

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



Thank you for your generous donations to the People's Kitchen this week, the support of our community is always humbling. Thank you for your attendance at our consultations this week also, we hope you found them informative and useful. There were a range of positive comments recorded about All Saints'. Again, this means a lot to us! Three families who added a suggestion in the 'one thing we can improve box' related to parking: please can we ensure that we are parking safely, respectfully and legally. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children and wider community safe.

Morning Bell: 8.45am

We have seen a reduction in pupils coming into school late – thank you. Late arrival to school can interrupt learning and make pupils more anxious about entering their classroom. Our doors open at 8.40am and are closed at 8.45am. Thank you for getting your child to school on time!

Autumn Dates

An updated list of autumn term dates has been added to the website and will be attached to this email – all new dates are highlighted in yellow!

Educational Visits

The visits covering the whole year were emailed out to classes on Wednesday; please speak to us if you have not received a copy – thank you!

Halloween Disco

Tickets for the Halloween Disco are on sale now for £3 and must be purchased by Wednesday so our FoAS can ensure the tuck shop is adequately stocked! Children will not receive a paper ticket but they will be added to an attendance register. 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. Each child who attends will get a drink and a packet of crisps – they can bring an extra £2 for the tuck shop if they like. Pupils are welcome to dress up but it is not expected. If your child does choose to dress up, please ensure the costume isn't too scary and doesn't have any inappropriate or unsafe accessories – thank you!

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!

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.

Wellington Boots

If your child has not yet brought in a pair of wellies to school, please ensure they have some with them next week otherwise they won't be able to make the most of our outside space over the winter months!

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.

Salvation Army 'Be A Star' Present Appeal

If you would benefit from a little extra help to ensure your child receives a few gifts on Christmas morning, please contact me and speak to me in confidence. If you are aware of a family who may need help, likewise. Thank you very much!

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Players of the Week:

1st Phoebe (Y6), 2ⁿ Blake (Y6), 3rd Luke C (Y5)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

We have been exploring our senses this week in Nursery. We smelled a lot of scents (hot chocolate was our favourite) and we tasted a lot of different food that we read about in our book – everyone liked the salty pretzels, some people liked the fresh spinach but the cold, bumpy pickles were not well liked! Our Nursery pupils used some excellent descriptive words this week whether they were tasting, smelling, feeling, looking or listening out for different sounds. When we were in the hall this week, we started exploring some games to help us develop our core strength even more. The different crawling races were great fun, and they will help us next year when we start our writing in Reception!

Our Book of the Week: I Hear a Pickle by Rachel Isadora

Our Song of the week: Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake

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: Matthew 25: 40

The theme of the scripture: Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

Link to British Values: Individual liberty

Looking for a good read?

Charlie in Year Five recommends:

The Twits by Roald Dahl (age 7+)

"I like this book because it is very funny particularly when the monkeys and birds from the trees stick everything in the house to the ceiling so Mr. & Mrs. Twit think they are upside down when they are actually standing on the floor! Another great prank that is played in the Twits is when Mrs. Twit makes spaghetti bolognese with worms instead of pasta for Mr. Twit. Although they are married, Mr. and Mrs. Twit hate each other! I recommend this book to those who like to have a good laugh!"



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:
96.9%

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				
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	-		
Nursery & Reception Visit Petite Street	Wednesday 23 rd October	-		
Year One Diwali Workshop	Thursday 24 th October	-		
Halloween Disco – Friends of All Saints’: £3	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	-		
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	-		
Nursery Families Stay & Play	Thursday 7 th November	2.15-3pm		
Year Five Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 8 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
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				