

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



Wow – what a week! Anti-bullying, odd socks, Children in Need and, to top it all off, a Catholic School Inspection team joined us to enjoy the learning too! The report will be published officially in the coming weeks but for now, please let me say that our **children were simply marvellous**. Their excellent behaviour and joy at being a part of All Saints' school was commented upon again and again and again! They showcased the best of us and, the most wonderful part of that was...they were no different to how they always behave. We are privileged with our pupils. Thank you to all families, parishioners and governors for the support provided. To our parents, the daily respect and kindness you show to us means the world.

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for your generosity to Children in Need. The donations have been counted and we have raised an amazing **£1109!** WOW! In addition, our children had a spot-acular day and a very well deserved day of FUN!

The spotty art competition entries were absolutely fantastic right across school! Well done to everyone who created a masterpiece. Congratulations to the winners of the competition:
Infant: Mabel in Year Two
Junior: Dana in Year Three
Excellent work!

Anti bullying Week: Child Safeguarding Policy

During this busy week we have also launched a child-friendly version of our Safeguarding Policy. Amelia, Aleesha, Madison and Izzy from Year Six, led an assembly informing all our children what to do if they or anyone they know are being hurt in anyway. The Policy and "Help Me" forms are now accessible to every child in school.

Christmas Craft Afternoon

We have attached a flyer from Lanchester Methodist Church this week. They are holding a Christmas Craft session on Saturday 30th November between 2 – 4pm and all are invited to attend.

Changes to Routine of Pupil Photographs

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding in regards to the changes in routine this week. We will get the new date to you asap for

individual pupil photos.

Parking

On behalf of our neighbours, we ask that you show consideration when parking at drop off and pick up times. We have developed very good relationships with the people who live next to our school over the years and ask that you help us to maintain these relationships by offering every courtesy when parking. Thank you so much.

Lunchtime Supervisors

The advert is now live and the link has been shared on our Facebook page (you can access this page from the home page on our website) – please, PLEASE take a look if you're interested and share it with local friends and neighbours. Many thanks.

Trip Payment for Romans

Our friends from Durham University's Learning Team will be visiting Years Four, Five and Six on Thursday November 28th. They will be bringing lots of Roman artefacts to school and will be teaching the children all about an important artefact found at the Lanchester Roman Fort. Please make contributions for this enriching activity on Arbor as usual.

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.

Inset Day – Friday 22nd November

A reminder that school will be closed next Friday for staff training.

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Players of the Week:

1st Ben (Y3), 2nd Enea (Y4), 3rd Blake (Y6)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have been thinking about how we are all different (like odd socks) but we are all just as important as each other. We have also remembered the soldiers who went to fight in wars and have begun to think about why we wear poppies. In RE we have started to learn about how we get ready for Christmas and the Advent Wreath. In maths we have been looking at the number two. We are also still working on a special story that we can show you in a few weeks' time!

Our Book of the Week: Our book of the week is Where the Poppies Now Grow

Our Song of the week: Our song has been about angels and shepherds

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, 9.30am

This week's scripture: Luke 17: 11 – 19 – Catholic Social Teaching: Participation

The theme of the scripture: Talking to God: Jesus, please can you help? Thank you, Jesus.

Link to British Values: Individual liberty

Looking for a good read?

Lucy in Year Four recommends:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling (age 8+)

"This is the fifth book in the series of Harry Potter books. I have read the first four and I am now half way through this story. It is a very dramatic book with lots of excitement. I like that I am meeting characters that have already appeared in the other stories."



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:
99.2%

Our attendance target is 97%



Dates for Your Diary

| Event | Date | Time |
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| Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday Year Five swimming each Monday autumn second half term | | |
| Year Five Sport Afternoon | Wednesday 20 th November | - |
| 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 Four Parent Residential Meeting | Monday 2 nd December | 3.30am |
| Nursery Nativity | Tuesday 3 rd | 9.30am |
| Mrs. Stephenson Drop-in: focus on SEND | Wednesday 4 th December | 9am |
| Year Three & Four Drumming Concert – all welcome | Thursday 5 th December | 10am |
| Year One Class Celebration – all welcome | Friday 6 th December | 9am |
| 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:

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| 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