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Newsletter no. 13

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Upcoming events

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Y3/4 Christmas party pm

Year 5 swimming pm cancelled

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Y3 visit to the Hancock Museum  
all day

Y1/2 Christmas party pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Christmas party pm

Carols by Candlelight 5.00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### **A BUSY CHRISTMAS DAY!**

Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Nursery Christmas party pm

Christmas stories with Mr Craig  
pm

Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am

School finishes for term 1.00pm

**Pupils return to school on**

**Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**



### Dear Parents and Carers

We come to our final week before Christmas and we are well and truly 'tinselled out'. One more busy week of festive fun before the break.

### Carols by Candlelight

We will be holding our very special Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday at 5.00pm. All of our school community are invited – even if you have younger children, please bring them along for this magical event.

If your child is taking part, please bring them to church for 4.45pm dressed in school uniform.

### Christmas Memory Tree

We will have a table in church on Wednesday after Carols by Candlelight for anyone who would like to take a bauble for the Christmas Memory Tree. Donations gratefully accepted. The baubles will be placed on the tree the following morning.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We have a few jumpers that have been kindly donated. If you are struggling to get your child a jumper, please pop along to the school office. Children should wear school uniform with their Christmas jumper over the top.

### Christmas Lunch

All Reception/KS1 will receive a Christmas lunch free of charge on Thursday 19th December. If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and on school dinners they will also receive a Christmas lunch which will be charged to their normal Parentpay account. If your child is usually on packed lunches but would like a Christmas lunch, please pay on ParentPay in the usual way for a school meal. The charge is £2.50. If you are unsure in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. You do not need to pay if your child is entitled to free school meals.

### Movie Night

We will be holding our Christmas Movie Night on Thursday for pupils in Reception to Year 6, and pupils will be together watching 'The Grinch'. They will get a hot dog, biscuit and juice. Tickets are £3 each and can be paid via ParentPay. Further information is available below.

### School clubs

A reminder that there are NO lunchtime or after school clubs next week. This includes Y5 swimming which is also cancelled.

### Reception Admissions 2025

A reminder for all Nursery parents that the closing date to apply for a place in school from September 2025 is fast approaching. Please see a letter attached from South Tyneside Council.

### FINAL Christmas Raffle

We have a few prizes that we are raffling this week. They include Chilli water bottles and Bluetooth speakers. Tickets are £1 a strip and all proceeds will go to The Friends. You can either purchase tickets from the office or before the KS2 Gold Book Assembly on Friday. Alternatively, your child can bring money in a named envelope. The draw will take place during the assembly.

### Age Concern – Blanket Appeal

Thank you for your generosity so far in connection with this appeal. Please look in your cupboards this weekend and see if you have any blankets, you no longer require and bring

them into school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to help St Joseph's spread a bit of warmth in our community this Christmas.

**A message from Mia-Angelita**

Mia-Angelita from Year 4 would like to invite the children to her FB group "The Runaway Elf", where she is spreading some free fun again this Christmas for the children in South Tyneside To win a visit and a gift from the Elf on Christmas Eve, all you have to do is post a picture (drawn or photo) of your Elf on Mia-Angelita's FB group and your name will be entered into the free prize draw. A lovely start to the festive fun. Good luck everyone and Merry Christmas!

**Parish bulletin**

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

Take care,  
Mr P Craig  
Headteacher

**This week's scripture: Luke 3:10-18**

**The theme of the scripture: Open our lives to Jesus through our words and actions, as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.**



**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:**

Mr Craig, Mrs Bertram and Mrs Gibson  
(governor)

**Our SENDCO is:** Mrs. Bertram and Miss  
Shaughnessy (governor)



**Whole school attendance this week is  
93.22%**

**Best class attendance is  
Year 5  
95.5%**



Dear Parents/Carers,

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Christmas Movie Night (Reception to Year 6)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
£3 per ticket  
3.15pm - 5.00pm



Christmas Movie Night will take place in school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm to 5.00pm. Tickets will cost £3 per child which includes a hotdog, cookie and a drink. Payments should be made on ParentPay by 3pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December so that we know how many to cater for.

We would be grateful for donations of hotdogs and buns. You can drop them off at the school office. We would be grateful to have these by 9am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December so that we know how many we have.

Children will stay in school and should be collected as follows:

Parents are kindly asked to line up near to the KS1 doors. Parents will come through these doors, collect their child from the hall and leave via the school office doors. One member of staff will be at the collection point to identify adults and relay names of children to staff in the hall.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH'S