



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 2nd Dec	Non-uniform day (donations in aid of Christmas Fair)
Thur 5th Dec	Open Afternoon for prospective parents 2-5pm
Fri 6th Dec	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class Theme – Reading for pleasure
Fri 6th Dec	Tree Lighting at Seaton Holme 3.30pm
Tue 10th Dec	Festive Fun Run in school
Wed 11th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15pm. All welcome
Thur 12th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Market 3.30pm
Mon 16th Dec	Reception and Year 1 Nativity - time to be confirmed PM
Mon 16th Dec	School Choir Christmas Concert 4.30pm
Tues 17th Dec	Reception and Year 1 Nativity - time to be confirmed AM
Tues 17th Dec	Music Concert in our School Hall at 9.30am CHANGE OF TIME & VENUE
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Party/Disco – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Y3/4/5/6 6-7pm
Fri 20th Dec	Non-uniform day
Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Fri 20th Dec – Sun 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays - School Closed
Mon 6th Jan	School Closed - PD Day for school staff
Tues 7th Jan	School reopens

St Mary's Church Christmas Fair



Please help us spread the word about our final Open Afternoon of the year. We would love to welcome families to look around our wonderful school.

Stars of the week Friday 29th November 2024

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	Alayah R
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	Millie C
Mr Churchill's Class – MAPLE	Freya M
Mrs Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Cassy K
Mr Nelthorpe's Class– SYCAMORE	Jamie H
Miss O'Neil's Class - PINE	Pippa M-B
Pupils' Pupil	Seb A / Jacob O
Staff member of the week	Mrs Wray (lunchtime)
Mr Appleby's Special Book	Alivia B

Attendance week commencing Monday 25th November 2024

Reception	89
Year 1	89.57
Year 2	68.57
Year 3	96.67
Year 4	97.78
Year 5	92.73
Year 6	94

School Photographs

These took place on Thursday and order forms should be with us next week so that our delivery will arrive before Christmas. As we had a large number of children absent this week, the photographer kindly agreed to return in the new year to take photographs of those who weren't in school.

PTA Toy Sale

On Friday our sale took place in the school hall. Thank you to families for your donations, it was a huge success! We even had toys left to donate to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal 😊

Non-Uniform Day- Monday 2nd December

Our next event will take place on Monday – our non-uniform day in aid of the bottle tombola at the Christmas Market. Children can wear non uniform and, if you wish to donate a bottle, boxes will be placed on the school yard on Monday morning. This can be bottles of anything, not just alcohol, such as fizzy water, shampoo - one year we even had ketchup! 😊 This stall was a huge success in previous years due to your generous donations.

Parental Consultation Meetings

Thank you for your attendance at our meetings this week. We hope you enjoyed speaking with your child's class teacher and looking through work in books. As always, please contact school if we can help with anything.

Open Afternoon

Thursday 5th December

Drop in between 2.00-5.00pm





Tree Lighting at Seaton Holme

On Friday 6th December, Seaton Holme will be hosting their annual Christmas Tree lights switch on. The event will start at 3.30pm and families are invited to this lovely event. Our School Choir will be leading the singing of Christmas Carols accompanied by the Easington Colliery Brass Band! (A separate letter will be sent to our choir members with further details from Miss Defty). We would love families to join us there. Children are to be collected as normal from school and to head over for a 3.30pm start.



Athletics

Over the last few weeks, some of our year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children have taken part in Athletics Competitions at East Durham College ran by the Schools Sports Partnership. Our children competed against other local schools which is always a great opportunity for them. We were very proud of our athletics superstars, and they looked super smart in the sports kit purchased by the PTA from your amazing generosity with events over the year 😊



Year 4/5 to Cummins Engine Plant

The children in Mr Nelthorpe's class went on a visit to Cummins Engine Plant in Darlington on Tuesday 26th November to take part in the Cummins Experience Day – to inspire future generations with STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities. During the day the children had a tour of the plant and took part in workshops. They all had a fantastic day and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Cummins Engine Plant who provided the day free of charge to our school.

