



# NEWSLETTER



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Friday 19th January, 2024

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

## Term Dates

School closes for half term on

**Friday 9th February, 2023**

and reopens on

**Monday 19th February, 2024**

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



## OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Please make sure that payments are made regularly to your child's, My Child At School account, for school meals and wrap around care clubs.

If payments are not received for outstanding amounts, future bookings may not be available.

We understand that some of your outstanding balance may be for future bookings, but please make sure that the payments are up to date for the sessions already used.

Please contact us with any questions.

Thank you



## Netball Club

In the interests of safety, please can we ask that cars are NOT driven up the driveway to collect children at the end of netball club.

## CONTINUED PARKING APPEAL

Maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours and local community is really important to everyone at Holy Family.

Please can we remind families not to park cars on double yellow lines, zig zag lines, in front of driveways and on pavements when dropping off in a morning or collecting after school.

Please continue to be considerate.  
Thank you for your support



## 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!**

## New Contact Numbers or Addresses

If your contact number or address has changed, these can be updated via your My Child At School account or you can inform us by emailing the school office.



# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week

Jake SB

Jessica P

Ollie C

Ethan B

Luisa D

## Building On Achievements

### The Northern Echo

Is your child's primary school in the top performing list? (Image: PA)

#### Darlington's 10 best-performing primary schools

- St John's Church of England Academy - 80%
- St Teresa's Catholic Primary School - 78%
- Abbey Junior School - 74%
- High Coniscliffe CofE Primary School - 73%
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School - 72%
- Heighington Church of England Primary School - 70%
- Mount Pleasant Primary School - 69%
- Mowden Junior School - 68%
- West Park Academy - 68%
- Bishopton Redmarshall CofE Primary School - 67%

Towards the end of last term, we were very proud to feature in the Northern Echo's article detailing the top schools in Darlington, with Holy Family being listed within the top five.

We also received this lovely letter from Darlington Borough Council's Group Director of People, James Stroyan regarding our Ofsted Inspection.



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**\*\*VIA EMAIL\*\***

Jane Weatherall  
Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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Catholic Primary School

Dear Jane,

I write on behalf of the local authority to offer congratulations on your recently published Ofsted inspection report.

I note, in particular, inspectors recognised leaders ensure that every person is valued, nurtured and respected as an individual, provision for personal development is exceptional and pupils thrive at your ambitious school.

Please extend my warmest congratulations and thanks to your team for everything you do for our children and families.

Yours sincerely

James Stroyan  
Group Director of People

## Commemorative Books

We would like to remind families about our commemorative book scheme which has been really popular with families.



On your child's birthday, instead of sending sweets, why not donate a book to your child's class. All books donated will be added to the class reading corner and feature a nice label inside saying, 'Given on the occasion of \_\_\_'s \_\_\_th Birthday'. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or the school office.

## Nursery News

A new term in Nursery and we have welcomed new children and families to Holy Family. Everyone's had a busy week which has included exploring the woods and outdoor areas, making a welcome banner and investigating a mysterious beanstalk in their classroom.



The waiting lists are now open for future terms, with places for Summer term 2024 and Autumn term 2024 filling up fast! If any families would like to apply for a place, please contact us or complete the application form available on our website. We offer both 30 hour and 15 hour places, along with extended provision through our breakfast and after school wrap around care clubs.

We are very proud of the nursery and are always happy to show families around who are thinking about applying.



### Year 1 Moving In Music

Here are Year 1 in their music lesson exploring tempo. The class looked at how they can move their bodies in different ways when music is played at different speeds.



Reception Class making 'junk' castles and enjoying the digging area.

