



# Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School

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

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Joanne Cruise

Executive Headteacher



## Spring Dates



Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Friday 2 February	NSPCC Number Day – Wear something with a number on	All Day	Yes
Saturday 3 February	Liturgy 4 Mass (Holy Communion children) Brooms Church	5.30pm	Yes
Monday 5 February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week	All Week	No
Monday 5 February- Wednesday 7 February	Year 6 Residential – Dukeshouse Wood	Residential	No
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	All Day	No
Tuesday 6 February	Chinese New Year Lunch	Lunch	No
Tuesday 6 February	Holy Communion Session (in school)	3.30pm – 4.30pm	No
Friday 9 February	Half Term Holidays start	3.20pm	
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday		
Monday 19 February	Children return to school	8.45am	No

### Statement to Live By

'I do not join in when others are being hurt'


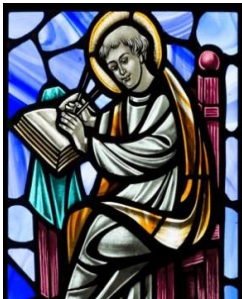


### Attendance

Please ensure your child arrives into school on time so they can be in class for registration at **8.55am** in order to prevent any delay to the start of lessons.

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform school via email or telephone no later than 9.30am.

In order to ensure that all of our children are safe, it is vital for us to know as soon as possible.

### HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days	St Aidan	St Bede	St Benedict	St Cuthbert
31 August				
25 May				
11 July				
20 March				
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Running Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>557</b>

***Congratulations to this week's winners – St Aidan's House***

### First Confessions

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 pupils who made their First Confession on Tuesday evening. Well done.

Thank you to Fr John and Mrs Wilks for their hard work in preparing the children for this sacrament.



### Trust Celebration Lunch

Thank you to our Trust for very kindly providing lunch yesterday for all our pupils.  
Thank you also to our excellent cooks Sian and Lizzy for preparing a lovely lunch.



### Police Commissioner's Challenge (Year 5)

Could Year 5 children please complete and return to school their Police Commissioner Challenge book no later than 29 January 2024.

### Durham Music Service

Durham Music Service are offering private tuition music lessons in school.  
For further information please visit:  
[durhammusic.org.uk](http://durhammusic.org.uk)

### Lost Property

We have had a number of uniform items found in school with no names on. Please ensure you label your child's clothing.

### 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](mailto:olsj@olsj.bwcet.com)

### After School Clubs

Monday – Meaningful Colouring  
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.***



# Wednesday Word

**THE WORD** SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL A Weekly Gift to Your Family from Your Catholic Parish School

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect - even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school - together. Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **community**.

Don Henry (headteacher)

A Word from Pope Francis: "Dear brothers and sisters, be an active presence in the community."

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God: "the time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Adapted from Mark 1:14-20  
The 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B  
Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.

**Good News for Everyone** When we read the Gospels, we see that Jesus forms a community which receives his word, follows it, shares in his journey and becomes his family. Jesus came for everyone and with his love, and our children, will never be on our own. To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [cbew.org.uk](http://cbew.org.uk)

**Share the Good News** Print and complete the leaflet with your child & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends

A Free Weekly Gift for Everyone

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## Recommended Reads for January 2024



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KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2