



2nd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a happy and holy Easter break with your loved ones. It has been a busy start to the term so far and we are looking forward to an exciting summer term.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th May 2024 – Year 5 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am.
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – Year 3 Mass in church at 9.15am.
Monday 10th June 2024 – Year 2 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Tuesday 11th June 2024 – Sports day. Parents welcome from 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-3pm
Monday 24th June 2024 – Year 3 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Wednesday 26th June 2024 – Year 5 Mass in church at 9.15am
Monday 1st July 2024 – Year 1 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Wednesday 3rd July 2024 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Mass in church at 9am
Thursday 4th July 2024 – Summer fayre.
Some Masses and Celebrations of the Word to be confirmed, dates to follow.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 are the week beginning 13th May. We are really proud of the children who have worked extremely hard all year. On each morning of the SATs, we will be running a breakfast club for Year 6 pupils to help prepare and relax them for the day ahead. Please ensure they are in school at 8.00am; access to Breakfast Club is gained via Key Stage 1 entrance. Thank you for your support.

Parking

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving/parking in the turning circle. Please park safely in the turning circle and Church car park when dropping off and collecting your child. As parking is limited in the turning circle, if it is full, please park safely elsewhere

Attendance

Attendance Matters!

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school and arrives on time. We pride ourselves on the attendance and punctuality of our pupils and we will continue to make your child's attendance a main priority.

Our target is 97% and, while we understand there are genuine reasons for absence, we continue to work together to ensure your child attends school every day. At St Joseph's, we continue to work closely with Attendance 100 and Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), in order to improve school attendance and punctuality. Please contact the school if we can provide any support in improving your child's attendance. As always, we appreciate your co-operation on this matter. If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the office to avoid an unauthorised absence. Please arrange all dental

and medical appointments outside of school hours, where possible, and ensure holidays are taken during the designated holiday weeks.

We have so much planned this term in our exceptional school, please check our website under curriculum content, lots of Canva photos and videos are posted of life in school.

Science Week

Miss Brack organised an amazing Science Week for the entire school. The children had wonderful workshops from Sublime Science and Newcastle University, Year 3 had a great time exploring at the Discovery Museum, and each class completed investigations. The children learnt so much and a highlight of the week was making slime!



SEND Support



If your child has autism, sensory processing or ADHD or you are concerned about your child in relation to these areas but they have no diagnosis, Daisy Chain offer a range of services and support. See attached flyers, contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk or visit their website <https://daisychainproject.co.uk/> for more information.

For any families with little ones aged 18 months to 3 years, together for children offer a 6 week stay and play programme to help develop speech and language skills. Speak to your health visitor or contact a local family hub (see flyer below) for more information.

SUPER COMMUNICATORS
STAY AND PLAY

Our 6 week programme, dedicated to help and develop speech and language skills for children aged from 18months - 3 years old.

Please speak with your Health Visitor or contact your local Family Hub for more information.

Bunnyhill Family Hub 0191 561 8126	Coalfield Family Hub 0191 561 6625	Rainbow Family Hub 0191 561 3995
Thorney Close Family Hub 0191 561 4127	Winnibell Family Hub 0191 561 2850	

South Shields Surf School are offering FREE SEND Surf and Ocean sessions for children aged 8-16 years. Email info@southshieldsurf.co.uk for more information, to enquire about a taster session or to secure a place.



SEN SURF SESSIONS
FREE SURF AND OCEAN SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEN
8-16 YEAR OLDS - THURS 5-6PM
16-24 YEAR OLDS - WEDS 5-6PM
EMAIL [INFO@SOUTHSHIELDSURF.CO.UK](mailto:info@southshieldsurf.co.uk) FOR MORE
INFO & TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

Caudwell Children provide discounted sensory packs for children with Autism. The pack is worth £113 but families are asked to contribute just £22.

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/changing-lives/how-we-can-help/autism-services/autism-sensory-packs/>



Thank you for your continued support and positive feedback and comments that we receive.

Mrs M.Graham

Mrs A.Toward

Executive Head Teacher

Head of School

Sunderland Coffee Mornings

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Do you live within Sunderland local authority?

Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD?

The drop-ins are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 support, please contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk.

No diagnosis is needed.

Tuesdays during term time / 10am-12pm

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June

2nd, 9th, 16th July

Address: Thorney Close Family Hub, Thorney Close, Sunderland, SR3 4JQ

Get support and advice

Meet other parents

Share top tips

Signposting



Access resources

For more information, please contact the family support team on 01642 531248 Option 1. No booking required!

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Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD?

Would you benefit from introductions to and support from other agencies?

If you answered yes to the questions above, drop in to one of the below sessions to meet other agencies and find out what they can offer. The sessions are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 support, please contact sunderlandfamilysupport@daisychainproject.co.uk.

Agencies attending may include* Sendiass, CAMHS, Mental Health in School Team, Parent Carer Forum, Early help This list is an example of agencies who may attend. If you are seeking specific support please contact the team to clarify which professionals will be in attendance on each date.

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24th June
15th July

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