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### Upcoming events

**Monday 22nd January**

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

Girls' Football In lunchtime

Year 4 swimming pm

RE Ambassadors cluster meeting  
pm

Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

**Tuesday 23rd January**

Handwriting Day

Y5 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

**Wednesday 24th January**

Catholic Social Teaching Day

Y3 Multiskills Festival at Temple  
Park am

Y2 Mass in church 10.00am

Guitar club in lunchtime

Laudato Si Club in lunchtime

Football training 3.15-4.15pm

Y6 Booster groups 3.15-4.15pm

**Thursday 25th January**

Y6 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

Open the Book Club in lunchtime

Craft/Mindfulness Club

3.15-4.15pm

Street Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm

**Friday 26th January**

Y4 We Eat Elephants session am

3.00pm Lost property table outside  
office

**National Storytelling Week**

**Monday 29th January**

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

Girls' Football In lunchtime

Year 4 swimming pm

Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

**Tuesday 30th January**

Y4 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

School Council in lunchtime

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

**Wednesday 31st January**

Y1 Mass in church 10.00am

Guitar club in lunchtime

Laudato Si Club in lunchtime

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break (I know I'm a few weeks behind!) I hope that you all had a restful fortnight away during Christmas.

### Facebook & Instagram

We finally have a new Facebook page! Issues surrounding our old one could not be ironed out, so we took the decision to start afresh. Our celebratory news, both in and out of school, will be shared on our Facebook page @stjosephsja

To have a window into the classrooms, you must access this via Instagram. Our Instagram page is @stj\_teachingandlearning\_ws for the whole school and @st\_josephs\_rc\_eyfs for our Early Years.

### Catholic Social Teaching Day

Next Wednesday, we have invited Tricia from CAFOD into our school to lead some workshops with some of our classes. Tricia will be working with Years 1, 4, 5 and 6, looking at Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in our school, and how the pupils can develop that at home. I'm sure they will have a lot to tell you!

### Handwriting Day

Tuesday is National Handwriting Day, where we will celebrate some of the wonderful writers we have in our school. Each class will be taking part in a handwriting session, where they have been given a prayer to write out. A selection of the work will be used to create a whole school prayer book. We have invited parents and our community to take part, and ask you to copy our whole school prayer in your best handwriting. Templates are available from the school office. Further information is available [here](#)

### NSPCC Number Day

The annual NSPCC Number Day will take place on Friday 2nd February. Mr Charlton will share information about the day soon.

### Kindness Matters 30-day Challenge

So how is your child doing in their 30-day Kindness Challenge? We welcome any photos of your child showing kindness, and these will be shared on our social media. Please send any photos to the school email address. Further information on the challenge is available [here](#).



One of our grandparents in Nursery (Gabriella's Grandad) certainly passed the Kindness Challenge on Thursday. He noticed I had forgotten my gloves and had very chilly hands. He went to his bike, collected some spare gloves and gave them to me. What a lovely gentleman!

### KS2 Street Dance club

There are still spaces at our KS2 Street Dance club after school on Thursday. This is a follow on from the very successful Street Dance day that we had in the Autumn term. **Payment can be made on ParentPay.**

### Open Mornings

Our popular Open Mornings start again next week, with Years 5 and 6. Please come along and learn about what your child is doing in class and join them in an art activity!

Football training 3.15-4.15pm  
 Y6 Booster groups 3.15-4.15pm  
**Thursday 1st February**  
 Y2 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am  
 Craft/Mindfulness Club  
 3.15-4.15pm  
 Street Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm  
**Friday 2nd February**  
 NSPCC Number Day  
 Y4 We Eat Elephants session am

**Presbytery parking**

Unfortunately, we still have a number of people parking outside the presbytery. This is a health and safety issue, as cars/vans will need to reverse while families are walking along the path. I ask that no cars park in these bays.

**Attendance**

We sent a letter yesterday regarding attendance, and how missing school will affect your child's academic development. Please can I ask that you read this letter if you haven't already done so, as it has a very important message? [LINK](#)

**Lateness**

We have a number of pupils arriving at school after the 9pm cut off time. It may seem that an odd day late is fine, but this has a significant impact on your child's well being, as being late and walking in the classroom often causes embarrassment and upset. It is also an essential time of the day for calm and conducive learning.

