

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

Mass in school	22 April 9.30am
Y3/4 Parents Evening	23/25/26 April
Tempest Photography for Reception & Y6	23 April
Y5 Liturgy	25 April 2.45pm
Skipping Festival Y3/4	23 April
Feast Day Mass at St Joseph's Church	1 May 10:30 am
Y3/4 Liturgy	2 May 2.45 pm
SATS Week	W/C 13 May
Y1/2 Liturgy	9 May 2.45pm
School Nurse Drop in	14 May 8.40 am
Reception Liturgy	16 May 2.45 pm
Reception Class Hearing Tests	20 May
Y6 Liturgy	23 May 2.45 pm
Y6 Lakes Trip	5 – 7 June
Y3/4 Liturgy	6 June 2.45pm
Mass in School	11 June 9.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term.

For our Y6 children it is the last few months of their time at St. Joseph's and they start their transition to secondary school. Some of children will conclude their First Holy Communion preparation and make their First Holy Communion next month at St. Joseph's Church.

I would like to thank you again for your support with the Easter Fair which was a great community event. We will again hold our family picnic and Sports Day in July which will be another community event.

The school will gather to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker on 1st May. The children will go to St. Joseph's Church for mass that day rather than having mass in the hall. You are more than welcome to join as that day for mass at 10:30 am at St Josephs Church, Hutton Avenue, Hartlepool.

You will see from reading the class news that each of our classes have lots of activities and learning planned this term planned this term.

Y3/4 are to take part in a skipping festival, Y5 will spend time at English Martyrs School using their specialist facilities, Y6 will undertake Swim Safe, keeping safe on the beach something that is so important in our coastal community. After their SATS Y6 will have their residential, then the YMT Festival so there will be lots of news on our Facebook Page.

Watch for a special post next week. As part of the Year of Prayer the children have learnt a signed version of the Our Father and this will be shared with you next week.

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless,

Mrs D Hargreaves
Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Welcome back Year 6! Countdown is now on for SATs which will begin Monday 13th May. The children will be revising everything needed before their tests within Reading, Maths and SPaG. As well as this, Y6 will start their new topic in RE which is Pentecost - Witnesses. Within Science, the children will finish off their Forces topic and move on to Evolution and Inheritance. They will be focusing on The Explorer by Katherine Rundell throughout their reading. Within writing, the children will move on to their new book which is called The Day War Came by Nicola Davies.

Class News – Y5 This half term, as part of their core subjects of study, children in Y5 will be learning mathematics about shapes, positions, and directions. These topics will include classifying and estimating angles, measuring angles up to 180°, calculating angles on a straight line and around a point, 3D shapes, to read and plot coordinates, translation, and lines of symmetry. In English, the children will read about pollution (A Look Behind the Scenes), and for writing, they will read The Paperbag Prince by Colin Thompson. The children will learn to write a persuasive leaflet to give information about waste management (selecting an appropriate audience). They will learn to use emotive language, including the use of modals and adverbs for possibility, persuasive language (quotes and rhetorical questions), and the use of brackets, dashes, and commas to indicate parenthesis. In History, the topic is Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain, where the children will learn about where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, which parts of Britain they invaded, about their settlements, the arrival of Christianity, a case study of Lindisfarne Priory, and the monks of Lindisfarne. In science, they will be learning about living things and their habitats. These topics will include lessons about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect, and a bird. The life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Class News - Year 3 / 4 It has been a lovely first week back and the children are pleased Willow is back in class (and so is he!). This half term, we have lots of exciting sporting events. The children have been practising their skipping skills ready for the Skipping Festival, next week. On Wednesday, Mr Barras came into school and worked with the class on their tennis skills ready for the competition coming up. Today, we had our last Ukulele lesson which the children have all enjoyed. We also a Multi Sports event coming up – so let's pray we see some sunshine this half term! I look forward to meeting some of you, next week, at Parent's Evening

Class News – Year 1/2 This half term Year 1 and 2 will be reading the book "The Last Wolf." We will learn extinction and why it is important to protect animals. We have been looking at animals that have gone extinct and how we all have a responsibility to look after the environment and the world around us. In maths, Year 1 have been continuing to practice their place value and will soon go on to learn about measuring. Year 2 have been working hard at multiplying and division problems. We've made good progress on our 5 times tables! For R.E. we are going to be learning about the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. The children will talk about holidays and will learn that the word comes from "holy day". The children have been practicing joining textiles together in DT and will each bring home a hand puppet. We have some good sewers in Y1 and Y2 with the children learning how to safely and appropriately use equipment. The children will continue their work on the Great Fire of London and will also start to look at weather in Geography.

Class News – EYFS Welcome back EYFS! We have got lots of exciting things happening this term. The children have just started their new topic, 'Amazing Animals!' We will be learning all about 'Minibeasts' and using the outdoor areas to hunt for lots of different minibeasts. We have introduced our new text, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we even had a special visit from the caterpillar who took a huge bite out of one of our apples! We will also be learning all about 'Staying Healthy' and about 'Habitats'. As well as this, we have also started our new RE topic which is Pentecost – Good News.

The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:55am so that they are ready and in class to start the school day by 9am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:55am. 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 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 2023-2024	
Monday 4th September 2023	PD Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Return to School
Thursday 19th October 2023	Break up for half term
Friday 20th October 2023	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 20th October 2023 – Return – Monday 30th October 2023	Half Term
Break Up – Friday 22nd December 2023 Return – Monday 8th January 2024	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up - Friday 9th February 2024 Return - Monday 19th February 2024	February Half Term:
Break Up – Thursday 28th March 2024 Return – Monday 15th April 2024	Easter Holiday
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
W/C 13th May 2024	KS2 SATS
Break Up – Friday 24th May 2024 Return – Monday 3rd June 2024	Half Term
Friday 19th July 2024	Break up for Summer