

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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This week has been filled with wonderful moments that highlight the strength and spirit of our school community. We were delighted to welcome families into school for Parents' Evening and to share in the children's ongoing journey of learning. On Thursday, our preparation for Year Four's Sacrament of Reconciliation took place with our catechists. Our pupils have enjoyed enriching experiences, from Year Two's educational visit to Beamish to Year Three's morning of playing basketball. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our beautiful Reception Class' Mother's Day assembly. We wish all our mams and special ladies in our lives a restful (!) and happy Mothering Sunday.

### Egg Decorating

On Tuesday 31st March, we will be holding an egg decorating competition in school. Please send your child to school on Tuesday with two hard-boiled eggs. (We ask for two per child in case there are any accidents!) If your child would like to make a particular character/design and would like to bring in any specific materials for their egg, that is fine. Otherwise, we will provide lots of craft materials. Following this, a 1st, 2nd, 3rd winner will be announced from each class. We will open the school doors at 3.20pm so families can come and view the fantastic creations (they'll be displayed in the hall) – we're all eggstatic at the thought of an afternoon of eggy craft!

### Mass Led by Year Six

Our Lenten Mass will be led by Year Six and is such a special event in our school calendar; everyone is welcome to join us for it on Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 9.30a.m.

### Prayer Stations

Each class will design a prayer station for Holy Week and these will be available for families to use on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.20p.m. – 4p.m.

### Year Five: Retelling of Holy Week

Our Year Five pupils will be acting out the events of Holy Week – from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and all adults are welcome to come along (whether your child is in Year Five or not). Please join us on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9a.m. in the school hall. I promise it will be a moving, thoughtful and prayerful experience which our pupils will be proud to lead.

### Big Lent Walk

In God's eyes, we are one global family, called to be neighbours, which means we're thrilled to support CAFOD again this year for their Big Lent Walk. Come along at 1.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to raise money for CAFOD.

### Year One Phonics Workshop

Families of pupils in Year One are invited to a parent information workshop related to the statutory Phonics Screening Check in Year One on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30pm. This will be led by Mrs. Daniels and will give practical tips about how to support your child at home with their phonics and the expectations of the check. Your child will be able to stay with a staff member in school for the duration of the meeting. Many thanks!

### Feedback Requested for School's Link to Our Parish

As part of the Diocese's current journey of discernment, Bishop Stephen has asked all parishes and schools to reflect together on how we can grow in faith, community and mission. Our parish is gathering feedback to help understand what helps families feel connected, as well as any barriers that make belonging more difficult. Because our school community has daily contact with children and families, your insights are especially valuable in this process. We warmly invite you to share your thoughts on our relationship with the parish—what works well, what could be strengthened and what would help you feel more at home in parish life. Your reflections will be shared with the parish as part of their diocesan submission and will help shape the future of our faith community. If you have any comments that you would like to share (they can be kept anonymous), please email them into school/send thoughts via Arbor by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for taking part in this important moment for our school and parish family.

### Free Taster Lesson for Lunchtime French

We have French Clubs on a lunchtime in school that your child can attend. They are run by Mrs. Biasi. Please see the attached poster!

### Lanchester Cricket Club - All Stars 2026

Bookings are now live for this summer's All Stars Cricket programme starting 15th May until 10th July. All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed eight weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Places are limited. Book now using this [link](#):

### 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: **Four**

Players of the Week:

**1<sup>st</sup> Harriet (Y4), 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom (Y4), 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackson (Y6)**

## Small Saints: news from our nursery

You won't believe what a busy time we've had in Nursery this week. There's so much going on at school, we deserve a rest this weekend! We've enjoyed planting peas and sweet peas in the outdoor classroom (when the weather has been good for us), we've spent a lot of time making a special treat for our wonderful mummies to enjoy on Sunday, we've been mathematicians, looking at the numerals from 1 – 5 and we (eventually) had our first core strength session outside in the lovely spring sunshine...phew, what a wonderful week!

**Our Book of the Week:** Bud by Laura Hambleton

**Our Song of the week:** Miss Polly Had a Dolly



**This week's scripture:** John 4: 5 - 42

**Link to Catholic Social Teaching:** [Human Dignity](#)– “We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.”

**Link to British Values:** tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

## Looking for a good read?

Athena in Year One recommends:

**Bun on the Run by Halls and Jevons (age 3+)**

“In this book, an iced-bun with a cherry on top has to run away from a white and brown dog, an orange cat, a goose with a pointy beak and a fast crow because they all want to eat it. This story is like, The Gingerbread Man except the bun says, “You can't catch me, I'm Bernard the Bun.” At the end, the crow, the dog, the goose and the cat decide to all chase a chocolate éclair because they didn't get the bun so they still want something to eat!”



**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:  
97.5%

**Our attendance target is 97%**



# Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday		
Year Five swimming each Monday: spring second half term		
Year Five Swimming Cancelled Today	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	
Coffee Morning: DCC SEND Team	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9 – 10.30am
Year Five Residential	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year Four Attend Weekly Mass (Reconciliation session with Catechists)	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	
First Reconciliation	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm
Year Two Class Assembly: families welcome	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Smallest Saints Baby & Toddler Group: Easter Theme	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am
Cricket Taster Day: Durham Cricket	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Parishioners invited to Celebration of the Word	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9am
Year Four Residential	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Fair Trade Tuck Shop	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Boys' Cross Country Final	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Class Prayer Stations	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.20 – 4pm
Egg Decorating	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	3.20 – 4pm
Retelling of Holy Week: Year Five	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9am
Lenten Whole School Mass: Year Six Lead	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am
Big Lent Walk	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1.30pm
School Closes	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	
School Re-opens for Summer Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	
Parent Workshop for Year One Screening Check	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm

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

## Clubs available this half term:

<b>Monday</b> SATS Booster Y6	<b>Tuesday</b> SATS Booster Y6 Origami Y3 – Y6	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b> SATS Booster Y6 Chat & Chill R – Y2	<b>Friday</b> 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 12<sup>th</sup> February  
9.15 – 10.15  
Valentine's 

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
9.15 – 10.15  
World Book Day 

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!