

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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**As unique children of God we:
aspire not to have more but to be more.**

To:

**Love Christ
Listen to Christ
Learn from Christ**



The week has ended with joy and happiness as the whole school took part in the Welcome Liturgy led by Year Six for our Reception pupils. We have had another busy yet successful week in school. Hopefully the worst of the rain is over for a while yet and we can get out to enjoy the autumnal fresh air this weekend!

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that doors are open from 8.40am on a morning and the bell goes for the beginning of the day at 9.45am. The register closes at 9.50am and pupils will be marked officially late from this point. When children get in to school late, they often miss phonics or times table recaps and then they miss their class' welcome for the morning. It is essential that pupils are in school for 8.45am.

Sounds Write Phonics Workshops

If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two, please join us at 9am on Tuesday 5th November to see how we teach your children to read and write using our Sounds Write approach to phonics. This will be a practical session where you can watch the children learn within their lesson followed by a short input from our teachers about how you can support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year Four's Positive Feedback

On Tuesday, the visit leader who worked with Year Four complemented their behaviour and knowledge of Matisse – she said it was an absolute pleasure to work with the class...wonderful!

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

Your TTRS login will also allow you to log into Numbots!

Educational Visits

An overview of class visits for this academic year should be with you at some point next week – thank you!

A Message from Our School Council

"We have added a food donation box to our entrance way which you can add food to whenever you wish. We have asked Mrs. Stephenson to give this out to our families and families in our parish. Thank you for being kind and helping us."

Halloween Disco

Our Friends of All Saints' have organised a Halloween Disco for 24th October. The infant children can bring their costume into school and can get changed ready for their 3.30 start. Pupils will need collecting from the EYFS yard (like a rainy day) at 4.30pm. The junior disco will begin at 4.45 – 5.45. The junior children should come into school by the office door. They should be collected from the EYFS yard also at 5.45pm; no child will be able to walk home following the disco. The cost of a ticket is £3 per child. Please send the money into school in a named envelope. The children will not be given a ticket but they will

be recorded on our register. The £3 ticket includes a drink and a packet of crisps. On the day, there will be a tuck shop so children can bring £2 extra if they wish to buy something. As always, please be mindful of the appropriateness of your child's costumes. Fake sharp weapons will not be allowed into the disco and, as usual, no mobile phones or technical devices will be permitted either. Many thanks!

Term Time Dates

The term time dates for 2025 – 2026 are now available on the website – thank you! Please be reminded that holidays outside of term time will not be authorised and if a child missed five days within a ten-week period, fines from Durham County Council may be imposed.

Y3 and Y4 PE day Swap

From Monday (14th October) Year Three's PE day will be a Tuesday and Year Four's PE day will be a Monday. Both Year Three and Year Four will also have PE on a Thursday as usual. Children should continue to come to school wearing their PE kit.

Wellies

All children must have wellington boots in school please so they can access the grass and field during playtime. Please can you send your child to school with wellies if you have not yet done so. Unfortunately, no child will be able to play on the field without wellies – thank you.

Harvest Festival & the People's Kitchen

A non-uniform day will take place on Wednesday 16th October to support The People's Kitchen. The children will be reminded of the amazing work of the charity on Monday. Whilst we are grateful for everything received, this year particularly useful items are:-

- Tinned meat (stewing steak, mince, corned beef, hot dogs etc.)
- Instant coffee, dilute orange, instant hot chocolate
- Sugar, spray cooking oil, sage & onion stuffing
- Individual packets of cereal
- Tinned rice, custard or large tins of evaporated milk
- Deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shaving cream

All Saints' and Harvest Mass

Please join us at 9.30a.m. on Tuesday 22nd October to celebrate our Harvest Mass led by Year Six - it would be lovely to welcome as many of you as possible!

Times Table Rock Stars

Year Group of the Week: **Year Five**

Players of the Week:

1st Emelie (Y5), 2ⁿ Ben (Y3), 3rd Enea (Y4)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been singing different number rhymes. We know songs that count up and songs that count back. Our book this week has lots of animals doing different actions. We have: stomped like elephants; kicked like donkeys; and wriggled our hips like crocodiles! On Wednesday we did all those things in the puddles on the yard. It was wonderful wet Welly Wednesday this week! In R.E., at the beginning of the week, we joined Reception on a visit to church to act out a Baptism. At the end of the week, we acted it out in class. We have also been strengthening our muscles in preparation for writing next year with our Dough Disco activities and Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle. It's always a fun filled week in Nursery!

Our Book of the Week: From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

Our Song of the week: Lots of our favourites!

Reminders:

Even though your child attends our Nursery, you still need to apply for their place at our school for Reception class in September 2025. Do it here:

[Primary school places - Durham County Council](#)

Upcoming dates:

Please see the autumn events list!

This week's Feast: Our Lady of the Rosary

The theme of the scripture: Pray for peace in our world.

Link to British Values: Mutual Respect

Looking for a good read?

Isla in Year Three recommends:

Isadora Moon Goes on a School Trip by Harriet Muncaster (age 6+)

"Isadora Moon is half vampire, half fairy...totally unique! She goes on a school trip with her dad and meets something spooky while she is on the trip (she goes to an old castle that is now a museum). Isadora and her dad have to help the creature that they find in a cupboard, in a small narrow door in the dungeon. Although it seems scary at first, it is actually friendly. I think people who like mysterious creatures might like this book. I give it five out of five stars because I really like stories that remind me of Halloween!"



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:
98.2%

Our attendance target is 97%



Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday Year Six swimming each Monday autumn first half term		
People's Kitchen Presentation	Monday 14 th October	-
Parent Consultation Evening (book on Arbor)	Tuesday 15 th October	3.30 – 5.45pm
Non-Uniform Day – People's Kitchen Donation	Wednesday 16 th October	-
Nursery New Starters Stay & Play	Wednesday 16 th October	9.15 – 10am
Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 16 th October	-
Parent Consultation Evening (book on Arbor)	Thursday 17 th October	3.30 – 5.45pm
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 17 th October	-
Year Three Visit Oriental Museum	Friday 18 th October	-
Year Four Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 18 th October	9am
Reception & Year Six Height & Weight Checks	Friday 18 th October	-
Whole School Harvest Mass	Tuesday 22 nd October	9.30am
Nursery New Starters Stay & Play	Tuesday 22 nd October	1.15-1.45
Year Two Visit Locomotion Museum	Wednesday 23 rd October	-
Year One Diwali Workshop	Thursday 24 th October	-
Halloween Disco – Friends of All Saints'	Thursday 24 th October	3.30 – 4.30 infants 4.45 -5.45 juniors
Year One Visit Durham Cathedral	Friday 25 th October	-
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 25 th October	-
School Reopens for New Half Term	Monday 4 th November	-
Reception, Years 1 & 2 Phonics for Families	Tuesday 5 th November	9am

A full list of dates planned so far in autumn term is available on our school website: allsaintslanchester@bwcet.com

Clubs available this half term:

Monday Curling Y2 – Y6	Tuesday Fencing Y2 – Y6	Wednesday Young Leaders Y2 – Y5	Thursday Wheelchair Basketball Y3 – Y6	Friday Football Rec – Y2
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Sign up on Arbor - £1.50 per session

French and Brass available on a lunchtime

Wrap-around care available from 7.45am – 5pm each day