

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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It has been a wonderful first week back in school, helped along by the sunshine that we experienced at the beginning of the week: it certainly lifted everyone's spirits! At the beginning of the week, I shared our [Safeguarding Newsletter](#) for the Spring Term which had a particular focus on internet safety. This linked nicely to the content of the online safety session that our Key Stage Two pupils participated in on Monday, led by [Durham Police](#). Yesterday, we enjoyed a fantastic [World Book Day](#) with pupils and staff embracing the joy of reading across the school. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible amount of [£277](#) that was raised from our 'Break the Rules Day'. Max and Ben spoke to all classes yesterday and have devised a list of the books that are on their wish list. I will happily spend your generous donations on some wonderful new texts for the children! The surprise flurry of snow this morning didn't dampen our spirits, especially as [Year One began the day with a thoughtful and confident Celebration of the Word](#). Finally, this week, our [Nursery Stay and Play](#) sessions were a real highlight, giving families a lovely opportunity to see learning in action. Our [Smallest Saints](#) World Book Day theme was also a hit...if you know any families with babies or toddlers at home, please pass on the details of our successful playgroup!

First Holy Communion Applications

A reminder that completed application forms for the First Holy Communion programme need to be handed in to Fr. Edih or Deacon Peter at Mass by **Sunday 8th March** otherwise your child will be unable to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year.

Thank You to the Parish for their Financial Contribution

A sincere thank you to our parish for their financial contribution to our Year Four pupils' Youth Village residential. They significantly support the costs of the opportunity for all pupils to develop their spiritual understanding and prayer life. We are lucky to have such kind and supportive parishioners.

Lent and Holy Week

Please see table of events for Lent: everyone is warmly welcome:

| Event | Date | Time & Venue |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Stations of the Cross | 25.03.26 | 9am – 9.30am – hall |
| Class Prayer Stations | 30.03.26 | 3.20pm – 4pm – hall |
| Egg Decorating | 31.03.26 | 3.20pm – 4pm – hall |
| Retelling of Holy Week | 01.04.26 | 9am – school hall |
| Easter Mass | 02.04.26 | 9.30am – church |
| Big Lent Walk | 02.04.26 | 1.30pm – school yard |

Upcoming Visits

In the coming weeks, a number of classes will be going on educational visits that will enhance their curriculum learning. All financial contributions and consent will be obtained via Arbor. If you have any problem with finding this information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Swimming Cancelled

We have received notification from the Louisa Centre that the planned swimming lesson for Monday 16th March has been cancelled so pupils will not need their swimming kit on that day.

Coffee Morning – focus on neurodivergence: 18th March, 9-10.30

All families are welcome (whether your child has a diagnosis, is on the SEND register or not). This session, led by Durham's SEND team, will support all families with practical tips – we do hope you consider coming along! There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout the presentation.

Year Three Basketball: Change of Date

Please note, Year Three's Basketball event will now take place next Friday 13th March at Consett Leisure Centre (rather than Wednesday 11th). Children will need to be dressed in the school P.E. kit (green All Saints' top) and have water with them on the day – thank you!

Parent Consultation Evenings

Appointments for Parents' Evening are now live on Arbor. Please ensure you book because attending parents' evening is important; it strengthens communication between home and school, helping ensure every student gets the support they need to thrive.

Year Six Residential

Medical as well as photo consents (paper copies), a kit list and the final information (via email) for Year Six's adventurous camping residential were sent out on Tuesday; if you did not receive a copy, please let us know – thanks!

Spring Clean Lanchester: Saturday 7th March between 9:00 and 12:00

Lanchester's Annual Litter Pick will take place tomorrow between 9am – 12 noon. The tent with litter picking sticks, bags, hoops and maps will be on the Village Green. It would be wonderful to see families join in! Children should wear strong shoes, bright clothing and gloves.

