

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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Christmas Parties	17 December
Hartlepool Catholic Primary School Carol Service St. Joseph's Church	18 December Children to arrive by 4pm if wanting to sing Starts at 5pm
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 th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching and the school has been filled with an array of Christmas songs. As part of our Trust family we are taking part with the other Catholic Primary Schools in our Carol Service at St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday. All are invited.

Our younger children retold the Christmas story through their nativity performance. It was lovely to see how they have grown in confidence and used their 'big voices.'

This week two classes went to watch one of our Y5 girls who was part of the cast of Shrek performing at the Stockton Riverside College. The children enjoyed the experience of watching a live performance. The whole school will experience a panto on Friday morning next week here in school.

Next week our KS2 will lead our assembly - Christmas around the world. Our half termly and termly awards will also be awarded. You are more than welcome to join us.

The children will have their party day on Tuesday. If they wear party clothes please remember that they will be outside for break and lunchtimes. The children will need to wear sensible shoes and have a coat.

Friday is our last day of term and the children can wear Christmas Jumpers and you are welcome to join us for our carol service

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless,

Mrs D Hargreaves,

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Year 6 have worked extremely hard this term. They have completed their Maths topics of Fractions and are now moving on to their Converting Units topic. Within English, the children have wrote from the perspective of the Windrush Generation and have even wrote a persuasive letter to Mrs Hargreaves. They have completed their Reading topic 'Into the Jungle'. Within their Science lessons, Year 6 have looked at the circulatory system and have labelled the heart. They have conducted an investigation looking at the effects exercise has on heart rate and recorded their results. Within Geography, the children have been learning about USA. They can name the 50 states and have looked at extreme weather including hurricanes and wildfires. Well done for all of your hard work this term Y6.

Class News – Y4/5 For the children in Year 4/5, this term has been extremely hectic. They have studied area and perimeter in maths. They are currently studying division and multiplication, which includes dividing and multiplying two- and three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers as well as working through remainder problems. They are reading Beowulf in English, and the unit's mastery focus is on using expanded noun phrases to depict settings, characters, and atmosphere; to express complex material concisely; and to incorporate dialogue to develop the action and portray characters. They studied the topic Advent—gift—in RE. The children have had a great time during Advent, going to liturgies, dancing on disco night, and seeing the nativity performed by KS 1. Additionally, the Year 4/5 pupils were fortunate to have the chance to attend Stockton Riverside College and see Shrek the Musical. For the final week of classes, there will be some engaging Christmas-themed activities. The kids are undoubtedly excited for the Christmas break. I hope they enjoy a relaxing holiday and a joyous Christmas season!

Class News - Year 3 / 4. The children have had a lovely half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed our class reader on magic – I am sure they have told you about The Place Inbetween! The children were absolutely amazing in their class liturgy on Medjugorje and they have loved learning about this very special place. They have introduced the whole school to next year's Jubilee Year announced by the Pope - a very special year. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and see you in the New Year! Miss Spence and Willow

Class News – Year 1½ The children in Y1/2 have been very busy this term. In maths we have learned about addition and subtraction including using different methods to solve problems. In English, we have read 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' and have really enjoyed writing letters and ensuring that we include capital letters, full stops and adjectives in our writing. We even wrote an owl fact file with everything we had learned about owls. We studied the topic Advent—waiting—in RE. We created a class wreath and thinking about how Advent is a time of waiting. Year 1/2 have also worked really hard this term to learn and perform a fantastic nativity! Everyone worked incredibly hard and performed brilliantly in our nativity that although Christmas time can be incredibly busy it is the time for us to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. In addition, in Design Technology we enjoyed planning, making and evaluating healthy smoothies while in Geography we created a giant school map in the hall. For our last week of classes, we will be enjoying some Christmas themed activities including making our own Christingles. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and a joyous Christmas season!

Class News – EYFS We have had another busy few weeks in Early Years. We finished reading The Gingerbread Man story and enjoyed doing some Science, Maths and English related to the story, we also had fun decorating biscuits and eating them. We are currently reading the Jolly Christmas Postman and are doing lots of fun activities relating to our story. We enjoyed a special visit from Tees Valley Music, where we joined in singing, dancing and playing instruments. We are currently taking part in daily tooth brushing, which we have been brilliant doing. In R.E we have been learning all about birthdays, where we enjoyed our own party with hats and cake, we are also learning about Advent and the first Christmas. We have also been busy preparing for Christmas with lots of fun Christmas activities and our EY/KS1 performance.

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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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 4th September 2024	Return to School
Thursday 24th October 2024	Break up for half term
Friday 25th 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 6th January 2025	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up – Friday 21st February 2025 Return – Monday 3rd March 2025	February Half Term:
Break Up – Friday 11th April 2025 Return – Monday 28th April 2025	Easter Holiday
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 12th 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