



# NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 29th November, 2024

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



## VACANCIES



We currently have two Teaching Assistant vacancies. Full details about both positions and the application packs are available via the link below, or from the school office.

<https://bhcet.org.uk/job-vacancies/search/school:darlington>

The closing date for both vacancies is 9.00 am on Monday 2nd December, 2024. Please contact us with any questions.



## 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)



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### Reception Class 2025

If you, your family or friends are applying for a school place for September 2025 and would like to visit or revisit us during the school day, please contact the school office.

### Nursery

Waiting lists for Holy Family Nursery are open although places are limited. Please contact us to arrange a visit.



Countdown to Christmas Kindness Calendar



**Starts Next Week!**  
Collection boxes in each class, see page 4 for more details.

### Progress Meetings

Thank you to all families who have attended the progress meetings this week. Staff have really enjoyed meeting with everyone.

Please remember, if you have any concerns at any time or would like to speak to your child's teacher, just contact us to make an appointment. Staff are always happy to help.

### Y6 Stay & Make with Grandparents

Year 6 would like to invite Grandparents to a stay and make session on Monday 9th December, 2024 starting promptly at 2.30 pm until 3.30 pm

### Year 5 Class Liturgy

Thank you to everyone for attending the Year 5 liturgy. It was lovely to welcome so many families.



# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Craig W Evelyn K Lucas D Evie M Phoebe S

## LiveSimply

### Christmas Cards

We are currently working towards our CAFOD Live Simply Award. This year during Advent, we are asking that children do not exchange Christmas cards with each other. Instead, classes are making cards for school which will be displayed in the hall.



### Class Outings

YR Theatre Hullabaloo on Thursday 19/12/24  
Details have been emailed to families



### Breakfast Club & Sunset After School Club

Please could you ensure that if places are needed for breakfast club and / or after school club, these are booked in advance via My Child At School. Bookings must be placed 24 hours in advance of the start of the club. Thank you.



### 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 6  
Congratulations!**

### 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.



### Plastic Bottle Lids



Thank you for the donations we have received so far. Please continue to send in any plastic bottle caps or lids ... just the lids! They can be any size and any colour. Thank you!

### Horrible Histories Appeal

We would like to appeal for donations of any Horrible Histories books in good condition, as the ones we currently have in school are really used. Please send any books to school with your child or to the school office. Thank you.



### Absence Due To Illness

Please allow children to 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



## Dates For Your Diary!

### Christmas Productions

Reception Class  
On Thursday 12/12/24 at 2.15 pm

Year 1 & Year 2  
on Tuesday 17/12/24 at 2.00 pm

Year 3 & Year 4 Production  
on Thursday 19/12/24 at 2.00 pm

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Liturgy  
on Friday 20/12/24 at 2.30 pm

More details to follow!

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 10th December, 2024**

**3.30 pm to 4.30 pm**

All school families welcome

**Stalls,  
Games &  
Refreshments**

School Hall

Fundraising towards  
new books for school

## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th December, 2024

### Menu

Roast Turkey  
or  
Quorn Roast

### Served with

Yorkshire Pudding  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Crispy Cake  
or  
Sprinkles Fairy Cake



### Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11/12/24

The Christmas lunch menu is available for all children. For Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 the cost is £2.20, which can be booked and paid for via the Dinners section on My Child At School. Children can also order in class on the day. There is no charge for children entitled to free school meals and children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2, as they qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals. The usual charge will also apply to children in Nursery.

## Christmas Fair Donations Please

We would be very grateful for donations of:-

Raffle & Tombola Prizes.  
Sweets & Chocolates  
Cakes, Cookies/Biscuits,  
Mince Pies  
Good quality books.  
Bottles of anything such as, wine,  
water, shampoo, juice etc.  
Unwanted gift & bottle bags.

Items can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the school office. Thank you

### Christmas Jumper Day



On Monday 16th December, 2024, children are invited to wear their festive jumpers with their uniform.

### Christmas Jumper Donation / Swap Box

There will be a box in the main school entrance for donations of any unwanted/outgrown Christmas jumpers. Please donate one that doesn't fit and/or help yourself to one from the box.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

We are starting our reverse Advent calendar next week. We are encouraging children to think of others in the run up to Christmas and we would be very grateful for donations of the items on the reverse advent calendar towards some 'freshen up' and 'keep warm' gift bags.

When I have taken some of our collections to the foodbanks and shelters, the staff have said that often they are short of donations of warm socks, gloves and also hygiene products, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant. They said that often this causes great embarrassment to homeless people because they are aware they have been unable to wash.

Children in Year 6 are helping to organise and co-ordinate the Advent appeal as part of their Faith In Action Pin Award and have given a lovely presentation to all classes to explain how everyone can help.

If families would like to contribute, there are collection boxes in each classroom or items can be delivered to the school office.



## Countdown to Christmas Kindness Calendar



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