

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



*We belong to the family of St. Joseph's School. We love, live, learn and celebrate together,
building God's Kingdom with Jesus, Our Lord*

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Events		<p>Dear Parents/Carers,</p> <p>We are quickly approaching the end of a busy school year but we do still have some whole school events.</p> <p>Our children will spend a day with their new class teacher in the last week of term.</p> <p>Next week see our Y6 children taking the lead in the Panto Aladdin supported by the rest of Key Stage 2. I have not watched any rehearsals but the singing sounds very good as it drifts around the school.</p> <p>Friday the 11 is when we say goodbye to our Y6 children as the last week of term they move onto transition at their secondary schools. I know that they will take with them great friendships and some good memories.</p> <p>The last week of term we break up on Thursday that morning we have our celebration assembly in the morning and we end the academic year with an end of year mass. You are more than welcome to join us at both events.</p> <p>The school will see some changes in September. As you know am I retiring but we have other staff starting new adventures. Mrs Proudlock who has worked with your youngest children before moving into KS2 is also retiring and Miss Spence and Miss Lawson are moving onto new positions.</p> <p>Just a reminder for September. Please note a price increase in school Dinners from 1st September, a school meal will be £2.79 per day (£13.95 per week).</p> <p>I hope you all have a restful summer holiday and I know that you will welcome Mr McGeeney the executive headteacher who will take up his new post in September.</p> <p>God Bless</p> <p>Mrs D Hargreaves</p> <p>Headteacher</p>
8 July 1.30pm	Leavers Play All KS2 taking part	
9 July 1.30pm	Leavers Play All KS2 taking part	
10 July 9.30 am and 4.30pm	Reception New Starter Meeting	
11 July 2.15pm	Leavers Assembly & Y6 Governor Awards	
Week commencing 14 July	Y6 Transition to secondary school	
17 July 9.15am	Celebration Assembly (Nursery to Year 5)	
17 July 2pm	End of Year Mass All welcome	
17 July	Break up for Summer	
Tuesday 2 September	Return to School	

Class News – Y6

Year 6 have continued to work hard recently. We have begun practising our pantomime 'Aladdin Trouble' and the children have excelled in their singing and acting practises. Last week, the children visited the Lakes and stayed over! They were fantastic and attempted a lot of different outdoor activities. The children have some exciting trips coming ahead including Swim Safe and Youth Village Festival which I am sure they will enjoy.

Class News – Y4/5

For Summer Term 2, Year 4 students are learning about money and time in mathematics, while Year 5 students are learning about converting units and volume. The next topic will be geometry—shape, position, and direction. In English, they created an awareness poster titled 'How to Reduce Plastic in School' and will learn how to write a persuasive letter. In geography, pupils learnt numerous facts about biomes, specifically deserts. They conducted comparison research to see which place is better for living: Teesside or a desert valley in California. Their final lesson will be about humans' impact on deserts. Their topic for science is the properties of materials. So far, they've done two experiments on how to separate materials using different equipment and evaluate the solubility of different products. Next, they will determine whether or not a process is reversible. In RE, they will study about another faith: Islam. The following few weeks will be hectic as they participate in various activities planned for the end of term.

Class News - Year 3 / 4

This term in English we have been learning about plastic pollution in the ocean, through the tale of Alba the hundred-year-old fish. We have been busy making information boards and writing letters to the local council, highlighting the desperate need for change. Alongside reading Great Women who saved the planet, learning about the significant impact these amazing women had to help change our planet. In Maths we have been exploring capacity, mass, fractions and mixed numbers. In Art we have been researching and recreating the work of William Morris. This term we have been enjoying weekly swimming sessions and ice pop Wednesdays.

Class News – Year 1 / 2

Year ½ have begun this half term brilliantly. The year 1's have worked really hard in their phonics screening tests. In English, we have begun to look at 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare and are looking forward to writing a narrative. They have pretended to be in a storm to help them write a setting description and they are excited to find out what happens next in the story. In maths, year 2 have been learning about statistics and year 1 have been looking at fractions. The children have enjoyed planting cress for science and can't wait to take it home to try it once it grows. In addition, the children have been working hard in reading and enjoying reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Grimm's Fairytales'.

Class News – EYFS

EYFS have been reading The Enormous Turnip as our focus book. Children have been learning about mathematical language linked to the story and ordering objects according to size. Reception children have been focusing on one more and one less, beginning to introduce number sentences. In phonics, Nursery have been learning some letter sounds and how to write these and Reception have begun to write short stories using their phonic skills and a storyboard to help them remember the order of the story. We are learning about the seasons of spring moving into summer and making the most of the nice weather outside in our play.

Attendance

We appreciate that from time to time that children are ill but attendance at school is really important.

Attached is an overview of some of the guidance regarding illness.

school day by 8.50am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:45am. We would ask that the children do not play on the field or equipment before school, if it has rained the children will end up being wet and muddy for the day.

You will appreciate that we have procedures in place to keep the children safe in school and as they leave the building. If you are not able to pick your child up the school needs to hold details of who is collecting the child, their details and a safe word. Please return the form that has been sent separately.

Children who attend any after school clubs will be brought out onto the playground entrance at the end of a session and the not the front door for safety reasons.

Rashes and skin infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders
Athlete's foot	None
Chickenpox*	Until all vesicles have crusted over
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None
German measles (rubella)*	Four days from onset of rash (as per "Green Book")
Hand, foot and mouth	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Roseola (infantum)	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever*	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Slapped cheek (fifth disease or parvovirus B19)	None once rash has developed
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and verrucae	None
Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

Uniform Reminders

All uniform MUST be labelled

School policy is that the children should **not** wear earrings. All long hair should be tied up. PE is on a Friday – PE kits needed in school (yellow t shirt, black shorts, black plimsols). We ask that children wear the correct school uniform and sensible shoes.

Fun activities to do whilst travelling to school!

Hartlepool Sport and Move Mania has created free resources for families and children, to use on their journey to and from school. The activities include games, quizzes etc and can be accessed by visiting.

<https://www.hartlepoolsport.co.uk/moveamaniachallenge>



For safety reasons please do not park in the school car park unless you have an appointment with a member of staff.

God of Life,

Help us to see how important and special everyone in our school family is– no matter who they are, or what they look like or where they are from.

Teach us to treat everyone in our global family with love and respect and help us to see something special in each person every day.

Amen

Prayer written by our Head Students January 2024

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Term Dates 2024-2025	
Monday 2nd September 2024	PD Day School closed to children
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	PD Day School closed to children
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Return to School
Thursday 24th October 2024	Break up for half term
Friday 25 th October 2024	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 25th October 2024 – Return – Monday 4th November 2024	Half Term
Break Up – Friday 20th December 2024 Return – Monday 6 th January 2025	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up – Friday 21st February 2025 Return – Monday 3 rd March 2025	February Half Term:
Break Up – Friday 11th April 2025 Return – Monday 28 th April 2025	Easter Holiday
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 12 th May 2025	KS2 SATS
Break Up – Friday 23rd May 2025 Return – Monday 2nd June 2025	Half Term
Thursday 17th July 2025	Break up for Summer