

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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We've arrived at another Friday again and there's lots going on in school – our pupils in Year Three led the school in a wonderful Celebration of the Word this morning relating to Advent while Years Four, Five and Six enjoyed a Romans Day yesterday. Across our infants, preparations are well underway for the Christmas performances. Year One and Two also took time today to plant some seeds which will eventually grow into trees to support our local environment. We look forward to seeing the families of Nursery pupils on Tuesday for their Nativity in school.

Attendance Letters

Some families have received attendance letters today in line with our Trust policy. Please know that I am available to speak to directly about these if you wish. As a parent and a Head Teacher, I am aware of the communications you will be receiving. I monitor individual pupil attendance every day – this is something that is part of my role and is common place. If your child has been ill and has remained off school, I understand this and it has been logged. We appreciate your continued support and understand that you do not take the decision to keep pupils off school lightly. I also recognise all of the families that apply for a leave of absence officially too – this is also logged and is very much appreciated.

Christmas Plans

A letter has been sent out earlier today to pupils in Key Stage Two regarding costumes; thank you in advance for your support with this. Children in the infants have also received letters this week. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Earlier in the week, a letter was emailed home regarding ordering homemade gifts, our Christmas raffle and the staff's request for donations for a local foodbank rather than gifts this Christmas – thank you, as always, for your support...particularly at this busy time of year.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box will be available in the hall from Monday. Pupils can write cards for others and post them in the box. They will then be delivered across school. All cards must be clearly labelled with the name and surname initial and the class, of the recipient. Class lists are available from the school office.

Travelling Cribs

Our travelling cribs will be coming home with the infants over Advent...please give Mary and Joseph a place to stay for the night!

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.

Durham Music Service Christmas Concert

Attached is a leaflet for Durham Music Service's Christmas Concert. The bands will be performing in All Saints' Church on December 9th. As it's very local to you and a number of your pupils are in the band, please feel free to go along and show your support!

Milk within School

Children under five years old receive milk free of charge daily. Once a child turns five, parents can choose to pay for them to still receive milk via Cool Milk:

[Cool Milk](#)

This service is not run by or managed by school. Families will need to make an account with Cool Milk and make payments this way: we will hand out the milk to the children at lunchtime for Years One to Six and in class on an afternoon for Reception children. The cost of milk is currently 31p per day and families can choose to pay half termly, termly or for the whole year via the Cool Milk website and not via school. If you have any questions about the milk service, you can contact Cool Milk on 0800 321 3248. Please be aware that this service does not offer milk alternatives but only supplies cow's milk to schools.

Christmas Outreach

A range of pupils across school will be chosen to represent our school and spread some festive cheer to others. We will be inviting parishioners into school on Tuesday 10th December, visiting Lynwood House on Wednesday 18th December and walking to Willow burn on Thursday 19th December. We have also invited local residents to attend our Christmas Performances too – what a wonderful thing for our pupils to do in our local community.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have been trying on costumes and rehearsing in the hall to get ready for our Nativity. We have also been preparing for Advent: thinking of Advent promises we will try to keep to help us get our hearts ready for celebrating the birth of Jesus. In Maths, we have been looking at the number two and have explored repeating patterns with colour. In English we have played a variety of listening games...identifying animal noises and listening for the odd sound out...we have so many important jobs to do!

Our Book of the Week: The Birth of Jesus by Katherine Sully (which will be coming home with our travelling crib)

Our Song of the week: a lullaby to Baby Jesus

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](#)

This week's scripture: John 18:33 – Catholic Social Teaching: The Common Good

The theme of the scripture: Christ the King

Link to British Values: Rule of Law

Looking for a good read?

Josh in Year Three recommends:

Birds of Prey by Johanna Rohan (age 7+)

"This is a non-fiction book about birds of prey. It gives details about different birds of prey which are cool and elegant. My favourite are: the peregrine falcon whose top speed is 536 km per hour; the snowy owl who is camouflaged in the Arctic; and finally the andean condor vulture who has a wing span of over 3 metres. The book also tells us about endangered birds of prey: 25 types around the world are endangered because of habitat loss, poaching and pollution. I recommend this book to guys and girls who love birds of prey."



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:
96.1%

Our attendance target is 97%

Christmas Dates for Your Diary

Event	Class	Date	Time
YMT Residential Parent Information	Year Four	2 nd December	3.30pm
Sport Afternoon – PE Kit	Year Two	4 th December	-
Nativity	Nursery	3 rd December	9.30am
Mrs. Stephenson Drop-in: focus SEND	-	4 th December	9am
Year Two Sport Afternoon	Year Two	4 th December	
Drumming Performance	Years Three & Four	5th December	10am
Celebration of the Word/Assembly	Year One	6 th December	9am
Parishioners Afternoon Tea – in hall	Years Three & Four	10th December	1.30pm
Pantomime Visits School	Whole School	11 th December	-
Sport Afternoon – PE Kit	Year Two	11 th December	-
Infant Nativity & Refreshments	Rec – Year Two	12 th December	10am
Christmas Performance & Refreshments	Years Three – Six	12 th December	1.30pm
Christmas Performance & Refreshments	Years Three – Six	13 th December	10am
Infant Nativity & Refreshments	Rec – Year Two	13 th December	1.30pm
Christmas Party	Nursery, Rec & Y6.	16 th December	-
Handmade Christmas gifts home this week		17 th December	9.30am
Christmas Jumper & Lunch	Whole School	17 th December	-
Brass Performance	KS2	17th December	9.30am
Christmas Party	Years One & Two	18 th December	-
Singers to Lynwood House	Year Five	18th December	1.30 – 2.15ish
Singers to Willowburn	Year Six	19th December	9.30ish
Christmas Party	Years Three, Four & Five	19 th December	-
Advent Mass	Whole School	20 th December	9.30am