



# NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 18th October, 2024

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

## Term Dates

\*\*\* **Reminder** \*\*\*

School closes for October half term on  
**Thursday 24th October, 2024**  
and reopens on  
**Monday 4th November, 2024**

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 .



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



## IMPORTANT - Collecting Children

From Monday, we request that Key Stage 1 children are collected from their class teachers, hand to hand, to the person who is collecting them.

This change is being made with the children's safety in mind. The children will still be collected from the same gate as usual.

## **NHS**

### Flu Vaccination

The school age immunisation service will be in school on **Monday 4th November, 2024** to administer the flu vaccine to pupils in Reception Class through to Year 6.

**If you would like your child to have the vaccine, please visit the e-consent portal link below to give consent and find out more information.**

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/90b10c79>

A letter has been emailed to parents giving further information. Please look out for it in your inbox.



## Harvest Foodbank Appeal



There is still time to donate towards the Mini Vinnie's appeal in aid of St Mary's Foodbank, Cockerton. If you would like to support the appeal, please send donations of any non-perishable food items to school by Monday morning, 21/10/24. Thank you families for the items received so far.

## Reception Class— Stay & Learn

Parents and carers of children in Reception Class are invited to attend a stay and learn session on Monday 21st October, 2024 from 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm. Due to space in the classroom, a maximum of 2 adults per child please.



## Absence Due To Illness



Please can children 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 9.10 am. Thank you

# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday this week and next week.

Elliot R

Hetty S

Moeced A

Esther B

Luna A

Felicity M

Adam H



## Whole School Mass

This week we shared a special whole school Mass in Church with families and members of our community. Year 6 really enjoyed being able to spend time with their buddies in Reception Class. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.



## Laudato Leaders

Our new Laudato Leaders, would be very grateful for donations of small plants or plant cuttings.



## Attendance Stars

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

This week's Attendance Stars are

Year 2  
Congratulations!

## School Photographs



Tempest Photographers will be in school to take photographs of the children on Tuesday 12th November, 2024.

## Brass Instrument Lessons



We currently have vacancies for brass instrument lessons for children in Y4, Y5 & Y6 with Durham Music Service. Further information is available via the link below or by contacting the school office.

<https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

## Plastic Bottle Lids



Please could we also ask for donations of plastic bottle lids ... just the lids! They can be any size and any colour.

## School Uniform Reminder

We are very proud of how smart our children always look in their uniform. Please can we remind families that PE joggers and trainers should only be worn during PE lessons and not as part of the daily uniform. Thank you.

Details of our recommended uniform is available on our website, link below.

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/information/school-uniform>

## Meetings With Teachers

Please remember, if you have any concerns about your child or would like any further information, please don't wait for a progress meeting or drop in session to speak to your child's teacher. Staff are always extremely happy to provide information, discuss any concerns and help where they can. Please contact us to make an appointment.



# APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

APPLY NOW FOR A PLACE AT HOLY FAMILY, DARLINGTON

[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)



## HOLY FAMILY OPEN EVENT

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am - 12.00pm

*Why come to our open event?*

- ✓ Experience our welcoming atmosphere
- ✓ Chat with our passionate educators
- ✓ Tour our modern classrooms
- ✓ Find out about our enrichment opportunities
- ✓ Meet our supportive school family

Holy Family Catholic Primary School  
Prior Street, Darlington, County Durham DL3 9EN



## Tees Valley Cross Country Finals

Well done to Holy Family pupils who competed as members of the Darlington Team at the Tees Valley Cross Country finals this week. Such an incredible achievement.

Thank you to families for supporting them at the event.



In support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, from Monday poppy themed items will be on sale in each class and the school office, details below.



If children would like any of the items, we recommend children bring a donation for the paper poppy and/or £1.00 each for the poppy bands and keyring/reflector.

To coincide with national Restart A Heart Day, Year 6 took part in a special resuscitation and basic life support workshop.

Thank you very much to Charge Nurse Sloane and Charge Nurse Nestic from the Cardiac Arrest Prevention Team.



Restart a Heart Day

16th October

