

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Events

12 May all week	KS2 Sats
13 May 8.40am	School Nurse Drop in
15 May 2.45pm	Y4/5 Liturgy
19 May 3.20pm	Y6 Lakes Meeting for parents
22 May 2.45	Y1/2 Liturgy
4 - 6 June	Y6 Lakes Residential
5 June 2.45 pm	Reception Liturgy
10 June 9am	Mass in School
11 June 9am	Coffee morning
17 June 8.40am	School Nurse Drop in
19 June 2.45pm	Y3/4 Liturgy
20 June from 12 noon	Sports Day & Family Picnic
27 June 2.45 pm	Jubilee Day Liturgy
27 June	Y6 Youth Festival Children to be in school 8.15am
3 July 2.45pm	Y4/5 Liturgy
9 July 1.30pm	Leavers Play
11 July 2.30pm	Leavers Assembly
Week commencing 14 July	Y6 Transition to secondary school
17 July 9.15am	Celebration Assembly
17 July 2pm	End of Year Mass
17 July	Break up for Summer
Tuesday 2 September	Return to School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well into the first part of our summer term. The Y6 children have been working incredible hard and next week is their Sats. The school will provide breakfast for all Y6 children – all children to come into school at 8 am Monday to Thursday next week.

In the next months the school will take part in various activities and children will be asked to represent the school. Many of these events will be sporting activities, children who represent the school will need to have the correct PE Kit (Yellow t-shirt, black shorts and plain plimsols/trainers) No Leggings.

I would like to thank you for your generosity and as a school we raised £42.60 for the NSPCC Number Day back in February.

As you will be aware a new Pope was elected yesterday – Pope Leo XIV. I would ask that you keep him in your prayers along with the children who make their First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's church tomorrow.

You will see that we have lots events coming up to which you are more than welcome to join us.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 This week Y6 have been working extremely hard whilst practising their SATs. They have completed a lot of practise papers and have received interventions. They have all showed dedication and drive whilst revising for their SATs and have impressed Miss Constantine a lot. We wish them the best of luck for next week!

Class News – Y4/5 Children in Y4/5 will be studying fractions, decimals, and percentages as part of their core areas of study in mathematics this half term. This will include multiplying a unit or non-unit fraction by an integer; calculating a fraction of a quantity or amount; decimals up to 2 decimal places; equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths and hundredths); and ordering and comparing decimals up to 3 decimal places. The pupils will read Exploring Space in English and The Darkest Dark: Biography for their writing tasks. Along with learning how to write in a formal, factual style and how to distinguish between facts and opinions, children will also learn about the text's structure. Students were introduced to biomes - deserts, in geography lessons. They will be able to identify biomes, locate hot deserts, and learn about their climate and landscape. The ways that flora and fauna have adapted to arid environments. In science, they will be learning about electricity. Recently, the year 4s took part in the skipping festival held at Brierton Sports Centre. The children had practised the different skills and techniques for this event over the last couple of weeks. Many individual prizes were won by the Year 4s, and they were complimented for their amazing behaviour and teamwork. Well done, Y4s!

Class News - Year 3 / 4. Since returning from Easter break, Y3/4 have jumped back in their learning with enthusiasm.. In maths we have been looking at mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have started a new book in English called "Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish"! and we have just started our weekly swimming sessions, which we are all excited about.

Class News – Year 1 / 2 Year ½ have had a great start to the Summer Term. In English, they have been reading 'The Last Wolf' which is based on Little Red Riding Hood. Their Science topic this term is 'Plants' and the children have been asking lots of questions that they hope to be able to answer by the end of term. Meanwhile, in PE they have started learning throwing and catching skills which will help them play cricket later on this term. Year 2 have been learning about fractions in Maths while Year 1 have begun to look at multiplication and division. In RE, the children have begun to look at Pentecost and how the disciples spread the word.

Class News – EYFS Our new book in EYFS is The Enormous Turnip and children are learning to retell the story using props. Children in Reception are learning in phonics about 2 letters which make one sound and in Maths about five frame and numbers we add to five to make 10. They have been counting beyond 30 each day, learning days of the week, months of the year and repeating patterns involving shape and colour. Nursery children are focusing on numbers to 10 during summer term and will be learning some letter sounds to prepare them for a good start in Reception. Reception children are reading and writing each day so that they are prepared for Year 1. We are having a big push on our letter and number formation practice daily.

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