

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**



We have had a week full of visitors and it's no surprise that each and every one of them have loved being inside All Saints'! On Tuesday, we had a visitor looking at how special our Nursery, Reception and Year One classes are! On Wednesday we welcomed Bishop Stephen, Fr. Charles and Deacon Peter with a Q&A for the Bishop and then a Mass led by Year Five and Year Two. It was a marvellous morning. Finally, yesterday another visitor came to look at the work in books, our lunchtime and how the children could talk about what they were learning and again, she was very impressed. It is a privilege to have such fantastic, enthusiastic children here at All Saints'...they're the best around!

EYFS Open Morning – Tomorrow 10-11.30am

Our EYFS unit will be open tomorrow from 10 – 11.30am for prospective new families to look around on Saturday 5th October. All are welcome!

School Wellies

As the field is often wet, children must have wellies in school to access it. All classes have welly stores so please send them in with wellington boots from Monday otherwise they will not be able to go on the grass!

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.

Parishioners Invited to Worship

We would love to invite parishioners to our Celebration of the Word every half term. You are invited to join us on Monday to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary at 8.50am. Our Celebration of the Word will begin at approximately 9am and should last no longer than 30 minutes. Please do come along – you are very welcome in our school.

Year Four Visit to Ushaw Historic House

On Tuesday, Year Four will visit Ushaw - consent must be obtained on Arbor. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and wear school uniform with suitable outdoor clothing – thank you!

Family Consultation Evenings

Our Consultation Evenings are planned for the 15th and 17th October from 3.30 – 5.45pm and are available to book on Arbor now!

Ushaw House – Free Passes for Pupils in Receipt of Free School Meals

Attached to the newsletter is a poster showing the upcoming events at Ushaw Historic House and a flyer with a code for all families on free school meals to be able to access a free annual family pass, which will

get them into Ushaw for free for a year. This includes access to many of our big events such as car show, brick weekend, brass band performances as well as getting them a discount on all ticketed events. If you can, please make use of this!

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

For children in Key Stage Two, when your child signs into TTRS on the app or website to complete their weekly homework, you can click on the logo to login to Numbots using the same details (and vice versa). This will then have all the games available for pupils to play too!

Teatime Club

Please note that Tea Time Club finishes at 5pm and children must be collected by this time. We understand if there is an emergency and you arrive a little late to collect your child as a one off however, if you are late for your child routinely, you will be charged as Tea Time Club runs as a separate contract to school – thank you for your understanding!

Educational Visits

We are close to getting these out for the year. It takes a little time to book all trips, receive confirmation, book transport and collate prices...but we are getting there. Contributions for the visits will be via Arbor and it will also be on Arbor where consent will be required. Once the visit list is sent out, please get in touch if you'd like to discuss anything further or if you require any support. Thank you.

Daisy Chain – Neurodiversity Hub

Daisy Chain are the regional hub for Autism Central in the North East and Yorkshire, and specialises in strategies and approaches that are compatible with: Autism, ADHD, FASD, Sensory processing differences, anxiety and social and communication differences. To access Autism Central, your child can be either diagnosed, on the pathway or have been identified by a professional as having a need relating to the listed neurodiversities. To see events that are planned, please visit: [click here for the website.](#)

Reception and Year Six Open Welcome Liturgy

Please join us in church at 2.15pm on Friday for our Reception Class welcome liturgy which will be led by Year Six. It is always a very special event which highlights the great bond our buddies have made with each other at the first year of their primary school journey and the last year of their primary school journey!

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Players of the Week:

1st Ben (Y3), 2ⁿ Enea (Y4), 3rd Phoebe (Y6)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about the different parts of our bodies and what they can do. We have used our ears to listen to instruments and sounds outside; our noses to smell herbs and flavours; our eyes to spot things; our hands and feet to feel different textures; and our mouths to taste sweet, warm juice! In maths, we have been looking at repeats. We have sung songs and read stories with repeating phases... we even printed a repeating line pattern in our painting area. 'Belonging' is our new topic in R.E. which we started by talking about how we can make people feel welcome when they first start in Nursery.

Our Book of the Week: My Body by Jill McDonald

Our Song of the week: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Reminders:

Open Morning Saturday 5th October 10 – 11.30am

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 scripture: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

The theme of the scripture: Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.

Link to British Values: tolerance of others

Looking for a good read?

Lucie in Year Six recommends:

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling (age 10+)

"This is a really good book in the Harry Potter series. For most of the story, Dumbledore and Harry are looking for objects called horcruxes which each hide one seventh of Voldermort's soul. They hope to destroy all of them. This is an adventure book but also includes a lot of tragedy. I would also recommend that you read the previous books in the collection first to make sure that you understand this part of the story. One more book comes after this...and that is also a pretty good read (although not as good as The Order of the Phoenix which is my favourite book in the series).



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:
98.6%

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		
Parishioners Invited to Worship	Monday 7 th October	8.50am
Families invited to watch Fencing Club	Monday 7 th October	3.30pm
Year Four Visit Ushaw Historic House	Tuesday 8 th October	-
Year Six Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 9 th October	-
Reception & Year Six Welcome Liturgy	Friday 11 th October	2.15pm
Parent Consultation Evening (book on Arbor)	Tuesday 15 th October	3.30 – 5.45pm
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	-
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: allsaintslancaster@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