

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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This week's newsletter is coming to you a day early because tomorrow is a teacher training day for staff so school is closed – we'll see you bright and early on Monday morning and we hope you have a lovely weekend!

Parishioner: Celebration of the Word

Parishioners and families are warmly invited to join us for Celebration of the Word on Wednesday 27th November, 9am. We'd love to see you there!

Lunchtime Supervisors

Closing date for this role is 4th December so please share the advert if you are able to. There is more than one vacancy available for January therefore we are hoping for as many people as possible to have the opportunity to join our happy and successful team.

Termly Safeguarding Newsletter

Earlier in the week, you should have received a termly safeguarding newsletter via Arbor. If you did not receive this, please double check that your Arbor notifications are switched on. If you are unable to view the newsletter, please get in touch and we will send you another copy.

Healthy School

We are a healthy school so please can I remind you that school snacks should be healthy, water only is allowed and, due to allergies, we are also nut free.

Individual Pupil Photos

All pupils in school will have their individual photos taken on Monday 13th January – this is the new date as last week's date was postponed.

Spring Term Dates

We will endeavour to get the spring term dates out to you in the coming fortnight so you ensure all events are in your diary!

Christmas Performances

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas productions; the rehearsals for our Nursery nativity, 'Wriggly Nativity' and 'Bethlehem the Musical' are well underway. May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support when encouraging the children to learn their lines and providing a range of wonderful costumes (details of which will be with you asap!) We are sure the performances will be very memorable. As usual, they will be held in church. There will be no tickets this year but please be mindful about how many adults are coming to watch your child...there are two showings of each performance so please consider which time is best for you. Following the infant and junior performances, there will be a retiring collection which will support a charity for asylum seekers. There will also be refreshments after each performance in the parish centre.

Travelling Cribs

We hope the infant children will work together over the season of Advent to ensure Mary & Joseph have a place to stay! Each night, beginning on Monday, a different child in Reception, Year One and Year Two will receive a Travelling Crib; we ask that they will keep it safe for one night. The travelling cribs include: the nativity story, a crib, a light, a prayer card and a colouring sheet. We hope the children enjoy the opportunity to have some prayerful time with their families, reflecting on the importance of preparing for Christmas and the coming of baby Jesus.

Afternoon Tea for Parishioners

On Tuesday 10th December, parishioners from All Saints' and St. Teresa's are invited to sign up to attend our festive afternoon tea. The sign up sheet is available at the back of either church.

First Holy Communion Outfits

If you have any old or unused First Holy Communion outfits that are in a good condition, please consider donating them to us so we can send them to another child who could make use of the outfit. On Saturday 8th February, 10am – 4pm, there is a pre-loved First Holy Communion event where families can try on and choose an outfit for their child – please see the attached leaflet. Dates and information regarding our First Holy Communion programme will be sent out before the end of term – thank you.

Attendance Letters

In line with our policy, each family will receive an attendance letter over the coming days, detailing your child's current attendance and whether a period of monitoring will be in place until the end of term (if your child's attendance is lower than 97%). You are able to see your child's current attendance on the Arbor app and, as always, we thank you for your support in getting our children to school. We know that illness is unavoidable and please note, our attendance registers in school mark reason for absence. If you receive a monitoring letter and you know your child has been absent with illness, be assured that we do too. As always, our door is open if you need to talk, ask any questions or seek any advice – thank you.

Consultation RSE

The consultation for the use of ten:ten resources to support our relationships education is now closed however, if you ever have any queries about our curriculum or would like to discuss any materials further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Lanchester's Christmas Tree Lighting

Good luck to our school representatives Lucie and Benny who will be turning on Lanchester's Christmas Tree Lights on Saturday evening. The event begins at 5.30pm and the lights will be switched on at 6pm – everyone is welcome to attend!

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we've enjoyed exploring the changes in the weather as autumn turns to winter. Finding and crushing the ice in the outdoor classroom was good fun if very cold. In our book this week, we found out about some changes to the trees as the seasons change and we spotted the bare branches on the trees outside too. We have made our own winter trees by tearing brown paper tape and adding cotton wool and silver, shiny materials to be the snow and frost. We have also been practising in the hall for 3rd December!

Our Book of the Week: Tree by Britta Teekentrup

Our Song of the week: We have been singing about donkeys and camels!

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:

Nursery Nativity: Tuesday 3rd December

This week's scripture: Mark 12: 28 – 34 – Catholic Social Teaching: Human Dignity

The theme of the scripture: Love your neighbour as yourself!

Link to British Values: All!

Looking for a good read?

Hannah in Year Four recommends:

Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (age 9+)

"Percy Jackson is the son of Poseidon and in this book Hades steals Zeus' thunder bolt and Percy Jackson has to go on a quest to retrieve the thunder bolt. Since Poseidon and Zeus are brothers, Zeus assumes his brother has stolen the thunder bolt for a joke but later realises that Hades actually stole it. I understand why this book is aimed at older children: it has twenty two chapters and sometimes characters die. There is lots of adventure and fighting. I recommend this book because it is exciting and has lots of cliff hangers!"



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:
97.2%

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 Closed – INSET	Friday 22 nd November	-
Parishioners Invited to Worship	Wednesday 27 th November	8.50am
Year Four Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 27 th November	-
Romans Classroom Workshops Y4, Y5, Y6	Thursday 28 th November	-
Year Three attend Mass	Thursday 28 th November	9.30am
Year Three Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 29 th November	9am
Year Four Parent Residential Meeting	Monday 2 nd December	3.30pm
Nursery Nativity	Tuesday 3 rd December	9.30am
Mrs. Stephenson Drop-in: focus SEND	Wednesday 4 th December	9am
Year Two Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 4 th December	-
Year Three & Four Drumming Concert – all welcome	Thursday 5 th December	10am
Year One Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 6 th December	9am
Festive Afternoon Tea for Parishioners	Tuesday 10th December	1.30pm
Pantomime	Wednesday 11 th December	-
Year Two Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 11 th December	-
Infant Nativity & Refreshments	Thursday 12 th December	10am
Junior Christmas Performance & Refreshments	Thursday 12 th December	1.30pm
Junior Christmas Performance & Refreshments	Friday 13 th December	10am
Infant Nativity & Refreshments	Friday 13 th December	1.30pm

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