

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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Do you know how lucky we are to have such polite, inquisitive, hard working, funny pupils in school? I hope you all do realise because you'd be blown away if you read or heard all of the comments visitors, colleagues, inspectors, governors make about our children in school. We are so privileged and I promise to you all that, each and every day that we are in school and have the children in our care, our staff work tirelessly to maintain high expectations and encourage creativity, kindness, a sense of identity and learning. We are so fortunate. Speaking of visitors, this week, we've had seven opportunities for families to come into school, we've had two governors visit, Y6 attended Mass and we launched our Live Simply Award...thank goodness the weekend is here so we can have a rest!

Morning Bell: 8.45am

Although the traffic lights have been moved from outside school, there are still a number of children who are arriving after the bell. If a child misses 10 minutes each morning, that is nearly an hour of learning lost per week as the children settle to work immediately. Please ensure you arrive at school in time for the doors closing at 8.45am – thank you for your support with this.

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!

Village Voice

This month's school article for the Village Voice is attached. On our Facebook page, there is a post regarding an art competition that the newspaper is running – please do take a look if you don't receive the paper in person. Our page on Facebook is: All Saints' Catholic Nursery and Primary School, Lanchester.

New Dates Added for Autumn

Please note new dates have been added for this term: the Year Three and Four drumming performance, our brass musicians' Christmas concert and an event called Mrs. Stephenson Drop-in – SEND. This is a chance for anyone who'd like to run anything by myself and Mrs. Bryant regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It is a chance for you to discuss anything you'd like about your individual child but please note that you don't have to wait until this event to approach school – we are always available to help.

Snapchat

On this app, location is automatically turned on as a default setting. You will not want others to know the location of your child if they are using Snapchat. Parents are able to turn the location off. Please see attached an information sheet relating to Snapchat.

Sounds Write Phonics Workshops

Thank you to those who attended our workshops. Following requests, we plan to hold another workshop at the beginning of spring term related to mathematics in EYFS and Key Stage One. If you have any feedback related to the workshops, please send it in.

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 you to join us.

Anti Bullying Week

On Monday Anti-bullying Week begins. The children will complete work related to bullying (face to face and online) in school and our School Council will be delivering the Anti-bullying assembly #chooserespect. On Wednesday, our House Captains will deliver an assembly regarding our Child Safeguarding Policy and this will be sent out to families next week as part of our termly Safeguarding newsletter. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their odd socks on Tuesday 12th as a representation of the fact that we are the same but all unique like a pair of off socks!

Children in Need

Next 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! The Children in Need Sponsorship form has been sent home with your child today (one per family – in youngest sibling's bag).

Donation of Gifts for Christmas Raffle

If you are in a position to donate a gift or experience for the Christmas Raffle, please could you get in touch. As always, we really value your support and rely on fundraising opportunities to support school – THANK YOU!

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Players of the Week:

1st Blake (Y6), 2ⁿ Imogen (Y6), 3rd Luke (Y4)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

We have had lots of visitors in Nursery this week! It was wonderful to show our grown-ups around and tell them about our favourite things to do. Linked to our book of the week, we have been on a leaf hunt on the outside (finding leaves of different sizes and colours) and we built and used an obstacle course for an adventure just like the book. It was exciting. We went: over the mountain; through the forest; around the waterfall on stepping stones; and across the lake by boat. There are photographs on Facebook if you would like to see. We also spent sometime this week in the hall moving like crabs! We travelled in different directions and had lots of fun while we strengthened our muscles ready for writing next year.

Our Book of the Week: We Are Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger

Our Song of the week: We are learning lots of new songs so we can tell you all a very special story at Christmas time.

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 5: 1- 10 (Feast of All Saints)– Catholic Social Teaching: Preferential Option for the Poor

The theme of the scripture: How can we live like Saints?

Link to British Values: Tolerance of Different Faiths

Looking for a good read?

Alfie in Year Five recommends:

Holes by Louis Sachar (age 9+)

"This is a very interesting book and contains a lot of events that older children would find interesting. Although it is a book about digging holes, there is a lot of adventure that happens. My favourite character is called Hector Zeroni (or Zero as he's known in the book. He doesn't know how to read but he is a great mathematician and good at digging too. He is called Zero because he doesn't like to answer people's questions so they think he's stupid – but he's not). I like him because I like characters who are quiet but funny. I would give Holes 4.5 stars out of 5 because to get 5, it would have to be an absolutely perfect book but this is quite close!"



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:
96.3%

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 Clubs Begin	Monday 11 th November	-		
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 11 th November	-		
Year Six Residential Parent Session	Monday 11 th November	3.30pm		
Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 12 th November	-		
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	-		
Year Five Sport Afternoon	Wednesday 20 th November	-		
Mrs. Stephenson Drop-in: focus on SEND	Wednesday 4 th December	9am		
Year Four attend Mass	Thursday 21 st November	9.30am		
School Closed – INSET	Friday 22nd 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	Friday 28 th November	9.30am		
Year Three Class Celebration – all welcome	Friday 29 th November	9am		
Year Three & Four Drumming Concert – all welcome	Thursday 5 th December	10am		
Brass Performance – all welcome	Tuesday 17 th December	9.30am		
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
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				