

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

Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y4/5	19 September 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Welcome to reception class	26 September 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Head Students	3 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y4/5	10 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y3/4	17 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y1/2	24 October 2.45pm
School Nurse Drop in	24 Sept 8.30-9.30am
Coffee Mornings All welcome	1 October 9.15am 5 November 9.15am 3 December 9.15 am
Trip Crucial Crew Y6	10 October - morning
Tempest Photography	15 October
Break up	Thursday 24 October
PD Day (children not in school)	Friday 25 October

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see how well our youngest children have settled into school and we invite parents to join us next week for our welcome to school.

All parents are invited into school on a Thursday afternoon for our celebrations of the week, which includes our Stars of the Week. This is then followed by a short Collective worship led by a class which is an opportunity for prayer and reflection as a school community.

As part of our work with the parish, the children read beautifully at the parish mass at the end of the first week and we will lead the next weekend mass on Sunday 10th November.

Our Y6 children will find out later this week what leadership roles they have been given. They wrote letters of application and then were interviewed by both me and the Chair of Governors. We were very impressed by them and it was lovely to hear their views about the school.

Please remember the changes to the school day for Reception to Y6: the school doors will open at 8.40am and close at 8.45 am, the register will be taken at 8.45 am. Children in Nursery will continue to come in at 8.50 am until 11.50 am

Reminder from the office, dinner money increase to £2.65 a day and £13.25 per week from 1 September 2024. Dinner money must be paid on MCAS App on a Monday for the forthcoming week and Breakfast Club cost has increased to £2.50, also payable on MCAS.

If you would like help with school uniform, please contact Mrs Willis.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Year 6 have made an excellent start to their new school year. Within the first two weeks back, the children have written letters of application for the role that they wish to be allocated throughout their last year and have also attended their interviews with Mrs Hargreaves and Mr Tindall. The children have begun to describe New York City within our first lessons of King Kong as part of their writing. Within Maths, Year 6 have begun to understand the place value of numbers within 10 million. Changing Power of the Monarchy is their history topic and they have already looked at William the Conqueror and King John and the Magna Carta. Within Science, Year 6 have grouped and classified animals, plants and insects. They have had a lot of fun throughout all lessons and have enjoyed their Rugby lessons in P.E. Well done for a fantastic start!

Class News – Y4/5 WELCOME BACK! It's amazing to see every child excitedly coming to their new Y4/5 class with enthusiasm and ready to take on new learning challenges. They have settled extremely well into the new systems and routines of the day. We are looking forward to a very positive year. Things to remember! The class will have PE on Wednesday and Friday, so children will need to bring their PE kit into school on Monday. The PE kit should include a plain yellow T-shirt, black shorts, and PE shoes. The children can also bring tracksuit bottoms/ black leggings for outside activities. All clothes should be labelled and kept in a bag in their locker. Children can take it back on Friday after school to wash. Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be back in school on Wednesday. Children are not allowed to wear earrings in school. Children in Y4/5 are expected to read at least five times a week at home. This should be recorded in their Home Reading Record by the adult who read with them.

Class News - Year 3 / 4 Welcome back to school – I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer Holidays. The children have settled in well and are beginning to learn the new routines. This half term in Maths, we are learning about place value and addition and subtraction. In English, we have started our new reader about inspirational children around the world. The children will be learning about Ancient Civilisations with Miss Robbins (our HLTA in History) and in RE, we have started to learn about Jesus' family. Please remember to ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record into school, every day.

Class News – Year 1/2 Year 1 & 2 have had a brilliant start to the year and have settled in very well. In English, we have been reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and writing some super sentences. In RE, we have started our first topic all about 'New Beginnings' and talked about God's creation. In Science, we have started our new topic 'Animals Including Humans' and in History we have started our new topic all about 'Toys in the Past'. Y1 & 2 have made me very proud following all of the class rules and being superstars. Well done everyone - let's keep it up!

Class News – EYFS The Reception children have had a great start to the year and have settled in very well. We have started our topic for this term, Goldilocks and the three bears, we have read the story and the children have been acting it out. In RE, we have started our first topic all about 'Myself' and talked about the importance of our names. The children have enjoyed finding their names, writing them and painting their own portraits. They have made an excellent start to the year. Well done everyone!

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 earring. 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/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	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