



NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 20th 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.



Attendance Stars

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

This week's Attendance Stars are

**Year 2 & 6
Congratulations!**

Mass

It was lovely to see so many children and families at Mass on Bambinelli Sunday. Please see below details of Christmas Mass times. Further information is also available via the Parish Newsletter link below

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/catholic-life/holy-family-parish>

Hogarth Catholic Partnership Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve
4.00pm St Anne's
4.00pm St Mary's Barnard Castle
5.45pm Holy Family
6.00pm St Augustine's
6.30pm St Osmund's, Gainford
7.30pm St Thomas Aquinas
8.00pm St Teresa's
10.30pm Syro Malabar Vigil at Holy Family
Midnight St Augustine's
Midnight St Mary's Barnard Castle (Ordinariate)
Christmas Day
9.30am St Osmund's, Gainford
9.30am St William's
10.00am St Augustine's
11.00am St Mary's Barnard Castle

IMPORTANT— Online Safeguarding Alert

This week, we shared a safety alert on the school's Facebook page, which we would like to share again.

This alert relates to online gaming platforms, such as Fortnite. School across the area have received information that a 'Lisa' and her alleged cousin 'Oscar' are befriending pupils online via gaming platforms and praising them on their playing skills. The children are being asked for their contact details, which are then added to a huge online group. These groups are then sent extremely inappropriate content and images.

Please monitor your child's online activity and discuss with them how to keep themselves safe online.

OUTSTANDING & OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Please could all outstanding and overdue balances on My Child At School be paid in full before the start of next term. This includes all amounts for school meals, wrap around care clubs and school trips. Any outstanding arrears on accounts may affect future bookings. Thank you.



Year 4 First Holy Communion Programme

Dates for the 2024/2025 First Holy Communion programme are available on the school website, link here <https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/catholic-life/first-holy-communion>





Music Concert

Congratulations and well done to the children who are learning to play guitar with Durham Music Service.

Earlier this week, the children performed for the whole school the songs they have been learning. Everyone really enjoyed it!

Incredible Performances

This week classes performed their Christmas productions, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. The performances and singing were incredible! Thank you to all parents, carers and family members for coming along to support the Year 1 and Year 2 performance and the Year 3 and Year 4 performance. We would also like to thank staff for helping the children.



Christmas Liturgy

Thank you to Year 5 and Year 6 for ending this term with a wonderful liturgy and Christmas carols.

Wishing all families

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

*from everyone at
Holy Family School*