

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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I cannot believe how quickly we have moved through the first half term of the year – time really does fly when you're having fun! We had two great discos last night and, although there was a spooky atmosphere, they were a real TREAT! Thank you to our FoAS who are so very generous with their time and energy. We hope you all have a great half term – please be safe in the dark, around bonfires and fireworks. We look forward to seeing you on 4th November when we will celebrate All Saints' Day that will have taken place on 1st November and launch our CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY Action Plan! Enjoy some time off and thank you for all of your support since September.

We have again received compliments from outside establishments and visitors regarding the excellent behaviour and good manners; this means so much to us and we thank you for your keeping behaviour and good manners as a priority with our wonderful children.

Morning Bell: 8.45am

We are making some progress with children arriving after 8.45am – please continue to make it a priority to get your child to school on time so they have a calm and positive start to their day.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are in need of a number of lunchtime supervisors – if you know of anyone who would be interested in this role, please ask them to get in touch. It would be from 11.30am – 1pm each day and the role includes a free lunch!

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 Five Swimming Next Half Term

Year Five will be swimming next half term at the Louisa Centre every Monday from approximately 1.15p.m. – 2p.m. Pupils will travel to the leisure centre by coach; they will be collected at 12.40p.m. and will return to school at approximately 2.30p.m. If a child is unable to swim due to a medical reason, please inform us in writing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Earrings

If your child had their ears pierced over the summer holidays, they should have had adequate time to heal by now. **After half term, all children will be asked to remove their earrings – they will not be permitted to put tape over them.** Please ensure pupils remove their earrings at home before coming to school. We really appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

School Lunch Week After Half Term

Mrs. Walls sent out a message on Arbor regarding school lunches on Wednesday. Please log on to Arbor to state whether your child would like lunches or packed lunches. You can make these options flexibly if you remember to record your choice on Arbor. After half term, the menu will begin on Week Three. The menu is available on our website: [School Meals – All Saints' Catholic Primary School, Lanchester](#)

Petite Street Playtown



Thank you to Mrs. Butterfield who gave our pupils exclusive use of Petite Street for free to have the day learning through play. Our work in the curriculum related to people who help us was into practice here with role plays related to police officers, vets, taxi drivers, restaurant staff and more – thank you very much to Petite Street...we really appreciate your kindness!

Anti Bullying Week

The week beginning Monday 11th November is Anti-bullying week. Although topics such as bullying (face to face and online), healthy and unhealthy relationships, personal responsibility and kindness is covered within school regularly and as part of our curriculum, we will take the opportunity this week to attend some anti-bullying assemblies and do further work in class. On Tuesday 12th November, everyone is invited to come into school wearing odd socks. Wearing odd socks is a chance to demonstrate that, like odd socks, we are all different and unique but, on the inside, we are the same – human beings.

Children in Need

Friday 15th November is Children in Need; our School Council has asked for it to be a 'Spotty Day'. We would therefore like to invite the children to come into school wearing spots, the colour yellow or in Pudsey related attire – face paint is allowed but make up and jewellery are not. To raise money, our school council would like to organise a spotty art competition. It costs £1 to enter a spotty piece of art. One winner will be chosen from the infants and one from the juniors – winners will receive a prize. Please bring £1 and your art entry into school on Friday 15th November. As well as this, the whole school are going to take part in our annual Dance on the Spot Challenge where we keep Pudsey dancing all afternoon! Sponsorship forms and further information will be sent out on the first week back.

Times Table Rock Stars

Year Group of the Week: **Year Six**

Players of the Week:

1st Enea (Y4), 2nd Imogen (Y6), 3rd Martha C (Y6)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week we have been finding out all about Creation. We know that God made us and our world with love. As we shared the Creation Story in our TenTen sessions, we added actions for each of the different days as God added more and more to his wonderful creation. On Wednesday we enjoyed our trip on a big bus to Petite Street. It was so exciting going out all together! On Thursday we had a spooky day with our small snack oranges decorated as pumpkins, painting spiders and ending with the Halloween Disco...we always find that our days are busy with learning but very fun!

Our Book of the Week: God's Very Colourful Creation by Tim Thornborough

Our Song of the week: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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 scripture: Mark 10: 35 - 45

The theme of the scripture: Service to others.

Link to British Values: Democracy

Looking for a good read?

Bill in Year Five recommends:

New Kid by Jerry Craft (age 9+)

"This is a graphic novel about a boy called Jordan Banks; he is the new kid in school but he cannot find any friends. It is about friendship and being confident with the person that you are. I prefer to read graphic novels over books because I find the pictures and the words interesting and I like to read the character's speech."



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%

Our attendance target is 97%



Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday Year Five swimming each Monday autumn second half term		
School Reopens for New Half Term	Monday 4 th November	-
CAFOD Live Simply Award Launch	Monday 4 th November	-
Year Five Swimming Lessons Begin	Tuesday 5 th November	-
Reception, Years One & Two Phonics for Families	Tuesday 5 th November	9am
Nursery Families Stay & Play	Tuesday 5 th November	2.15-3pm
Year Five N'land Residential Parent Session	Tuesday 5 th November	3.30pm
Year One Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 6 th November	-
Year Six attend Mass	Thursday 7 th November	9.30am
Nursery Families Stay & Play	Thursday 7 th November	2.15-3pm
Year Five Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 8 th November	9am
School Clubs Begin	Monday 11 th November	-
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 11 th November	-
Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 12 th November	-
Year Six Residential Parent Session	Monday 11 th November	3.30pm
Phototronics School Photos	Wednesday 13 th November	-
Year Three Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 13 th November	-
Year Five attend Mass	Thursday 14 th November	9.30am
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November	-

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 Card Games Y2 – Y4	Wednesday Young Leaders Y2 – Y6	Thursday Lego Rec – Y3	Friday Football Rec – Y2
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Sign up on Arbor - £1.50 per session (£0 Card Games & Lego)

French and Brass available on a lunchtime

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