

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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It has been a wonderful, sunny week in school. Year Five have been blessed with good weather for their **residential to Northumberland**. We hope Year Four are as lucky next week! Thank you to the families who joined us for our **coffee morning** on Tuesday. The children had a lovely **delivery of new books** across school on Wednesday; they're already being devoured by our pupils! Finally, **our Year Two pupils set us up for a joyful Friday by leading us in worship this morning. Voting is open in Tesco stores for another week or two and we'd love any extra tokens you (or your family and friends) could collect – thank you!**

### Reconciliation

Seven of our Year Four children made their First Reconciliation last night, an extremely important Sacrament that helps to develop our personal relationship with God. We thank Paula, Deacon Peter, Fr. Edih and our children's parents for their guidance, encouragement and support. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

### Cricket Taster Day: Reception to Year Six

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, please send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit as each class will experience a cricket lesson led by Durham Cricket Foundation.

### Healthy School Status

As part of our Healthy School commitment, I'd like to remind families that children should bring water only, not juice or fizzy drinks, for hydration throughout the day. If your child has juice in their water bottle, it will be replaced with water. Please also ensure that snacks are healthy options (such as fruit, vegetables or cheese). This also links with our expectations for packed lunches. Please ensure that packed lunches follow healthy guidelines and do not contain nuts.

### Egg Decorating

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 egg craft!

### Easter Smallest Saints: Baby and Toddler Group

Please let your friends, families and neighbours know that they are welcome to join us for our Smallest Saints Baby and Toddler Group which will have an Easter theme on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am – 10.15am. All are welcome!

### 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

Sponsorship forms will be sent home early next week. We are raising money for CAFOD by walking along the line and back to school. Come along at 1.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to raise money for CAFOD. It will be a wonderful end to our Easter term...fingers crossed for sunshine!

### 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!

### Lanchester Cricket Club - All Stars 2026

Bookings are now live for this summer's All Stars Cricket programme starting 15<sup>th</sup> May until 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Places are limited so book now using this [link](#):

### Times Table Rock Stars

Year Group of the Week: **Four**

Players of the Week:

**1<sup>st</sup> Autumn (Y4), 2<sup>nd</sup> Harriet (Y4), 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke B. (Y6)**

## Small Saints: news from our nursery

What lovely sunshine we have had this week! It was perfect for a walk so, linked to our book of the week, we walked to the greengrocers in the village. On the way we spotted lots of signs and symbols in the environment and talked about what they meant, such as the fire hydrant and bus stop. In the shop we bought pea pods, spinach leaves and beetroot we which all got to try back at Nursery; very tasty! We have also practiced our jumping in core strength, counting in maths and enjoyed lots of stories about spring and new life.

**Our Book of the Week:** Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French

**Our Song of the week:** Old McDonald had a farm



**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?

Max in Year Six recommends:

**Goosebumps by R. L. Stine (age 10+)**

“I believe that the Goosebumps author is a genius; his books are so good, I'd highly recommend them (five stars out of five). Goosebumps are my favourite books because they are spooky and the atmosphere R. L. Stein creates is always scary. My favourite book of the series is a title called, 'Goblin Monday'. If you do not like to be scared, maybe these books are not for you!”



**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:  
98.9%

**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		
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:

<p><b>Monday</b> SATS Booster Y6</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> SATS Booster Y6 Origami Y3 – Y6</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> SATS Booster Y6 Chat &amp; Chill R – Y2</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Sports Games R – Y3</p>
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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**