



**St. Joseph's  
Catholic Infant  
& Junior Schools**  
Birtley



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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Extra-curricular activities:**

As you are aware, we are now offering a variety of activities, after-school. At present, we only have a small number of children at both schools attending some of our clubs. We have tried exceptionally hard to improve and broaden the schools' enrichment offer and to help those with childcare difficulties.

**If there is insufficient uptake, then some clubs may be at risk of not continuing, which is not what we want as we seek to try and develop our offer to support our community. Breakfast club is on from 7:45am each day, on each site. Booking for all clubs is via the Arbor app.**

**Please note that should you wish for your child to take part and they are entitled to free school meals, then please contact the school office by [info@sjib.bwcet.com](mailto:info@sjib.bwcet.com) or [info@sjib.bwcet.com](mailto:info@sjib.bwcet.com)**

St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School – 4:15pm				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Andrew Cartwright Football <b>*Spaces*</b>	Classroom Karaoke <b>*Spaces*</b>	Cookery	Arts and crafts	Film Club <b>*Spaces*</b>
	Music peripatetic lessons <b>*Spaces*</b>			

St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School – 4:30pm finish				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Music peripatetic lessons <b>*Spaces*</b>	Art and Design	Nu Foundation <b>*Spaces*</b>	Board Games <b>*Spaces*</b>
	Korean Club <b>*Spaces*</b>			
	Gateshead Football Foundation		Side by Side Arts Singing <b>*Spaces*</b>	

**Early Years:**

Just a quick reminder that for Reception dismissal, we have a queuing system in place in order to send our children out safely and calmly to the correct person. In the interests of safeguarding our children, we find this system works very well. Should you have a question for staff, please could you wait until all of the children have been dismissed and then approach staff to have a chat, in order to support parents who need to collect children at the Junior school to leave promptly. It would be helpful if our junior parents could come to the front of the line, to collect their children first, so that they are not late for collection at the juniors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.



**Nourish Food School (Year 3 parents only):**

We're really excited to host the Nourish Food School. 18 parents/carers have responded to our time slots preference MS Form. Please respond, if you have not, by clicking on the link or by scanning the QR code. We will send out time slots ASAP, once the majority of parents/carers have responded.



For those who have specified time slots because of work commitments, we will give you priority.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/0SZQgiRYHT>

### Early Years' Tapestry Introduction for Parents/Carers:



On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we are inviting all Reception pupils' parents/carers into school for the first of our parent/carer workshops. We will run through an introduction to our Tapestry platform as well as host a short stay and play/read session. We strongly encourage all families to have a representative to attend, wherever possible.

Workshop 1: Tapestry Introduction – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 9am – in hall

Workshop 2: Phonics Workshop – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – in hall

Workshop 3: Numbersense Workshop – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January –

9am in hall

### Year 1 Workshops for Parents/Carers:

Workshop 1: Making sense of The Phonics Screening Check – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 9am in hall

Workshop 2: Numbersense Workshop – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 9am in hall

### Dates for the Diary

*(Please note that these dates are subject to change – Masses will be arranged once our new Parish Priests have arrived):*

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Tuck shop to recommence from this day
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Sports Leader Training
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Football match at Kibblesworth
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 - Bikeability
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Football match at Edmondsley
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Nourish Food School (three sessions)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Early Years' Tapestry Introduction – 9am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am (or as close to as possible)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Immunisations across both sites
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Visit to Safetyworks
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Nourish Food School (three sessions)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at Gateshead Stadium
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Mr Taylor Bible Story – 1pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Year 4 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am (or as close to as possible)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evenings
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parental Workshop – 9am
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am (or as close to as possible)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic Book Fayre
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Nourish Food School (three sessions)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Phonics Workshop – 9am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 2 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Little Liturgical Prayer – 9am (or as close to as possible)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – EY Christmas Performance - 10am and 2pm (Venue TBC)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 10am and 2pm in St. Joseph's Church
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Carol Service – 5pm in St. Joseph's Church
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Whole-school to see pantomime at Little Theatre, Gateshead (afternoon)

### **INSET days:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024