



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Dipton

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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Wednesday 13th September

Dear Families,

We have much information to share over the coming weeks but, for today, we want to share some key dates with you that we know you will appreciate ahead of time to put in your diary! Our full diary of events will follow, however we are mindful of the importance of parents being able to attend key events such as parents evenings, nativities, etc and we wanted to give you plenty of notice to accommodate these.

Yearly Events and Dates Overview 23-24

Term	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring	Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

Half term Holidays (School Closed)		
Autumn	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023	
Spring	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024	
Summer	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024	

Teacher Training Days (School closed to children): Monday 4th September 2023, Monday 8th January 2024, Friday 24th May, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Parents Consultations		
Autumn (2) Parents Consultations	15 th November	Rec to Year 6: 1 p.m.-6 p.m. in school
Spring (2) Parents Consultations	6 th March	Rec to Year 6: 1 p.m.-6 p.m. in school

Christmas Events	
1 st December - 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.	Whole school Christmas Fayre
5 th December	Whole school Christmas Panto at Consett Empire
6 th December – 4 p.m. -5.30 p.m.	Christmas 'Drive-In' for all pupils
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day in support of 'Save the Children'
12 th December – 9.30 a.m.	EYFS/KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity-Church
13 th December – 1.30 p.m.	
14 th December (Time TBC)	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance
15 th December (Time TBC)	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Performance
20 th December	Christmas Lunch Day / Christmas Jumper
21 st December	Christmas Party Day

Catholic Events Calendar 2023-24		
Autumn half term 1	Welcome Mass	TBC
10 th November (11 th is on a Sat)	Remembrance Day	Minute silence
26 th November	Christ the King	Weekend mass at St Patrick's 9am, St. Joseph's 11am (Sunday) Sacred Heart, Byermoor 4.30 p.m. (Saturday)
3 rd December – 24 th December	Advent	Families are invited to Advent and Lent/Easter liturgies for their child's class. Please see below for class dates:
4 th December	Advent liturgy	Year 5 & Year 6 2.30 p.m. in school
11 th December	Advent liturgy	Year 3 & Year 4 2.30 p.m. in school

18 th December	Advent liturgy	Year 1 & Year 2 2.30 p.m. in school
TBC	Christmas school mass	TBC
6 th January	Epiphany	
14 th February	Ash Wednesday	In half term
15 th March	St. Patrick's Day Liturgy/Mass	TBC
22 nd March	Palm Sunday liturgy	Year 1 & Year 2 2.30 p.m. in school
25 th March	Maundy Thursday liturgy	Year 3 & Year 4 2.30 p.m. in school
26 th March	Good Friday liturgy	Year 6 2.30 p.m. in school
27 th March	Easter Sunday liturgy	Year 5 2.30 p.m. in school
31 st March	Easter	
18 th April	'New Life' liturgy	Reception 9 a.m. in school
9 th May	Ascension	Mass - TBC
19 th May	Pentecost	Mass in parish church. See above for weekend parish times.

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change- Please keep up to date with letters and our weekly newsletters that share all of our key information.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gardner and Mrs Burgess