

# 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

School Nurse Drop in	19 November 8.45-9.30am
Y1/2 Liturgy	21 November 2.45pm
Reception Liturgy	28 November 2.45pm
Coffee Morning	3 December 9 am
Christmas Dinner	5 December
Christmas Jumper Day	5 December
Y4/5 to see Shrek	10 December pick children up at 4pm
KS1/EYFS Nativity	11 December 2pm
KS1/EYFS Nativity	12 December 9.15am
Y6 Liturgy	12 December 2.45pm
Christmas Parties	17 December
Hartlepool Catholic Primary School Carol Service St. Joseph's Church	18 December After school – time to be confirmed
Christmas Around the World Liturgy – all KS2 classes	19 December 2.45pm
Panto in School Children can wear Christmas jumpers	20 December
Carol Service	20 December 2.45pm
Break up	20 December 2024
Return to School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware the school was subject to an RE inspection last week. The report will be made available within the next three weeks or so when it will be shared with you. The children were a credit to you and the school with our visitors last week. The cancelled parents evening has been rearranged to week commencing 25 November. Please contact the school office for an appointment if your child is in Y3/4, Y4/5 or Y6.

We have a number of activities and events as we lead up to the end of this term, including the carol Service at St. Joseph's Church.

As part of our health and safety policies the school does not allow children to wear earrings or retainers in ears for school. We recommend that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holiday. We have reached the point in the school year that children should **not** be wearing earrings in school

Uniform will be available during parents evening for you to look for your own items, or for you to take for your child free of charge. Please **label all uniform** clearly. Reminder: trainers are not part of our uniform.

Thank you for the prompt arrival of your children at school and just a reminder that the school gates will be closing at 8:45am. Any children who are late must come with an adult to the school office to be signed in on our electronic system. This system will also be used if you collect your child from school early for any reason.

God Bless,

Mrs D Hargreaves, Headteacher

**Class News – Y6** Year 6 have had a brilliant half term. We have enjoyed reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief as our home-time read! The children have also enjoyed and finished our Reading topic book 'When We Were Warriors'. Within Maths, Year 6 have recently looked at factors, multiples and orders of operations. Within English, the children are finishing their 'King Kong' topic and will be retelling the story using dialogue throughout to advance the action. Year 6 have come to the end of their 'Living Things and Habitats' Science topic and have made bread to show the impacts of yeast along with another experiment. The children have completed their Art topic 'Posters' and created their own propaganda poster using paint. Within History, Year 6 have been learning all about Henry VIII and the Reformation and will be now learning about Charles III and how he has become our monarch. Well done for all of your hard work this half-term Year 6, I have been extremely impressed.

**Class News – Y4/5** This term, as part of their core studies, Y4/5 students are studying maths concepts related to division and multiplication. This involves working out prime numbers, multiples, and factors, square numbers, cube numbers, and whole number division and multiplication by 10, 100, and 1000. This term in science, we will be studying the topic of humans and animals. The children will read Hansel and Gretel as part of a whole class guided reading session in English. In class, the children will read this book, and a variety of writing techniques and figurative language will be discussed. The children will gain knowledge of language comprehension, retrieval, explanation, and prediction. Climate change is this term's geography topic. They are studying Judaism in RE.

**Class News - Year 3 / 4.** What a busy half term – the children have all worked really hard and deserve a well-earned rest! The children have really enjoyed Commando Joe over the last few weeks and their leadership and social skills continue to develop. After the holiday, we will be focusing on handwriting. If anyone would like to practise our handwriting scheme, at home with their child, please let the office know and I can send some practice sheets home. Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy half term.

**Class News – Year 1/2** We have had a fantastic first half term together in Y1/2 and the children have settled well. In RE, we have started our new topic, 'Baptism' and last week we were lucky enough to have a special visit from Deacon Paul who showed us what happens during a Baptism. The children had the opportunity to act it out in the classroom and thoroughly enjoyed it. In English, children have been producing lots of amazing writing linked to our text, 'The Troll Swap.' In Science, children have been learning all about 'Animals Including Humans' and have been looking at the features of different animals including mammals, reptiles and birds. This week, we took part in a Y1/2 Multi-Skills Festival at English Martyrs School. The children had a great afternoon and represented our school brilliantly. Well done everyone! I am very proud of all of the children for their hard work and commitment this half term. Keep it up Y1/2!

**Class News – EYFS** We have had another busy few weeks in nursery/reception. We have been reading our story, The Little Red Hen and the children have enjoyed retelling the story during role-play. In Science we have just finished our topic 'All About Me', all the children took part in a food tasting session, where we discussed the senses we use to eat, then the children described the different tastes, smells and textures of the foods they ate. In RE, we have learning about Baptism, we had a special visit from Deacon Paul, who showed us artifacts and we acted out a Baptism with him. The children have had a busy first half-term and are looking forward to starting our new topics after the holidays.

## The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:40am so that they are ready and in class to start the 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.

## 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.

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, back 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/movemaniachallenge>



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