Take care,  
 Mr P Craig  
 Headteacher

**Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6**

**(BOLD = PARENTS INVITED)**

January	Tuesday 23rd January	World Handwriting Day
		<b>Y5 Open Morning in school 9.00am</b>
	Wednesday 24th January	Catholic Social Teaching day
		Y3 Multiskills Festival at Temple Park (am)
		<b>Y2 Mass in church 10.00am</b>
	Thursday 25th January	<b>Y6 Open Morning 9.00am</b>
	Friday 26th January	Lost property table outside school office 3.00pm
	Tuesday 30th January	<b>Y4 Open Morning 9.00am</b>
	Wednesday 31st January	<b>Y1 Mass in church 10.00am</b>
February	Thursday 1st February	<b>Y2 Open Morning 9.00am</b>
	Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Number Day
	Tuesday 6th February	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
		<b>Online Internet Safety session for parents - info to follow</b>
		School photographer in
	Wednesday 7th February	<b>Y3 Open Morning 9.00am</b>
<b>Reception Mass in church 10.00am</b>		

		<b>Y5 Swimming gala (8 pupils only) at Haven Point 12.30 - 3.30 pm (parents to collect)</b>
	Thursday 8th February	<b>Y1 Open Morning 9.00am</b>
	Friday 9th February	<b>Reception and KS1 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am</b>
		Girl's football match at Hebburn Comp (pm)
		<b>End of Half term</b>
<b>Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February Half Term</b>		
February	Monday 19th February	Pupils return to school
		Y3 Swimming (pm) until 25th March
		<b>First Holy Communion parents' meeting 7.00pm in church</b>
	Wednesday 21st February	<b>Nursery Mass in church 10.00am</b>
		First Holy Communion childrens' meeting in church 3.30-4.30pm
	Friday 23rd February	<b>Reception Stay &amp; Play 9.00am</b>
	Sunday 25th February	<b>First Holy Communion Special Mass Liturgy in church 11.00am</b>
Wednesday 28th February	<b>Y5 Mass in church 10.00am (parents invited)</b>	
Thursday 29th February	<b>Reception Liturgy in school 9.00am</b>	
March	Friday 1st March	<b>Final Kindness Matters Challenge Day</b>
		<b>Nursery Stay &amp; Play - times to be shared (parents are invited to have a school lunch with their child)</b>
		Lost property table outside school office 3.00pm
	Monday 4th March	<b>Girls' Football Cup - info to follow</b>
		<b>Parents' Evening A 3.30-6.00pm</b>
Y4 Music Festival rehearsal (pm)		
Tuesday 5th March	<b>Y4 Music Festival (pm) info to follow</b>	

Wednesday 6th March	<b>Y6 Mass in church 10.00am</b>
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	<b>Y5 Class Mass in church 9.15am</b>
Monday 11th March	<b>First Holy Communion parents' meeting 7.00pm in church</b>
Tuesday 12th March	Girl's football match at Hebburn Comp (pm)
	<b>Parents' Evening B 1.00-5.00pm</b>
Wednesday 13th March	<b>Y4 Mass in church 10.00am</b>
	KS2 (8 pupils) FA Para Football Festival at Temple Park (pm)
	<b>First Holy Communion childrens' meeting in church 3.30-4.30pm</b>
Friday 15th March	<b>Y2 All Star Cricket at Temple Park (pm)</b>
Sunday 17th March	<b>First Holy Communion Special Mass Liturgy in church 11.00am</b>
Tuesday 19th March	<b>A VERY special visitor!!!!!! WHOOPA!!!!</b>
	<b>Football Gidney League 3.30pm at Clegwell CA</b>
Monday 25th March	<b>Easter Egg competition - info to follow</b>
	KS2 (selected pupils) Boccia event all day
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Y5 'Three Trees' Easter play 9.15am</b>
	<b>Reception Gym Festival at Urban Factory am</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>KS2 Gold Book Assembly 2.15pm</b>
	Lost property table outside school office 3.00pm
Thursday 28th March	<b>Stations of the Cross service in church 9.15am</b>
	Half day finish 1.00pm
	End of term

**Pupils return to school on Monday 15th April 2024**