



NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 13th December, 2024

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

Term Dates

School closes for Christmas on
Friday 20th December, 2024
and reopens on
Monday 6th January, 2025

Details of 2024, 2025 & 2026 term dates are available on our website. Click the calendar icon or see the documents section in My Child At School.



Christmas Productions



The classes are busy rehearsing and looking forward to performing their Christmas productions next week.

Year 1 & Year 2
on Tuesday 17/12/24 at 2.00 pm

Year 3 & Year 4 Production
on Thursday 19/12/24 at 2.00 pm

The performances above will be held in Holy Family Church and doors will open at 1.45 pm

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Liturgy
on Friday 20/12/24 at 2.30 pm

Families of children in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to a Christmas Liturgy in the school hall.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 16th December, 2024, children are invited to wear their festive jumpers with their uniform.



Christmas Jumper Donation / Swap Box

We have started to receive donations in the box in the main entrance. Please take a look, you are welcome to donate one that doesn't fit and/or help yourself to one from the box.

Class Outings

YR Theatre Hullabaloo on Thursday 19/12/24
Details have been emailed to families



Collection Arrangements

Please remember to let us know if someone else is collecting your child. In the interests of safety, we are unable to let children go home with another adult without permission. Thank you for your understanding.

After School Interest Clubs

There will be no after school Sign Language club next week on Wednesday 18th December, 2024. All other clubs will be on as normal. New clubs will be advertised after Christmas and will start w/c Monday 13th January, 2025.



Bambinelli Sunday on Sunday 15th December, 2024

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is also called Bambinelli Sunday. Traditionally, children and adults in Rome bring figures of the Christ child from their family's nativity scene to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. Father Kevin will be blessing Bambinellis at 9.00 am Mass this Sunday 15/12/24. All families welcome to attend.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Esme H

Rhy-Lee M

Livia T

Luke C



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AT HOLY FAMILY, DARLINGTON

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



Reception Class 2025 - Please Visit Us!

If you, your family or friends are applying for a school place for September 2025 and would like to visit or revisit us during the school day, please contact the school office.

Nursery

Waiting lists for Holy Family Nursery are open, although places are limited. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Attendance Stars

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

This week's Attendance Stars
are

**Year 6
Congratulations!**



VACANCIES



We currently have two Teaching Assistant vacancies. Full details about both positions and the application packs are available via the link below, or from the school office. The closing date for applications is 9.00 am on Monday 16th December, 2024.

<https://bhcet.org.uk/job-vacancies/search/school:darlington>

Writing Competition

We would like to congratulate Albie in Year 2 who recently entered the BBC competition, 500 words which is the UK's largest story writing competition for 5 to 11 year olds.

We are very proud to share that Albie's story has been shortlisted to the next round and he will find out in the New Year if he has made the final. Getting this far is an incredible achievement. Well done Albie and good luck!

Train Enthusiast

We would also like to congratulate William in Year 4 who has just featured in a recent Northern Echo report due to his keen interest in trains and his membership of The Tornado Club. As a junior club member, William is able to carry out little jobs on steam engines and learn from experts with decades of experience. To find out information about the Club, see the full news article, link below.

[https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/
todayupnorth/24783102.junior-club-helping-darlington-
steam-future/](https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/todayupnorth/24783102.junior-club-helping-darlington-steam-future/)

Absence Due To Illness



Please allow children to have 48 hours clear of any sickness, upset tummy or illness before they return to school. This will allow them to recover, start eating properly again and help to stop illness spreading. Please inform the school office by email or telephone of any illness before 9.15 am. Thank you

Superstar Performers

We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to our Reception Class children for their fantastic performance of 'Snuggle Up Stable'

Thank you to Miss Wildsmith and Mrs Metcalfe for helping the children.

Thank you also to all family members for coming along to support the children, we hope you enjoyed their performance.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Collections are continuing towards the 'freshen up' and 'keep warm' gift bags with collection boxes in each classroom.

Children in Year 6 are really enjoying helping to organise and co-ordinate the Advent appeal as part of their Faith In Action Pin Award. Thank you to families for the items we have received so far.



Countdown to Christmas Kindness Calendar



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Christmas Fair

Thank you to all children and families for attending the Christmas Fair which has raised over £860.00 towards new books for school.

This is an incredible amount!

Thank you also to everyone for the generous donations, your support is really appreciated.

Please see below details of stall winners

Name The Elf

Answer: Mr Poppy - Won by Xander

Guess The Number of Sweets

Answer: 418 - Won by Xavier & Noah

Treasure Map

Answer: H4 - Won by Evie



Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11/12/24

This week the children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner. A massive THANK YOU to all staff who helped prepare and serve lunch to the children. Everyone loved it!



Waiting For Christmas

Children in nursery have been learning that Advent is waiting for Christmas and the arrival of baby Jesus. They made Advent wreaths, posted them home and each week the children will receive a candle to add to their wreath. They really enjoyed their outing to the post office and spotting signs of Christmas in the area.
Just another regular day in nursery!

