

February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

In Sunday's reading we listened to how we are all God's children and we are all part of one big global family. We heard about how we must not argue with our brothers and sisters and how, if we do, we need to make peace with them.



Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

Dates for your diary:



Thursday 2nd March World Book day

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. We are organising a 'swap' shop which was popular with our Christmas jumper day. Please send in any World Book Day costumes that are too small for your child up until Tuesday 28th February. These will then be available for collection by others on Wednesday 1st March.

Friday 3rd March 9:15-10:15am

Family Friday session for Parents/Carers and children. Focus on Internet Safety. Short assembly followed by a parent/children workshop for Reception-Year 6.



Week beginning 6th March SEND parents Nights (letters to follow)

Wednesday 8th March

Year 6 SATs information session. 3:20pm in the KS2 hall.

Thursday 9th March

EYFS visit to Tweddle Farm.



Friday 10th March Coffee morning

Doors open at 8:45am Please come along if you can for a cuppa and a chat! We have made good links with our local GPs and will have Jade and John who are both Link Workers within Peterlee at hand to tell you about how they can support you and/or your child. To find out more-pop along!



Friday 17th March

Non-Uniform day for Red Nose Day - donations welcome.

Friday 17th March

Year 6 visit to Beamish

Week beginning 13th March Parents' Afternoons (letters to follow)

Friday 24th March Y1 Mrs Howe's class (Penguins) liturgy

9:05am. Please come if you can! Chance to visit your child's classroom and see what they are doing in class.

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.

Currently, our average attendance is at 92.2% and our level of Persistent absence (below 91%) is 29.1%. Both figures are above national averages with persistent absences in particular, being well above average.

At Our Lady of the Rosary, we continue to work closely with the Local Authority 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.

Well done to Year 6 Giant Pandas and Y3 Narwhals, Y1 Penguins and Polar Bears who collected an extra £5 to add to their piggy banks, this week. Y5 Polar bears had an amazing 100% attendance last week!



HALF TERM:

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY-FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

We hope you have a lovely holiday!

Huge thank you to St. Bede's and Mr Sehna for supporting with our Y5 DT unit 'Fairground Rides'

Head over to Y5 Page on the school's website to find out more:

[Year 5 - Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School \(ourladyrosary.org.uk\)](http://ourladyrosary.org.uk)



TODDLERS GROUP



EVERY TUESDAY 1pm-3pm

INFANT HALL

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

We look forward to welcoming you. Come along to play, have a cuppa and a chat!

Please note all are welcome-you do not have to have a child attending Our Lady of the Rosary School

No charge!



After half term, we will have a year 1/ 2 class and a year 2 class due to the increasing numbers in Year 2. You will have already been contacted if your child is moving classes.

Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Any concerns about safeguarding should be reported to our designated safeguarding lead, Mrs. Graham or the deputy designated safeguarding leads Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Myhill or Mrs. White. Ask at the school office if you would like a paper copy of the safeguarding policy. All of our Safeguarding policies are available on our school website under policies.

Weekend Mass Times: Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Fr. Sean Neylan, Rev Deacon Peter Barrigan & Rev Deacon Neil Haggerstone.

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning 9:30 am

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs M Graham Executive Headteacher

Mrs C Sutherland Head of School