

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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21st February 2025

Events

21 February	Break up
3 March	Return to school
6 March	World Book Day Dress in PJ's
11 March 8.40am	School Nurse Drop in
11 March 9.30am	Mass in School led by Y3/4
13 March 2.45pm	Y6 Liturgy
19 March 10am	Whole School at Church
20 March 2.45 pm	Y3/4 Liturgy
Week commencing 24 March	Parents Evening
28 March	Y1/2 Trip to Shildon Railway Museum
3 April 2.45pm	Music Recital Liturgy
11 April	Break up for Easter
18 April	Return to school
12 May	KS2 Sats

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the point in the year when Spring is around the corner. You may have noticed the spring blubs that are growing along our paths and in the pots at the main entrance. Over the coming months we are hoping to expand our eco credentials not only through our endeavours with the school grounds but also a recycling project.

The children enjoyed their Number Day and thanks to your generosity we raised £42.00 for NSPCC.

When we return to school after half term we will have World Book Day, our theme will be 'Book at Bedtime' and we will encourage the children to come to school in PJ's/dressing gown etc. They can also bring a book and their bedtime cuddly toy. Please remember a coat and shoes as they will still go outside at playtime and lunchtime. The day will be filled with book related activities.

You will see from our class pages, it has been a busy time in school over the last few weeks. Y6 were chosen out of several hundred schools to participate in a virtual scientific presentation and got the chance to ask the scientist questions. Y5/6 also took part in sporting finals, Y1/2 took a trip to the art gallery. Y3/4 are very privileged as they are supporting a trial of new RE resources.

Enjoy your half term break, and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed after half term.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Y6 have had some exciting times recently. We participated in a Teams call with Computer Scientist Dr Daly when celebrating the love for Maths on Valentines Day. A lot of the children in our class have been to multiple sports trips at English Martyrs. We even reached the Dodgeball and Basketball Town finals. The children will be moving onto their next Reading topic after the half-term holidays which will be about The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We will be finishing up on our Selfish Giant writing topic, which the children have excelled in, and will be moving on to 'The Day the War Came' by Nicola Davies. Throughout Science, Y6 have learned all about the solar system, including the planets, phases of the moon and the Sun. Within our next Science topic, we will be learning about Forces. Y6 have begun their new History topic (Victorian Britain: The Industrial Revolution) and will continue this after the next half-term. Throughout Art, they have created Memory Museums and have extremely enjoyed this. Well done on all of your hard work and resilience Y6!

Class News – Y4/5 Year 4/5 children have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks in terms of learning and attending various activities. In maths, they have completed the topic of multiplication and division and are now learning about fractions. In English, they have completed reading Arthur and the Golden Rope and are now busy planning to write their own adventure story. In science, they are having fun studying about rocks and in their most recent lesson, they learnt about the various kinds of rocks and used a variety of chocolates to help them interpret and perceive the idea. In the end, they were able to sample every chocolate! In RE, they are learning about the sacramental preparation for Mass. In history, they are getting to know many facts about World War II, its impact on Britain, and comparing it with current scenarios. They have taken pleasure in participating in peer mentoring, a variety of sporting events, and most recently, a Judo taster session.

Reminders for the next term: Children need to bring their PE kit to school on Monday and leave it in the locker. They can take it back home on Friday after school. Children need to bring their reading journal and reading book to school every day. To practice their times

Class News - Year 3 / 4. The children had a great time yesterday at the Judo taster session - see Facebook for pictures. Over the last few weeks, children have enjoyed writing about carnivorous plants and learning about the different ways prey is caught. Our class are trialling a new RE Curriculum and the children are really enjoying it. We have been learning about the ways Jesus performed miracles and showed compassion in Matthew's Gospel. Could I please remind parents/carers to sign children's reading records and to practise spellings at home (both daily). Have a wonderful half term and I hope we have some sunshine! Thank you, Miss Spence

Class News – Year 1 / 2 This half term Year ½ have completed the Ruby Robin Award and received certificates and badges for their achievement in helping songbirds. In English, they have been looking at the story of 'George and the Dragon'. In Art, they have made different paper sculptures including a tree of life and a giant spider. In February, they visited Hartlepool Museum to learn about what happens in a museum and they also visited the Art Gallery. At the Art Gallery, they enjoyed making their own clay sculptures. On Number Day, the class enjoyed dressing up as 'Times Tables Rockstars' and taking part in different maths activities. In RE, they have learned about special people within the church and started to look at the Eucharist.

Class News – EYFS In EYFS Nursery have been learning about the number 3 and its composition, and their phonics focus has been centred around people who help us, this week was the Dentist. Pupils have clapped syllables, listened to and described sounds, and have sorted words into groups with the same 'beginning with' sound. Speaking of which, toothbrushing continues each day in the morning and children are reminded they should be brushing their teeth at home (helped by an adult of course) in the morning and before bed, and we have been focusing on oral health. Reception children have been matching numerals to 20 and understanding the final number is the total when counting to 10 and beyond. We have been problem solving in our play throughout the EYFS setting around the theme of the The Three Little Pigs which is our focus text.

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.

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

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.

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/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 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