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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Upcoming events

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Wellbeing Week (No after school clubs except Little Movers)  
 Year 5 swimming pm  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm  
 First Holy Communion parent meeting in church 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Y4 Mass in church 10.00am  
 Guitar club in lunchtime  
 First Holy Communion pupil session 3.30-5.00pm (double session)  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Hedworthfield Christmas Tree light switch on with choir 4.00pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
 CAFOD Club in lunchtime  
 Girls' football in lunchtime  
 Year 5 swimming pm  
 Lego club 3.15-4.15pm  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
 Advent Mass in church 9.15am All welcome  
 Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory am only  
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm  
 'Sing of a Child' cluster performance (school choir) at St Matthew's church 6.00pm  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
 Rosary Club 8.30am  
 Guitar, MFL and Laudato Si club in lunchtime  
 First Holy Communion Reconciliation service in church 6.00pm  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
 Santa's Swap Shop  
 Choir in lunchtime  
 Football Team Training at Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm  
 Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
 EYFS Nativity in church 10.30am

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for the lovely messages and comments I have received since making my retirement announcement on Monday. It means so much.

Christmas dates

All of our Christmas dates are on the flyer below this newsletter. Please share these dates with your families.

Wellbeing Week

Just a reminder that there are no lunch or after school clubs next week, apart from Little Movers and Guitar.

Santa's Swap Shop

Our School Council are once again running our annual 'Santa's Swap Shop' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Details are below.

Nativity tickets

We will soon be sending information on how to get tickets for our KS1 Nativity. There are no ticket restrictions for the EYFS Nativity and Carols by Candlelight in church.

Science Day

We have been lucky enough to have been chosen to host a Science Day with the Royal Institute of Science. As part of this, they will lead a Community Show after school in the hall from 3.30-4.30. It promises to be a fun and engaging event, and all families and pupils are invited along.

Asda Rewards

Only 8 days left to raise money for school through Asda Rewards. We're currently at an amazing £583!

Parish bulletin

This week's parish bulletin is available [here](#)

Take care,  
 Mr P Craig  
 Headteacher

**This week's scripture: John 18:33-37**

**The theme of the scripture: Jesus is the true King**

**Link to Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity (God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters)**



**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:**

Mr Craig, Mrs Bertram and Mrs Gibson (governor)

**Our SENDCO is:** Mrs. Bertram. Miss Shaughnessy is our governor SEND link



**Whole school attendance this week is 92.8% (What a sickness bug!)**

**Best class attendance is Y3 with 98.1%**



# Christmas at St Joseph's

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Tuesday 3rd December	Advent Mass 9.15am in church
	Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St Matthew's 6.00pm
Friday 6th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity in church 10.30am
	Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.15pm
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 (Y1/Y2) Nativity 9.15am and 5.00pm
Friday 13th December	Whole school visit to Panto at the Exchange, North Shields pm
Wednesday 18th December	Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day!
	Christmas Lunch



**Dear Parents**

**On the 5th of December, the school council is returning with 'Santa's Swap Shop'! It would be lovely if your children can bring in old toys and games that they don't use anymore, but are good enough for a present. They will get another toy in exchange. If you decide to bring in more than one toy or present, this means that some children who can't afford to bring one in will still receive a present.**

**Last year, the toys brought in were mainly for younger children. We would love for the older children to have a better variety this year.**

**Any toys that are left over will go to the local women's refuge.**

**Yours faithfully**

**St Joseph's School Council**

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup>November</b>	<b>Wellbeing Week (No after school clubs this week, apart from Little Movers)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>First Holy Communion parents' meeting in church 7.00pm</b>	☺
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am</b>	☺
	<b>First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30-5.00pm</b>	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Hedworthfield Christmas tree light switch on, choir to attend 4.00pm</b>	☺
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am</b>	☺
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent Mass 9.15am</b>	☺

	<b>Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory 10.00am-12.00pm CANCELLED</b>	
	Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St Matthew's (School Choir) 6.00pm	😊
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 visit to Newcastle Christmas Markets all day</b>	
	<b>First Reconciliation Service for FHC pupils in church 6.00pm</b>	😊
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Santa's Swap Shop</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery and Reception Nativity in church 10.30am</b>	😊
	<b>Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.15pm</b>	😊
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Science Day including Community show 3.30-4.30pm</b>	😊
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Yr 5/6 Key Steps Gymnastics (12 pupils) at the Urban Factory</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 (Y1/Y2) Nativity 9.15am and 5.00pm</b>	😊
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y5/6 Christmas Party pm</b>	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole school visit to Panto at the Exchange, North Shields pm</b>	
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y3/4 Christmas Party pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y3 visit to Hancock Museum all day</b>	
	<b>Y1/2 Christmas Party pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Party pm</b>	
	<b>Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm</b>	😊
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day!</b>	
	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	
	<b>Nursery Christmas Party pm</b>	
	<b>Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm</b>	

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am</b>	
	<b>End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)</b>	

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025**