



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust



28th June 2024

Summer Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 1 st July	Year 1 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am.
Tuesday 2 nd July	EYFS induction meeting 3.45pm in school (Nursery and Reception Starters September 2024)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Mass in church 9.30am
Thursday 4 th July	Own clothes day (bring a bottle for the summer fayre) Transition morning – children meet their new teacher
Friday 5 th July	INSET day
Sunday 7 th July	Mr Ferriday completing a sponsored run for sensory resources
Monday 8 th July	Reception Celebration of the Word in school 9am Whole school sponsored run (children to wear PE kit)
Wednesday 10 th July	Teddy bear Olympics – Year 1
Thursday 11 th July	Own clothes day (bring items for the Tombola for the summer fayre)
Monday 15 th July	Y6 production – Matilda 5pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Own clothes day (bring cakes for the summer fayre)
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass in church 9.30am
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly in school – 2pm School Summer Fayre – 3.20pm
Friday 19 th July	School closes at 1pm for the summer

End of Term School Closure

Just a reminder nursery will close on Thursday 18th July and school closes for all children on Friday the 19th of July at 1.00pm. **School children will have their school lunch as normal on Friday 19th July before they are collected at 1pm.**

School reopens for the children on Tuesday the 3rd of September, Nursery and Reception children have been given their starting dates and arrangements in their welcome pack.

School Uniform Reminder

School uniform can be purchased from Little Gems in Sunderland, we have also asked if they can stock black school joggers which has the school logo on. May I also remind you that children planning to have their ears pierced need to do so at the beginning of the holidays as no jewellery is allowed to be worn at school.

Classes for September

Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Stennett
Reception	Miss Hall
Year 1	Mrs Isherwood
Year 2	Miss Brack
Year 3	Mrs Teasdale
Year 4	Miss Forbister
Year 5	Mrs Forbister
Year 6	Miss Oliver

First Holy Communion

Well done to the children who took their First Holy communion. They all were beautiful. A special thanks to Miss Forbister for preparing them so well.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can cyclists and people on scooters dismount at the school gates and walk with their bike/scooter. Thank you.

SEND Support

If your child has autism, sensory processing or ADHD or you are concerned about your child in relation to these areas but they have no diagnosis, Daisy Chain offer a range of services and support. See attached flyers, contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk or visit their website <https://daisychainproject.co.uk/> for more information.

For any families with little ones aged 18 months to 3 years, together for children offer a 6 week stay and play programme to help develop speech and language skills. Speak to your health visitor or contact a local family hub (see flyer below) for more information.

The flyer features a photograph of a woman in a yellow shirt reading a book to a young child. The background is a bright pink. The text on the flyer includes the title 'SUPER COMMUNICATORS STAY AND PLAY', a description of the 6-week programme, contact information for five local family hubs, and logos for 'together for children SUNDERLAND', 'Sunderland City Council', and 'NHS'.

FAMILY HUB

**SUPER COMMUNICATORS
STAY AND PLAY**

Our 6 week programme, dedicated to help and develop speech and language skills for children aged from 18months - 3 years old.

Please speak with your Health Visitor or contact your local Family Hub for more information.

Bunnyhill Family Hub
0191 561 8126

Coalfield Family Hub
0191 561 6625

Rainbow Family Hub
0191 561 3995

Thorney Close Family Hub
0191 561 4127

Winnibell Family Hub
0191 561 2850

together for children SUNDERLAND

Sunderland City Council

NHS

South Shields Surf School are offering FREE SEND Surf and Ocean sessions for children aged 8-16 years. Email info@southshieldsurf.co.uk for more information, to enquire about a taster session or to secure a place.



SEN SURF SESSIONS
FREE SURF AND OCEAN SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEN
8-16 YEAR OLDS - THURS 5-6PM
16-24 YEAR OLDS - WEDS 5-6PM
EMAIL [INFO@SOUTHSHIELDSURF.CO.UK](mailto:info@southshieldsurf.co.uk) FOR MORE
INFO & TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

Caudwell Children provide discounted sensory packs for children with Autism. The pack is worth £113 but families are asked to contribute just £22.

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/changing-lives/how-we-can-help/autism-services/autism-sensory-packs/>



Attendance Information

Attendance is monitored very carefully in our school - our target for all pupils is 97%+ attendance, this is to ensure your child is given the chance to achieve their potential academically. Improving attendance in school seen now as a national priority following a decline; per -pandemic levels have not been reached – there is an obvious correlation between attendance and attainment.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, for example because of illness, you must call school with a reason for absence before 9.00am and each morning of absence after that. You can do this by simply leaving a message on the pupil absence line at any point before 9.00am – a member of staff may call you back to discuss the absence in more detail, and validate the absence. To avoid them having gaps in their learning, it is important that routine appointments for doctors, dentists, optician etc are made for after school where possible. Any unexplained absences will be recorded on our system as 'unauthorised'. Any pupils with persistent absences will be referred to the Local Authority attendance team, who will, when applicable enforce the legislation as detailed in the section 7 of the Education Act 1996.

