

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas! It has been a cold yet exciting first week back in school with everyone enjoying seeing each other again! Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your flexibility and patience whilst we have navigated the wintry conditions this week. We are hoping for some warmer temperatures next week! If I did have to close the school due to inclement weather, I would inform you initially by an in-app message on Arbor. An email would follow as would notifications on our website and social media.

Our pupils are having their individual photographs taken on Monday and we look forward to another week jam-packed with learning! Below are some of the key messages for you. Please also remember that key spring dates have already been published on our website (Families – Letters/Newsletters tab).

Reception Visit the Great North Museum

On Thursday our Reception pupils are visiting the Great North Museum to support their learning in class. Pupils will need to wear their uniform. Consent and a voluntary payment for this experience must be made on Arbor before Thursday please.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are thrilled to have recruited three new lunch supervisors and are waiting for them to join us very soon. Once we are able to, we'll introduce them to our school community!

Parking

Please ensure you are parking responsibly and safely around school, particularly when the weather is bad. I completely understand that parking is more difficult when the carpark is icy however this is not an excuse for dangerous or illegal parking. We work very hard to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and we ask for your support with this.

Pre-loved First Holy Communion Dresses

A 'pop up' event for First Holy Communion Dresses will be held at Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust on Saturday 8th February, 10am – 4pm (leaflet attached). If you borrowed any items last year, please clean and return them. We would be grateful for any items you'd like to donate if you have dresses/accessories/trousers/ties in your home too. Thank you.

Free School Meal for Every Child

On Thursday 16th January, all pupils can receive a free school meal as part of our 'celebrating together' event. You should have received an email about this earlier in the week! If you have any questions, please

do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Walls via our school office.

Online Safety

From speaking to the children, I am aware that Father Christmas was very generous and left lots of devices which connect to the internet under the Christmas trees of lots of pupils! Here's a reminder of a very important website which supports adults with parental controls and further information about games:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Roblox

Roblox continues to be a very popular platform and loved by many children in school; it is a fun online gaming platform and can be very educational. Please make sure you are aware of some of the risks of Roblox:

[7 things parents should know about Roblox and child safety](#)

Year Four Decider Skills

Our Year Four pupils have had the first of six decider skills sessions this week which help them to focus on identifying and managing their emotions. The pupils were positive about the first session and look forward to learning more next week...maybe they can teach you some calming techniques if you ask them at home!

STAR Project

We are one of a small number of schools across Country Durham working on this project for the next year which focuses upon resilience and peer mentoring. Our first group of children spoke to a visitor this week about their experiences of school and we have an assembly coming up soon. We spoke about the importance of having a positive mental attitude and resilience within school so if you notice your child showing these traits at home, please compliment them on doing so!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Players of the Week:

1st Finan (Y4), 2nd Hannah (Y4), 3rd Isla D (Y3)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed exploring the snow and ice! As we couldn't get to the field for Welly Wednesday, we used the trays in the outside area and dripped warm water on ice blocks to free the contents. We rescued two dinosaurs from the ice! We also used water colours and poster paint and painted on ice cubes and sheets of ice. It was good fun but very cold! To help us when we start writing in Reception, we used the benches and PE tables to strengthen our core muscles by crawling, balancing and jumping. That was also good fun and much warmer! In RE we started our new topic which is all about Celebrations and talked about lots of different celebrations we have experienced.

Our Book of the Week: Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Our Song of the week: Hop Little Bunnies

Reminders: Label your child's belongings please

Upcoming dates:

Please see the spring events list!

This week's scripture: Matthew 2: 1- 12

The theme of the scripture: Epiphany

Link to British Values: Individual liberty

Looking for a good read?

Zeb in Year Four recommends:

The Wild Robot Protects by Peter Brown (age 7+)

"This is about a friendly robot called Roz who started off living on an island but then rescued a baby bird and named Brightbill. As Roz is wild, she was captured by another group of robots called Recos and she has to escape. When she returns to the island, she notices a poisonous tide from a mining facility. Roz and an ancient shark must attack the mining facility called the Juggernaut. I recommend this book to children who like robots, adventure and suspense."



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:
92.3%

Our attendance target is 97%



Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time		
<p>Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday Year Five swimming each Monday: spring first half term</p>				
Phototronics Individual Pupil Photos	Monday 13 th January	-		
School Council work with Eco Schools	Tuesday 14 th January	-		
Year Five Sport Afternoon – PE kit please	Wednesday 15 th January	-		
Year Three attend Mass	Thursday 16 th January	9.30am		
Reception Visit Great North Museum	Thursday 16 th January	-		
Year Four Sport Afternoon – PE kit please	Wednesday 22 nd January	-		
Year Three attend Mass	Thursday 23 rd January	9.30am		
Launch of Jubilee Year: 'Pilgrims of Hope'	Friday 24 th January	-		
<p>A full list of dates planned so far in spring term is available on our school website: allsaintslanchester@bwcet.com</p>				
<p>Clubs available this half term:</p>				
<p>Monday Drawing R – Y2</p>	<p>Tuesday Fencing Y3 – Y6</p>	<p>Wednesday Relax Kids</p>	<p>Thursday Show Tunes Y3 – Y6</p>	<p>Friday Sports Games Rec – Y2</p>
<p>Sign up on Arbor French and Brass available on a lunchtime</p>				
<p>Wrap-around care available from 7.45am – 5pm each day</p>				