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Upcoming events

Monday 4th November

Poppy appeal starts in school
CAFOD Club in lunchtime
Girls' football in lunchtime
Year 5 swimming pm
Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm
Football Team Training at
Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 5th November

Wellbeing Warriors assembly
10.15am all are invited
School Council in lunchtime
Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm
Football team match at Hebburn
Comprehensive (via the Clegwell
CA entrance) 3.30pm

Wednesday 6th November

Rosary Club 8.30am
Y6 Mass in church 10.00am
Guitar club in lunchtime
Laudato Si club in lunchtime
MFL club in lunchtime

Thursday 7th November

Open morning for new parents
9.30am
Choir in lunchtime
Happy Tapping club in lunchtime
Friends of St Joseph's Autumn
Fancy Dress party
Reception/KS1 4.00-5.00pm
KS2 5.15-6.15pm

Friday 8th November

Saints Day in school
SSOC Launch (4xY6 pupils) 12.30-
2.30pm

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday Parade in
Jarrow 10.40am

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone! As we approach the half term and the following Advent and festive season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all your support this past term. Let's embrace the excitement of the upcoming holidays together!

Communication

To support our communication with parents and families, we sent out a survey at the start of the year. In the survey, we asked how you would like us to communicate with you. The significant majority responded that they would prefer weekly newsletters in the same format as before. We have responded to this by producing weekly, rather than fortnightly newsletters. This also includes all of the dates for the coming weeks and months.

Unfortunately, it seems that some parents are not reading these newsletters and as a result are unaware of important dates and events. As you will appreciate, it takes a long time to put these newsletters together, and we do not have the time to contact parents individually or reproduce dates and information in various formats. We therefore ask parents to note the relevant dates for their children either in the upcoming events box, or the longer dates section below.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day

Royal British Legion merchandise will be on sale in the week beginning 4th November. This year, we will be selling poppies, snap bands, key rings and wristbands. All items can be bought for a donation (£1 recommended). These items will be on sale all week, and our older pupils will visit each class selling the items.

The remembrance service in Jarrow will take place on Sunday 10th November, starting at Jarrow Town Hall at 10.40am with a service at 10.55am at the Cenotaph. Some of our School Council pupils will be attending to represent school.

We will be holding a special Remembrance Assembly in school on Monday 11th November at 9.15am. All our families and friends are invited to attend.

Wellbeing Warriors assembly

Our Wellbeing Warriors have been in 'training' with Becca and the Healthy Minds team. You are invited to an assembly to celebrate their achievements on Tuesday 5th November at 10.15am.

Autumn Fancy Dress party

The Friends of St Joseph's have organised an Autumn Fancy Dress party on Thursday 7th November. As usual, we split this into two separate parties for space:

Reception and Key Stage 1 4.00-5.00pm

Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm

Please bring your child to the main entrance where they will be 'spookily' invited into the hall. We may need some volunteer helpers – the Friends of St Joseph's will be sending out a plea soon! We do ask that parents do not stay with their child during the party.

Nursery children will be invited to their own party which will take place during the day in the classroom.

Monday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week

**Remembrance Assembly 9.15am
all are invited**

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

**Girls' football match at Hebburn
comp 12.30pm**

Year 5 swimming pm

Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 12th November

Parents' Evening A 3.30-6.00pm

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

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Wednesday 13th November

Rosary Club 8.30am

Y5 Mass in church 10.00am

Guitar club in lunchtime

Laudato Si club in lunchtime

MFL club in lunchtime

**First Holy Communion pupil
session in church 3.30-4.30pm**

Thursday 14th November

**Reception/Y6 Buddy Assembly
9.00am**

Choir in lunchtime

Football Team Training at

Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm

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Friday 15th November

**Nursery Stay & Play 10.45-
11.30am and 2.30-3.15pm**

Halloween Pumpkin Trail

Mia-Angelita from Y4 has once again set up a Halloween Pumpkin Trail around Fellgate.

There are ten pumpkins displayed in windows on the outskirts of the Fellgate estate.

Each pumpkin has a Halloween related word on. Collect all ten words and DM them to Mia-Angelita's group "South Tyneside Pumpkin Trail" and your name will be entered into the free prize draw to win a large cauldron full of sweets and Halloween treats. The trail runs from 23rd October - 1st November. The trail is easily accessible for all ages and abilities.

School Fundraising Christmas cards

You will have received a School Fundraising Christmas card design template yesterday.

The return closing date for these is Tuesday 5th November. Unfortunately, any returns after this date cannot be sent to the printers.

Happy Tapping Club

Some of our Y6 pupils were so inspired by John Magee's visit that they have set up their own 'Happy Tapping' club. This will take place every Thursday lunchtime, with classes invited to join them.

Football Team Training

Unfortunately, we can't access the Hedworthfield CC MUGA on Mondays. Therefore, football training for the team will take place every Thursday after school 3.15-4.15pm. Please collect your child from there at the end of the session. There will be no session in week 1 as it is the fancy dress party after school.

Saints Day

To help our pupils understand the importance of Saints in our history, we are holding a Saints Day each term, where pupils will learn the history of an important Saint and the impact they have had on our lives. This term, the Saints that will be studied are:

Nursery	St Francis of Assisi
Reception	St Joseph
Year 1	St George
Year 2	St Patrick
Year 3	St Paul
Year 4	St Peter
Year 5	St Andrew
Year 6	St Vincent de Paul

I hope you have a lovely break. See you in November.

