

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



A massive WELL DONE to the infants who performed Wriggly Nativity beautifully this week and to the juniors who performed Bethlehem the Musical outstandingly! From feedback, the whole community was blown away by the high standard of the singing and speaking and the enthusiasm shown by all children. What a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas...by such fantastic children!

Thank you so much for your extremely generous donations for CAFOD World Gifts. On Monday, each class will be given an amount of money to spend on the items that we want to send to our global family...we'll let you know what the children have chosen to give (and their reasons for doing so) next week. Thank you for your kindness and support, as always. Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for providing such wonderful costumes for the children – they simply were fantastic.

Sacramental Preparation

The information went out via email yesterday. Please note that on Thursday 13th February, **it is an informaton session at 6pm not a Mass.** This will take place in the parish centre – thank you.

Spring Dates

The dates for Spring Term are attached to this email and are also available on our school website (Families Tab). As always, we do not expect to have to change any dates or times but if we need to, we will let you know as soon as possible – thank you.

Raffle – Next Week!

The raffle will be drawn next week and there are a range of fantastic prizes available. There is still time to send back tickets or buy more before the raffle is drawn next week. Thank you for supporting the Friends of All Saints' to raise money for another outdoor play structure – many thanks!

Christmas Mass

On the final day of term, please consider joining us for Mass -9.30 am- at All Saints' church. Year Six will lead us and it is always a joyful, enthusiastic celebration. All are welcome!

Christmas Parties

Your child can come into school on the day of their party dressed in their party clothes; if the weather is wet, please ensure your child has separate shoes suitable for outdoors and a warm coat. On the morning of the party, the children will stay with their classes and then they will have their party on the afternoon where they will play games, have party food and may be visited by a special visitor...or two!

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 17th December, pupils are welcome to come into school dressed in their uniform with a Christmas jumper as we enjoy our Christmas lunch together as one family!

Nursery & Reception Pyjama Day

On Wednesday 18th December, pupils in EYFS are invited to come into school wearing their pyjamas for a special, festive treat day. Once they are in school, they can change into their slippers and dressing gowns!

Swimming

Year Five will continue to swim on a Monday after Christmas until the end of half term.

Music Performance

Our brass musicians will be performing on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30 a.m. Please come along to join us and celebrate their hard work!

PACT House

Our staff are always overwhelmed by the kindness you show. This year, if you were thinking of buying a gift for a staff member, please consider a food donation instead. We will be making a visit to PACT house on Wednesday (in time for Christmas) so please get any donations to us for the food bank before then – thank you!

Year Four Decider Skills

After Christmas, our Year Four pupils will begin a six week programme, delivered by the NHS, called Decider Skills. This course helps children and young people to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours allowing them to monitor and manage their own emotions. We have had great success with this therapy in the past!

Phototronics – Individual Photos

The rearranged date for the pupils to have their individual photos taken is Monday 13th January, 2025!

Times Table Rock Stars

Year Group of the Week: **Year Four**

Players of the Week:

1st Lucy (Y4), 2nd Luke B (Y4), 3rd Harrison H (Y5)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have been doing lots to help us prepare for Christmas. We have been out on another walk to the post box to post some more Christmas cards to our families. One of our hands was painted green as part of making a decoration. At the end of the week, we got very sticky creating our edible Christmas trees, but don't worry, the children at the beginning of the week will get to make theirs on Monday or Tuesday. On Wednesday, all of Nursery were in together to enjoy our annual pantomime. It's been a busy but fun filled week!

Our Book of the Week: Is it Christmas? by John Prater

Our Song of the week: When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney

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: Luke 3: 1-6 – Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

The theme of the scripture: The Second Sunday of Advent – be patient, be ready.

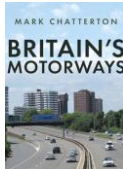
Link to British Values: Tolerance

Looking for a good read?

Harrison in Year Five recommends:

Britain's Motorways by Marc Chatterton

"This is a non-fiction book that tells you all about motorways. My favourite motorway is included in this book which is the A1. Did you know that the A1 is the longest motorway in Britain? It tells you about the main motor ways (the motorways which names begin with A and M). There are also some smaller motorways, for example the A38 (Birmingham), A167 (Newcastle) and the M606 (Leeds). I love reading and learning about motorways because it helps me to draw them. I would recommend this book to people who go on long car journeys or people who like roads, like me!"



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:
93.1%

Our attendance target is 97%

Christmas Dates for Your Diary

Event	Class	Date	Time
Christmas Party	Nursery, Rec & Y6.	16 th December	-
Handmade Christmas gifts home this week	-	17 th December	9.30am
Raffle Drawn	-	17 th December	-
Christmas Jumper & Lunch	Whole School	17 th December	-
Brass Performance	KS2	17 th December	9.30am
Christmas Party	Years One & Two	18 th December	-
Nursery & Reception Pyjama Day	EYFS	18 th December	-
Singers to Lynwood House	Year Five	18 th December	1.30 – 2.15ish
Singers to Willowburn	Year Six	19 th December	9.30ish
Christmas Party	Years Three, Four & Five	19 th December	-
Advent Mass: Year Six Lead	Whole School	20 th December	9.30am
School Reopens for Spring Term	-	6 th January	-