



# NEWSLETTER



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w/e Friday 28th June, 2024

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

## Term Dates

School closes for the Summer on  
**Friday 19th July, 2024**

and reopens on

**Tuesday 3rd September, 2024**

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



## Class Liturgy

Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came along to the Year 5 Class Liturgy. It was lovely that so many were able to join us.



## Graduation Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Miss Pawlett on her recent graduation, celebrated with a special ceremony at Carmel College.

We are also delighted to confirm that Miss Pawlett has been appointed as our new Year 2 teacher. We feel very lucky to be able to keep her with us!

## Sports Days 2024

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 start at 2.00 pm and families are very welcome to come along and watch from our spectators area.

Please enter via the playground gate adjacent to Holy Family Church.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

In the interests of Safeguarding, no photos or videos of any kind can be taken at Sports Day. Thank you in advance for your support with this request.



## Farewell & Good Luck

- Today we say Farewell, Thank you and Good Luck to trainee teachers, Miss Strelitz and Miss Harasty who have been visiting the UK from Australia. We hope they have enjoyed their time at Holy Family and we will definitely miss them both.



# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Madeline F Archie M Rosie H



## Holy Family Choir



After winning the Mayor's Song Contest, Holy Family choir have been invited to sing at this year's Proms In The Park.

The event takes place on Sunday 7th July, 2024 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm in South Park.

The children will be singing a medley of 70's disco hits alongside Mowden School choir and the Royal Signals Brass Band. Please come along to support our fantastic choir! All welcome!

## School Trips

Letters are being sent out to families by email and added to Class Dojo, please make payment via My Child At School. Full details in each trip letter.

Wednesday 10/7/24 - YR Hall Hill Farm  
Thursday 11/7/24 - Y6 Holy Island  
Tuesday 16/7/24 - Y1 Hamsterley Forest

September 2024 - Y6 Residential Trip  
(current Year 5 pupils)

Please could families ensure that the balance for the residential trip is paid by 12/7/24, at the latest, as the balance must be paid in full with PGL before the end of term. Thank you.



## MEET THE TEACHER!

Smiles all around! The children have really enjoyed their transition visits today and we hope they are now excited about their new class in September.

The Class Teachers from September are:-

Nursery - Miss Coleman  
Reception Class - Miss Wildsmith  
Year 1 - Mrs Smith & Mrs Buchan  
Year 2 - Miss Pawlett  
Year 3 - Miss Ridley  
Year 4 - Mr Thorpe  
Year 5 - Mrs Watmore & Mrs Mustard  
Year 6 - Miss Elgie

It was also lovely to welcome parent/carers and children who are joining Reception Class. The children even stayed for a Teddy Bears picnic.

If families have any questions regarding transition, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## 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!

YEAR 6

## Leavers Events

Don't forget our special Year 6 Leavers Liturgy at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 16th July, 2024 in the school hall.

Parents and carers of Year 6 are also invited to attend a Leavers Event at 9.15 am on Friday 19th July, 2024 in the school hall.



Year 4 went on a trip to the Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool this week. During the visit the class learnt about the beliefs and history of the Muslim faith. The children got to see what community work members of Mosque are involved with. They were also able to explore the religious space, learn about prayer and the disciplines within the religion.

Year 2 had a fantastic day visiting Tynemouth Aquarium this week. During their visit the class took part in a Habitat workshop, watched a sea lion show and explored the aquarium to learn about the different sea creatures they have there.




### Netball League Champions

We are incredibly proud to share that our netball team have won the league.

They played 4 great games, drew 1 and won 3.

Well done Team!

 **Bromcom— My Child At School App**

A new update to the My Child At School App has been released and should be available now from App and Play stores. The new version has a far more modern interface, making it much simpler and clearer to navigate. A guide for parents will be sent via email and also added to the Important Documents section of My Child At School.

**School Website**

Please keep checking our website. Weekly newsletter are added, information about school meals and details about our wrap around clubs, along with much more!

Also take a look at our Galleries page, which is updated regularly, link below.  
<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/photo-galleries>

## Platinum Award For Holy Family

PLATINUM SCHOOL  
GAMES MARK  
FOR HOLY FAMILY!

SCHOOL  
GAMES

We are delighted to announce that we, Holy Family Catholic Primary, have achieved the School Games PLATINUM Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Some of our sporting achievements this year include:

- Running a range of intra house competitions, including participation in National Schools' Sports week.
- Strong links made with clubs within the community such as Headlanders Netball Club.
- All children by the time they have left Holy Family, having the opportunity to represent our school in inter-school competitions in a minimum of athletics, cricket and football.
- Numerous team and individual medals won, in a range of different sports including swimming, athletics, basketball and netball.
- Current Town Netball league champions
- Children being selected in both Cross Country and Athletics to represent Darlington at Tees Valley (regional level) competitions
- A higher participation of children, especially girls in a range of different sporting activities/clubs

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. This award is something we have been working towards for the past 7 years, by achieving consecutive Gold Awards to be eligible to apply. This is a fantastic achievement for Holy Family, and so very deserved for the hard work of all the staff and children. A special thanks to Miss Dove who has done such a great job leading sport at Holy Family!

