



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 26th April, 2024

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





The Holy Family
Champion
Chocolate Bake Off

Please see page 2 for more details.

Term Dates

School closes for the Summer half term on
Friday 24th May, 2024
and reopens on
Monday 3rd June, 2024

School will also be closed on
Monday 6th May, 2024
for the May Bank Holiday


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

Reception Class Liturgy

We would like to invite parents, carers and family members of children in Reception Class to a class liturgy being held at 3.00 pm in the School Hall on **Friday 3rd May, 2024**

Other class liturgies taking place this term are-

- May—Year 3
- June—Year 5
- July—Year 6



Absence During Term Time

In accordance with the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust's Attendance Policy, time off for holidays during term time will not be authorised and may receive a fine/sanction from the Local Authority.

Please remember the impact term time absence can have on a child's learning. The image below illustrates the effect that absence has on a child's percentage attendance and the number of actual lessons they miss during their holiday.

95% Attendance	↔ 2 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 50 ↔ Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	↔ 4 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 100 ↔ Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	↔ 6 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 150 ↔ Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	↔ 8 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 200 ↔ Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	↔ 10 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 250 ↔ Lessons Missed



Sports Days 2024

Please see below details of this year's Sports Days (weather permitting).

Nursery, Reception Class, Year 1 & Year 2
Tuesday 2nd July, 2024

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 5th July, 2024

Both events will start at 2.00 pm

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Eliza C

Felix W

Champion Chocolate Bake Off

Competition: Using Fairtrade
chocolate make a recipe of your
choice.

Entries in by Tuesday 7th May 2024

Fairtrade Fortnight

Next week from Monday 29th April, 2024, we are beginning our Fairtrade Fortnight where we look at equality and the rights of workers around the world to get a fair wage/price for their work.

We are really looking forward to this year's Fairtrade Bake Off, 'The Champion Chocolate Bake Off' and we invite children to make a recipe using Fairtrade chocolate which will need to come into school on Tuesday 7th May, 2024 (the day after the bank holiday weekend). We can't wait to see the competition entries.

Lidl, Aldi, Co-op, Oxfam, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons and Tesco all sell Fairtrade Chocolate, just look for the Fairtrade symbol on the pack.

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!

St Vincent de Paul

Vinnie Camps



A member of Holy Family Parish has asked us to make families aware of the Vinnie Camps activity centre holidays for young people.

The SVP use activity centres throughout the UK, although the young people from this region often use the centre at Holy Island in Northumberland.

Full details about the holiday centres, Vinnie Camps and an application form are available via the link below.

<https://svp.org.uk/vinnie-camps>

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.

Nursery

Every day in Nursery is a wonderful learning adventure. The children have been very busy over the last week. Some of their activities have included making bird feeders, weaving with different materials, they recreated the story of little red riding hood and even helped one of the little pigs make a house of sticks.



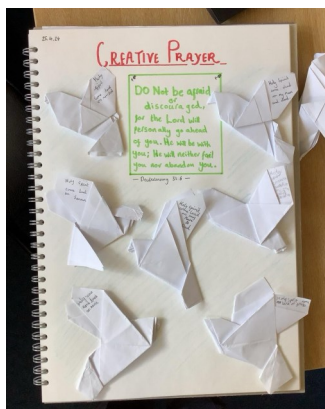
We are still taking applications for September 2024, although places are limited. Waiting lists are also open for 2025 and beyond. Please contact us for further information!

Our Year 4 football team before their event.



Creative Prayer

During creative prayer children in Year 4 made lovely origami doves. Each dove has a blessing to someone special in their lives, with the message 'Holy Spirit, come land on ...'



This week some of the children in Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a team building event along with other Darlington Schools.

During the event they were able to take part in different fun activities.