Take care,

Mr P Craig

Headteacher



PUMPKIN PAINTING

**Wednesday 30 October,
10.30am-3pm at The Word**

For ages 5+

£3 per pumpkin, cash only

Drop-in

www.theworduk.org



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Halloween Gardening Craft Activity

Thu 31 October, 2-3.30pm at The Word

Suitable for ages 4-11

£2 per craft made. Drop-in

www.theworduk.org



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Halloween Arts and Crafts

Wed 30 October 11am-12pm at Cleadon Park

Thu 31 October 11am-12pm at Jarrow Focus

Suitable for ages 4-11

£2 per craft made, drop-in



Arts and Crafts at Hebburn Central

Fri 1 November, 10.30-11.30am

For ages 4-11

£2 per craft made

Children will make Day of the Dead themed crafted



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	DATE	EVENT	Parents invited?
NOVEMBER	Monday 4 th November	Pupils return to school	
		Y5 swimming begins (until 15th December)	
	Tuesday 5 th November	Wellbeing Warriors assembly 9.00am	😊
		Football team match at Hebburn Comp 3.30pm	😊
		Christmas Cards return deadline	
	Wednesday 6 th November	Y6 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	😊
	Thursday 7 th November	Open Session for New Parents 9.30-10.30am	😊
		Friends of St Joseph's Autumn Fancy Dress Parties Reception/Y1/Y2 - 4.00-5.00pm Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 - 5.15-6.15pm	
	Friday 8 th November	Saints Day in school	
		SSOC launch (4 pupils from Y6) at Temple Park 12.30-2.30pm	
	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
	Monday 11 th November	Remembrance assembly in school 9.15am	😊
		KS2 Girls' Football team match at Hebburn Comp 12.00-3.30 (Parents to kindly collect from Comp)	
	Tuesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening A	😊
	Wednesday 13 th November	Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	😊
First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30-4.30pm			
Thursday 14 th November	Reception and Y6 Buddy Assembly 9.00am	😊	
Friday 15 th November	Nursery Stay and Play sessions 10.45am and 2.30pm	😊	

	Sunday 17 th November	Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am	😊
	Monday 18 th November	Parents' Evening B	😊
	Tuesday 19 th November	KS2 Parallel Sportshall Athletics (10 pupils from KS2) 9.30am-12.00pm) TBC	
		Open Session for New Parents 2.00-3.00pm	😊
	Wednesday 20 th November	Y4 visit to Vindolanda all day	
		Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	😊
	Friday 22 nd November	Y2 Mini Tennis at Temple Park 1.00-3.00pm (THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED)	
		RE Ambassadors meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by Christmas Market	
	Monday 25 th November	Wellbeing Week (No after school clubs this week, apart from Little Movers)	
	Tuesday 26 th November	First Holy Communion parents' meeting in church 7.00pm	😊
	Wednesday 27 th November	Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	😊
		First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30-5.00pm	
DECEMBER	Sunday 1 st December	Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am	😊
	Tuesday 3 rd December	Advent Mass 9.15am	😊
		Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory 10.00am-12.00pm	
		Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St Matthew's (School Choir) 6.00pm	😊
	Wednesday 4 th December	First Reconciliation Service for FHC pupils in church 6.00pm	😊
Thursday 5 th December	Santa's Swap Shop		

Friday 6 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity in church 10.30am	😊
	Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.15pm	😊
Tuesday 10 th December	Yr 5/6 Key Steps Gymnastics (12 pupils) at the Urban Factory	
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 (Y1/Y2) Nativity 9.15am and 5.00pm	😊
Thursday 12 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Party pm	
Friday 13 th December	Whole school visit to Panto at the Exchange, North Shields pm	
Monday 16 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Party pm	
Tuesday 17 th December	Y3 visit to Hancock Museum all day	
	Y1/2 Christmas Party pm	
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Christmas Party pm	
	Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm	😊
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day!	
	Christmas Lunch	
	Nursery Christmas Party pm	
	Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm	
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am	😊
	End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)	
Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025		

Weekly clubs

All after school clubs must be booked via Arbor or ParentPay (even those that are free and organised by staff)

Day	Time	Club	Pupils	How to book	Staff
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Mon	Lunch	CAFOD club	KS1/2	N/A	Mrs Jordan
		Girls' Football Team Training	Y5/6	N/A	Mrs Armour/ Miss Doran
	3.15-4.15pm	Lego club	All pupils	Arbor	Mrs Burns/ Mrs Armour
	3.15-4.15pm	Football team training	Y5/6	N/A	Miss Crooks/ Mrs Lipscombe
Tue	Lunch	School Council (every other week)	KS2	N/A	Mr Maratty
		Open the Book club (every other week)	All pupils	N/A	Mr Craig
	3.15-4.15pm	Little Movers (paid)	Reception & KS1	ParentPay	South Tyneside Council
Wed	8.30am	Rosary Club	All	N/A	Mr Craig
	Lunch	Guitar club (paid)	KS2	ParentPay	Mr Marley
	Lunch	Laudato Si club	KS2	N/A	Miss Hunt
	Lunch	MFL club	Y3/Y4	N/A	Mrs McMillin
Thu	Lunch	Choir	Y4-6	N/A	Miss McCrimmon
	Lunch	Happy Tapping	All pupils	N/A	Mr Craig
	3.15-4.15pm	Mindfulness club	All pupils	Arbor	Mrs Arthur/ Ms Crooks
Fri	Lunch	Open the Book club (every other week)	All pupils	N/A	Mr Craig
Every day	8.20am	Library club	All pupils and families	N/A	Mrs G Ball