durham.gov.uk/DaisyChain?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFBC1eHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHSqK1rQysjxDVWWjnmAw8\\_vDPHeNocVtyD1cPHN837jlxRykGdeccVldmg\\_aem\\_5p3nnS4l5m5BTzhPPggwRRQ](https://www.durham.gov.uk/DaisyChain?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFBC1eHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHSqK1rQysjxDVWWjnmAw8_vDPHeNocVtyD1cPHN837jlxRykGdeccVldmg_aem_5p3nnS4l5m5BTzhPPggwRRQ)

## Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have had lots of firsts for our new friends. We've been to our first Open the Book, enjoyed our first Welly Wednesday and shared our first Book of the Week. Mrs Troy has been so impressed with all the Nursery children. Our new friends have settled in extremely well and our returning children have been so friendly and welcoming. We're one happy family in Nursery 🍀

**Our Book of the Week:** My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh by Nick Sharratt

**Our Song of the week:** Row, Row, Row Your Boat (three verses with actions)

### Reminders:

Apply for your primary school places at [Primary school places - Durham County Council](#)  
Label your child's belongings

### Upcoming dates:

Please see the autumn events list!

**This week's scripture:** Mark 7:31-37

**The theme of the scripture:** Open our ears Lord.

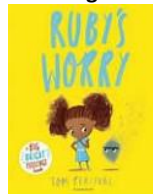
**Link to British Values:** individual liberty

## Looking for a good read?

Isla and Reece in Year Two recommend:

**Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival (age 4+)**

"We have been reading this book in Year Two. Ruby was happy until one day she met a worry. At first, she didn't notice it but then the worry started to grow. We learn at the end of the book that talking to someone that we trust can help our worries go away!"



**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:**

Mrs. Stephenson; Mrs. Conlin  
Mrs. Dunn; and Mrs. Pearson  
Mrs. Turnbull (governor)

**Our SENDCO is:**

Mrs. Bryant  
Mrs. Dunn (governor)

## ATTENDANCE

This week's whole school  
attendance has been:  
96.4%

**Our attendance target is 97%**



# Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time		
<p>Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday            Year Six swimming each Monday autumn first half term</p>				
Year Three Sports Afternoon: PE kit please	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	-		
Mrs. Hammill Visits Year Six Parents	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	3.15pm		
Year Five Sports Afternoon: PE kit please	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-		
European Day of Languages	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	-		
Year Five & Six Open Evening St. Bede's	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 – 7.30pm		
<p align="center"><b>Clubs available this half term:</b></p>				
<p align="center"><b>Monday</b> Curling Y2 – Y6</p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday</b> Fencing Y2 – Y6</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday</b> Young Leaders Y2 – Y5</p>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b> Wheelchair Basketball Y3 – Y6</p>	<p align="center"><b>Friday</b> Football Rec – Y2</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sign up on Arbor - £1.50 per session</b>  <b>French available each lunchtime</b></p>				
<p align="center"><b>Wrap-around care available from 7.45am – 5pm each day</b></p>				