



Autumn Term 2021

10th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Gospel

This week's Wednesday word is **Mercy**. As we prepare for the great coming of Jesus let us all try and be compassionate, patient and forgive others. We ask for God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Sunday Times Good School Guide

We are absolutely delighted to have been ranked as the top performing school in the north east in The Sunday Times Good school guide. I would like to thank all staff past and present for their incredibly hard work, all our past pupils who worked so hard to achieve such high results, our very committed governors and all the support provided from you, yourselves parents. We continue to strive for the very best education for all in our wonderful, caring, community, surrounded by the love of God.

We will celebrate in school with a Movie afternoon next Friday. Your child may bring to school a packet of sweets for this occasion.

Academy

The Headteacher Board has now considered our school's application to become an academy as part of the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and granted an 'Academy Order'. This means we have been given an agreement in principle to continue with the process. The school will become an academy on February 1st 2022.

Head lice

We have had a case of head lice reported recently. Please could everyone take a few minutes this weekend to do a thorough head lice check and treat children's hair accordingly? Conditioner and a fine comb is a great starting point. An early check and prompt treatment will help to stop the spread. Thank you.

NHS information and advice can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will continue as normal until the end of term apart from Choir, Lexia, Athletics and Comprehension which will end this week.

The Football/Multisports Club for Y5/Y6 girls will come to an end this Wednesday. Letters have been distributed for violin, orchestra, clarinet, saxophone, drum and guitar clubs – please contact school if your child normally takes part in one of these clubs and you have not received your renewal letter.

We are hoping that we will receive information from Grassroots next week regarding their Monday and Tuesday after school clubs.

Christmas Parties

Come to school dressed to 'Rock around the Christmas Tree on your Christmas Party day'! Check the dates below if you are unsure which day your child's party is on.



Monday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery Christmas Parties
Tuesday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year1 & Year2 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party• Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party

Christmas Carols

At 9am on Friday 17th December, Key Stage 1 and 2 will be singing several carols on the school balcony, weather dependent. Parents are welcome to remain in the school grounds during this time.

First Holy Communion Mass - Year 4

In preparation for your child's First Holy Communion, Father Louis would like your child to attend Mass at least once a month in Church at 9.30am. The dates are below:

Sunday 12 th December
Sunday 16 th January
Sunday 27 th February
Sunday 20 th March
Sunday 3 rd April
Sunday 15 th May
Sunday 19 th June

Parents must be present and please sit as a family.

Attendance

Last week's attendance...

Reception	91.5
Year 1	96.3
Year 2	95.9
Year 3	89.3
Year 4	89.1
Year 5	85.7
Year 6	93.2

Spike went to Class 1 for the week ending 3rd December 2021 with a good attendance of 96.3%.

Upcoming Events

December 2021

12th December

First Holy Communion Mass in Church at 9.30am

13th December

Nursery Christmas Parties

14 th December	Reception Christmas Party Day
14 th December	Whole School Mass am (children only)
15 th December	Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas Party Day Year 6 Height and Weights
16 th December	Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas Parties
17 th December	Christmas Sing-a-Long 9.30am (children only) School closes at 3.20pm for Christmas break
January 2022	
4 th January	School Inset Day
5 th January	School reopens after the Christmas holidays
12 th January	Year 1 Eye Tests
18 th January	Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding Key Stage 2 SATs 5pm
19 th January	Year 4 First Confessions
26 th – 28 th January	Year 4 Residential Visit to Youth Village

Visits enhance learning and the school is keen that all pupils are able to enjoy and learn from these organised excursions.

Please help us by returning any permission slips and monies as requested in trip letters. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Twitter

Please remember to join in our Twitter account if you have not already done so.

@StJosephsSR46HY 

Weekend Mass Times

St. Joseph's Church:	Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday Morning 9:30 am
St. Patrick's Church:	Sunday 9.30am
St. Anne & Holy Family Church:	Sunday 11.00am

Christmas Mass Times

St. Joseph's Church:	Friday 24 th December 5pm Carols, 5.30pm Mass Saturday 25 th December 9.30am Mass Sunday 26 th December 9.30am Mass
St. Patrick's Church	Friday 24 th December 5.30pm Carols, 6pm Mass Saturday 25 th December No Mass Sunday 26 th December 9.30am Mass
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Wishing everybody the blessings of a holy and happy Christmas.

Miss S M Brown
Headteacher

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