



Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School

'We Learn, We Love, We Grow in Jesus' Name'

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Newsletter:

22 December 2023

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Executive Headteacher



Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Friday 22 December	Start of Christmas	3.20pm	
Monday 8 January	Children return to school	8.45am	
Monday 8 January	Year 5 Children Swimming	Afternoon	No

Statement to Live By

'Happiness is a good feeling'

After School Clubs

Monday – Let's Dance

Tuesday – Movie Club

Wednesday – Sports Club

Thursday – Sewing Club

*Please remember to book your child's place
and pay on Arbor or cash in to school,
50p per session.*

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club now starts at **8am**. Children can be admitted up to **8.15am**.

If your child wishes to bring their own breakfast to school, they can do so.

Please remember children for breakfast club should be in school no later than 8.15am

Please book via telephone 503979 or email:

olsj@olsj.bwcet.com

50p per session, please remember payment

Carol Service at Brooms Church





Many thanks to all the children who sang beautifully and to Tate who read so well at the Carol Service on Sunday they were all wonderful.

Advent

Come Lord Jesus. Through our Advent prayer, our lives and our hearts are prepared to welcome you. Be with us, for we are your people, and you are our God.



HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days	St Aidan	St Bede	St Benedict	St Cuthbert
31 August				
25 May				
11 July				
20 March				
Weekly Total	319	422	521	263
Running Total	1911	2387	2243	2120

Congratulations to this week's winners – St Benedict's House

Well done to this term's winners – St Bede's House

Thank you

A very big thank you to all who have contributed towards our Christmas Fair, Reverse Advent Calendar and Salvation Toy Appeal, we are as always very grateful for your help and support.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24 December 2023 – Christmas Eve

5.30pm – St Patrick's, Consett
5.30pm – St Mary's, Blackhill
8.00pm – Our Lady & St Joseph, Brooms
8.00pm – St Pius X, Moorside
Midnight – St Mary's, Blackhill

Monday 25 December 2023 – Christmas Day

9.30am – St Patrick's, Consett
9.30am – Our Lady of the Rosary, Shotley Bridge



School Information for January 2024 - Reminder

School Timings

Start of school day

Flexible drop off between 8.45am – 8.55am

Children must be in class for 8.55am for registration

End of the school day - **All Classes – 3.25pm**

School Uniform

Purple Jumpers or Cardigans

Black or Grey Skirt or Pinafore

Black or Grey Trousers

White Shirt or Blouse (tucked in at all times)

Warmer Weather

Purple and White Checked or Striped Dress

Plain Dark Shorts

White Polo Shirt

PE Days & Kit

PE Days

Class 1 - Thursday

Class 2 - Monday

Class 3 - Wednesday

Children should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their PE Kit in with them.

PE Kit should consist of:

Plain dark shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms

White polo shirt/white shirt or white T shirt.

School cardigan or jumper

No other clothing is appropriate.

Children who are unable to wear correct PE Kit must come to school in normal school uniform and bring their own PE Kit in a bag to change into at the start of the lesson

Jewellery

Can we please remind parents/carers that no jewellery is permitted and can cause injury to your child and others.

Chunky chains/necklaces are not part of school uniform and therefore should not be worn in school.

Ideally ear rings should not be worn. If ear rings are worn, parent/carers should sign a consent form. Ear rings should be removed on PE Days.

Holiday Absence

Just a reminder that all holidays are entered as unauthorised absences as outlined in DCC policies for Truancy /attendance. Any 7 days of unauthorised absence in any 12 week rolling period will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. We are very mindful of the financial pressures on families at this time but improved school attendance is a priority for us as a school, regionally and nationally. Often families can reduce the impact on attendance by tagging holidays onto a school break.

Swimming

Year 5 children will be swimming every Monday until February half term. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit.

Classroom & School Rules

Throughout the Autumn term the children and staff have been accessing the Behaviour curriculum which is available on our website.

We want to ensure that the positive behaviour that we have been seeing around school continues throughout the Spring term.

Primary Admissions

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

You are now able to apply for a primary school place in County Durham for your child for September 2024.

You will need to complete an application online and state which school you would like your child to attend from September 2024.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request. You will still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. Please note – a late application, i.e. after 15 January 2024, greatly reduces your chances of getting into your preferred school.

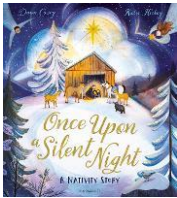
The offer of a school place will be made in April 2024. As in previous years, we are strongly encouraging parents/carers to apply on-line for a school place for their child.

For more information please contact:

School Places and Admissions Team

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Tel: 03000 265896

Recommended Reads for December 2023



EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Christmas Message

May we take this opportunity to wish all our children, their families, our governors and local community, a very holy and happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2024.

We look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on Monday 8 January 2024.

Thank you once again for your continued support

