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**Upcoming events**

**Sunday 17th November**  
 Special Liturgy for First Holy Communion pupils in church 11.00am  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
 CAFOD Club in lunchtime  
 Girls' football in lunchtime  
 Year 5 swimming pm  
 Lego Club CANCELLED  
 Parents' Evening B 3.30-6.00pm  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
 KS2 (selected pupils) Parallel Sportshall Athletics at Temple Park am only  
 Open afternoon for prospective new parents 2.00-3.00pm  
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Rosary Club 8.30am  
 Y4 visit to Vindolanda all day  
 Y3 Mass in church 10.00am  
 Group of Y5 pupils visit to Hagan Hall care home 11.00am  
 Guitar club in lunchtime  
 Laudato Si club in lunchtime  
 MFL club in lunchtime  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
 Choir in lunchtime  
 Football Team Training at Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm  
 Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
 RE Ambassadors visit to Newcastle Cathedral 11.00am-3.00pm  
**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)

**Dear Parents and Carers**

We're rapidly approaching Christmas and the busyness of a Primary school! Hope the naughty elves don't visit your house and cause chaos!!!

**Christmas dates**

Here are the dates over the festive period

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Friday 29th November    | Hedworthfield Christmas tree light switch on, choir to attend 4.00pm           |
| Tuesday 3rd December    | Advent Mass 9.15am in church   |
|                         | Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St Matthew's (School Choir) 6.00pm |
| Thursday 5th December   | Santa's Swap Shop  |
| 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   |
| Thursday 12th December  | Y5/6 Christmas Party pm  |
| Friday 13th December    | Whole school visit to Panto at the Exchange, North Shields pm                  |
| Monday 16th December    | Y3/4 Christmas Party pm  |
| Tuesday 17th December   | Y1/2 Christmas Party pm  |
| Wednesday 18th December | Reception Christmas Party pm   |
|                         | Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm                                 |
| Thursday 19th December  | Christmas Jumper Day!  |
|                         | Christmas Lunch  |
|                         | Nursery Christmas Party pm   |
| Friday 20th December    | Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm  |
|                         | KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am  |
|                         | End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)   |

**Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre**

You will receive a letter from the Friends of St Joseph's with information regarding the Christmas Fayre. Please try to support the Friends in their quest for a school minibus.

**Parents' Evening**

We are holding our second Parents' Evening on Monday. Just a reminder that Becca from the Healthy Minds team will also be available on the evening if you have a concern about your child's wellbeing or mental health.

**Staff Wellbeing Week**

A reminder that the w/b 25<sup>th</sup> November is staff wellbeing week, so there will be no after school or lunchtime clubs that week apart from Little Movers and Guitar club.

**Christmas Jumpers**

We are having a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any Christmas Jumpers that your child has grown out of, we ask that you donate them to school for some pupils who may not be able to get one. Please send them to the school office.

Thanks

**Asda Rewards**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
 Hedworthfield Christmas Tree light  
 switch on with choir 4.00pm

We are amazingly above the £500 donation mark with the Asda Rewards scheme. There are just over two weeks left for us to hit £600. Please go to <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> for more information. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.

**The Advent Blanket Challenge**

Information regarding our School Council's 'Advent Blanket Challenge' will be shared soon!

**The Key Community Bus**

Our 'Tinny Tuesday' initiative supports the Key Community Bus, which in turn supports our communities. They have asked us to share the current timetable for the bus, which provides for anyone struggling with the cost of living. It is a fantastic charity and is one of our chosen House group charities. Further information on the project is available at [Key Community Bus - Key](#)

Take care,  
 Mr P Craig  
 Headteacher



**Key Community Bus Timetable**

**3-Weekly Timetable 2024**

| WEEK 1 | TUE  | WED   | THU  |
|--------|--|---|--|
| AM     | Hebburn Family Hub<br>10.30-12                 | Rose & Crown Pub<br>Prince Edward Road<br>10.30-12.00 | Ocean Road<br>Community Association<br>10.00-11.30 |
| PM     | Stanhope Road<br>Primary School<br>12.30-14.00 | South Tyneside<br>District Hospital<br>12.30-14.00    | Dunn Street<br>Primary School<br>12.00-13.30       |
| WEEK 2 | TUE  | WED   | THU  |
| AM     | Hebburn Family Hub<br>10.30-12.00              | Hedworthfield<br>Community Association<br>10.30-12.00 | Simonside<br>Social Club<br>10.00-11.30            |
| PM     | Biddick Hall<br>Family Hub<br>12.30-14.00      | Sea View<br>Primary School<br>12.30-14.00             | Bilton Hall<br>Community Trust<br>12.00-13.30      |
| WEEK 3 | TUE  | WED   | THU  |
| AM     | Dunn Street<br>Primary School<br>10.30-12.00   | Rose & Crown Pub<br>Prince Edward Road<br>10.30-12.00 | Ocean Road<br>Community Association<br>10.00-11.30 |
| PM     | Boldon<br>Community Association<br>12.30-14.00 | South Tyneside<br>District Hospital<br>12.30-14.00    | Biddick Hall<br>Family Hub<br>12.00-13.30          |

**Which week of the timetable are we in?**

| JAN          | FEB        | MAR          | APR          |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 4 11 18 25   | 1 8 15 22 29 |
| MAY          | JUN        | JUL          | AUG          |
| 6 13 20 27   | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26   |
| SEP          | OCT        | NOV          | DEC          |
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| NOVEMBER   | Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am                               | ☺ |
|  | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Parents' Evening B   | ☺ |
|  | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November                                  | Y4 visit to Vindolanda all day   |   |
|  |  | Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am  | ☺ |
|  | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                                     | RE Ambassadors Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by Christmas Market       |   |
|  | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Wellbeing Week (No after school clubs this week, apart from Little Movers)     |   |
|  | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | First Holy Communion parents' meeting in church 7.00pm                         | ☺ |
|  | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                  | Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am  | ☺ |
| First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30-5.00pm |  |  |   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Hedworthfield Christmas tree light switch on, choir to attend 4.00pm | ☺  |   |
| DECEMBER   | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                      | Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am                               | ☺ |
|  | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December                                   | First Reconciliation Service for FHC pupils in church 6.00pm                   | ☺ |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Santa's Swap Shop  |  |   |

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