Leave of Absence

As you may be aware the school does not authorise holidays, unless in exceptional circumstances - this is in line with guidance set by the Department for Education (DFE), which states schools should no longer routinely authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. Generally. The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. From September 2024 in line with changes to legislation – any holidays taken during term time will be subject to a referral to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice – we have attached a leaflet which details this. We ask that parents support pupils in maintaining a high level of attendance and punctuality and make every possible effort to improve any irregular attendance.

Thank you for your support in working in partnership with school to achieve the best for your child. For more details, please make yourself aware of our Attendance Policy which is available on our website.

<https://www.stjosephssunderland.school/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/BCCET-Attendance-Policy-2024-25.pdf>

As always, we appreciate your co-operation and support on this matter.

Thank you for your continued support and positive feedback and comments that we receive.

Mrs M.Graham

Mrs A.Toward

Executive Head Teacher

Head of School

Fixed Penalty Notices for irregular attendance at school Important information for parents

1 OVERVIEW

Regular school attendance is vital for children to reach their full potential. If your child is absent for any reason, it is important that you communicate fully with the school. However new national guidance is to be implemented from September to manage irregular attendance at school.

Penalty notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution where parents have failed to ensure their child attends school regularly. They can be used in cases where absence has not been authorised by a head teacher and can be in respect of any unauthorised absence, irrespective of reason.

The notices are used to prevent the need for court action, for example, when support has not been engaged with or is not appropriate (for example, leave of absence during term time).

Changes from September 2024 are shown →

2 LEAVE

Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation **would not** constitute an exceptional circumstance.

3 ABSENCE

A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if there are **5 days / 10 sessions** of absence in a period of **10 school weeks** (where absence has not been authorised).

A notice may be issued where the 5-day level of consecutive absence has not been reached, for example, if there are several periods of leave.

4 AMOUNT

The **first** penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A **second** penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A **third** penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).

5 FAQ'S

For further information please see Sunderland City Council website page on school attendance:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/>

Or DfE Working together to improve school attendance document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>





St Joseph's

SUMMER FAYRE

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THURSDAY 18TH JULY AT 3.20PM

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WE NEED YOUR HELP:

OWN CLOTHES DAY THURSDAY 4TH
JULY - BRING A BOTTLE TO SCHOOL

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OWN CLOTHES DAY THURSDAY 11TH
JULY - BRING TOMBOLA ITEMS IE
UNWANTED GIFTS, CHOCOLATE ETC

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OWN CLOTHES DAY TUESDAY 16TH
JULY - BRING CAKES

★ **DROP OFF ANYTIME:** ★
**PLASTIC CUP FILLED WITH WRAPPED
SWEETS CUDDLY TOYS**

St Joseph's presents our

SUMMER FAYRE

THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024 AT 3.20PM

Climbing Wall

Zorb Football

Hook the Duck

Books & Toys

Food and Refreshments

Glitter Tattoo

Bowling

Plus Much More!!!

**18
JUL**

3.20PM



FREE ENTRY

ALL WELCOME

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL, RUTLAND STREET**

Sunderland Coffee Mornings

Delivered by the Family Support Service

Do you live within Sunderland local authority?

Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD?

The drop-ins are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 support, please contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk.

No diagnosis is needed.

Tuesdays during term time / 10am-12pm

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June

2nd, 9th, 16th July

Address: Thorney Close Family Hub, Thorney Close, Sunderland, SR3 4JQ

Get support and advice

Meet other parents

Share top tips

Signposting



Access resources

For more information, please contact the family support team on 01642 531248 Option 1. No booking required!

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MULTI AGENCY

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Do you live within Sunderland local authority?

Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD?

Would you benefit from introductions to and support from other agencies?

If you answered yes to the questions above, drop in to one of the below sessions to meet other agencies and find out what they can offer. The sessions are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 support, please contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk.

Agencies attending may include* Sendiass, CAMHS, Mental Health in School Team, Parent Carer Forum, Early help This list is an example of agencies who may attend. If you are seeking specific support please contact the team to clarify which professionals will be in attendance on each date.

Mondays during term time / 10am-12pm

24th June
15th July

**Address: Thorney Close Family Hub, Thorney Close, Sunderland,
SR3 4JQ**

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North East and
North Cumbria


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SUNDERLAND

 **SUNDERLAND**
PARENT CARER FORUM

Delivered by
 **DAISY
CHAIN**
Autism & Neurodiversity