Terry Deary Event

Attached is information regarding an event at Burnhope Community centre with the author Terry Deary – please take a look!

[Tesco Stronger Starts – All Saints' are part of the competition!](#)

Consett Genesis Extra DH8 5XP

Annfield Plain Superstore DH9 7UZ

Consett Durham Road Express DH8 8RX

Times Table Rock Stars
Year Group of the Week: **Five**
Players of the Week:
1st Arlo R. (Y5), 2nd Ben (Y6), 3rd Lucy (Y5)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

What a fun first week back we've had in Nursery. We loved having our grownups in to Stay and Play and finding a range of different book characters on a scavenger hunt. On Wednesday, we planted bean seeds as part of our work on this half term's traditional tale: Jack and the Beanstalk. During this lesson, we learned a new word: germinate. On Thursday, we had such fun listening to lots of stories dressed as our favourite characters for World Book Day. It's been another busy but wonderful week!

Our Book of the Week: Once there were giants by Martin Waddel

Our Song of the week: Mary Had a Little Lamb



This week's scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Link to Catholic Social Teaching: [Solidarity](#)– “God created us as one global family called to support our sisters and brothers..”

Link to British Values: individual liberty

Looking for a good read?

George and Astrid in Reception recommends:

Little Red Hen (age 3+)

“In this story there is a pig, a cat, a rat and a hen. Hen is trying to grow wheat but his friends don't help him. He asks them to help plant the corn, water the corn, weed the corn and cut the corn. The animals say no so they are not kind. At the end, Little Red Hen makes a giant loaf of bread and the animals ask if they can eat it but Little Red Hen says no because they didn't help him make it.”



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs. Stephenson; Mrs. Conlin;
Mrs. Dunn; and Mrs. Pearson
Mrs. Turnbull (governor)

Our SENDCO is:

Mrs. Bryant
Mrs. Turnbull (governor)

ATTENDANCE

This week's whole school
attendance has been:
96.2%

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: spring second half term | | |
| Parents Evening (Y1 only) | Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th March | |
| Parents' Evening (R – Y6) | Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th March | |
| Year Four Attend Weekly Mass (Reconciliation session with Catechists) | Thursday 12 th March | 9.30am |
| Year Two visit Beamish Museum | Thursday 12 th March | |
| Reception Class Mother's Day Assembly: families welcome | Friday 13 th March | 9am |
| Year Three Basketball Event | Friday 13 th March | |
| Year Five Swimming Cancelled Today | Monday 16 th March | |
| Coffee Morning: DCC SEND Team | Wednesday 18 th March | 9 – 10.30am |
| Year Five Residential | Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 th March | |
| Year Four Attend Weekly Mass (Reconciliation session with Catechists) | Thursday 19 th March | |
| First Reconciliation | Thursday 19 th March | 6pm |
| Year Two Class Assembly: families welcome | Friday 20 th March | |
| Smallest Saints Baby & Toddler Group: Easter Theme | Tuesday 24 th March | 9.15am |
| Cricket Taster Day: Durham Cricket | Tuesday 24 th March | |

A full list of dates planned so far in spring term is available on our school website: allsaintslanchester@bwcet.com

Clubs available this half term:

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| Monday SATS Booster Y6 | Tuesday SATS Booster Y6 Origami Y3 – Y6 | Wednesday | Thursday SATS Booster Y6 Chat & Chill R – Y2 | Friday Sports Games R – Y3 |
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Sign up on Arbor

French and Brass available on a lunchtime

Wrap-around care available from 7.45am – 5pm each day

Smallest Saints

Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Thursday 12th February
9.15 – 10.15
Valentine's

Tuesday 3rd March
9.15 – 10.15
World Book Day

Tuesday 24th March
9.15 – 10.15
Easter

Come into All Saints' school and join us to play, sing, explore and have fun...all families welcome!
Newborn children to four years old Free entry Experienced staff
Come along for refreshments and a chance to socialise!