



NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 13th September, 2024

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.

Term Dates

School closes for October half term on
Thursday 24th October, 2024

and reopens on

Monday 4th November, 2024

Click the calendar icon or see the documents in My Child At School for details of all term dates.



PE Lessons for this term are as follows:-

Reception Class - Tuesday & Friday

Year 1 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday



After School Interest Clubs

After school interest clubs started this week. Some places are still available for children who would like to attend. Please book places for all children via the Clubs section in My Child At School.

Children who qualify for pupil premium funding may be eligible for a part subsidised place on some of the clubs, see below.

Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club

Monday 9/9/24 to Monday 21/10/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£15.00 per child

£10.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Each week, please collect children from the playground gate near church.

Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Club

with Sporting Futures

Tuesday 10/9/24 to Tuesday 22/10/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£25.00 per child

£20.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Club

with Primary Stars

Wednesday 11/9/24 to Wednesday 23/10/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£25.00 per child

£20.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 Pop Choir

Thursday 12/9/24 to Thursday 24/10/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£15.00 per child

£10.00 per child using pupil premium funding



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

Premier League Primary Stars

Starting this term, we are incredibly lucky to have a Sports Coach from the Foundation of Light, Premier League Primary Stars (in association with Sunderland Football Club). The Coach will be teaching PE to some of our classes and our after school sports club each Wednesday. Please visit the link below to find out more about Primary Stars.

<https://foundationoflight.co.uk/what-we-do/schools/primary-schools/>

Tea & Chat



Parent and carers of children in Year 5 & Year 6 are invited to come and meet staff on

Tuesday 8th October, 2024 from 2.00 pm.

A lovely opportunity to have a cuppa and a chat and find out more information about each class.

Whole School Mass

We would like to invite families to join us on Tuesday 15th October, 2024 at 10.00 am in Holy Family Church.



All welcome to attend.

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday this week and next week.

Eliza C

India K

Evie R

Michalina M

Liam G

Evie R

William S

NEW Attendance Guidance

As you may be aware by recent news coverage, from August 2024, the Government have introduced new stricter guidance for schools and local authorities to follow, with more fines and sanctions imposed for unauthorised and unexplained absences.

More information is available via this link <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Absence During Term Time

We would like to highlight the impact that absence during term time can have on a child's learning. Under the guidance, absences for holidays and events during term time will not be authorised and we would really like to discourage children missing school for such occasions.



If your child is absent from school due to illness, please make sure you call and leave a message via the school absence line or email the school office to avoid your child being recorded as unauthorised absence.

Arriving Late

Please can we also remind families that arriving late for school can also have a detrimental effect on learning. Arriving late on a regular basis means they are consistently missing the start of their lessons, which can affect a child's confidence in class. As well as being quite disruptive for the class and Teacher, children can also miss vital information about the day ahead.

At Holy Family, we are committed to supporting families and encouraging good school attendance. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.



Class Outings

On Monday 30th September, 2024, Year 6 are going on their residential visit.

Birthdays

Due to some pupils having severe food allergies, please could we ask that cakes and sweets are not sent to school for children's birthdays.



If you would like to commemorate your child's birthday, please consider donating a book to their class. All books will be added to the class reading corner and feature a nice label inside saying, 'Given on the occasion of _ _ _ _'s _th Birthday'.

Please speak to a member of staff or the school office for further information.



IMPORTANT REMINDER! **Packed Lunch & Break Time Snacks** **PLEASE CHECK INGREDIENTS CAREFULLY!**

Some allergies can be fatal for some children
We have children in school with **serious allergies to nuts and nut products**, please do not send items that contain nut products in a packed lunch or as a break time snack.
Thank you!

Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars
are

Year 1
Congratulations!



Competition Finalists



During the Summer, Cockerton Community Business Group held a competition for children to create a design for a special book bench. The winning design will be recreated by a local artist on a special bench. We are very proud to share that 6 of the 16 designs which have been shortlisted as the final designs were created by our talented pupils below. Each have been awarded with a backpack filled with prizes. Good luck for the final!



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

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[www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/
school-years/admissions/apply-online](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/apply-online)



Storytime

The children in Reception Class had a lovely afternoon when Mrs Weatherall read them some of her favourite stories.



Happy 1st Birthday

This week, our wonderful nursery celebrated its 1st Birthday. It was one year ago that we welcomed children to our brand new nursery area and it has been an amazing year.

Thank you to everyone for the incredible support and we can't wait to share more learning adventures with children and families for many more years.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=wrzFC6pMtWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrzFC6pMtWw)

