

## March Newsletter 2023

### Continuing our Journey through Lent

Next week, we will celebrate Holy Week in school with some special prayers, acts of worship and time to reflect as we continue our preparations for celebrating the great feast of Easter.

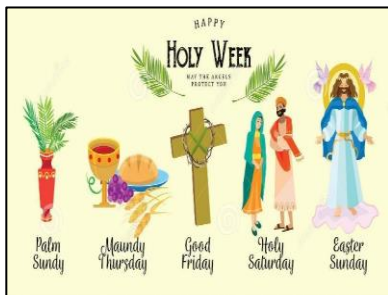
As part of our final preparations, we invite you to join us in our Holy Week liturgies next week- w/c 27th March 2023.

**Monday** – 9:05-9:30am – Palm Sunday Liturgy – Led by the Year 3 children (KS2 Hall).

**Tuesday** –9:05-9:30am – Good Friday – Led by the Year 4 children (KS2 Hall).

**Wednesday** –9:05-9:30am – Resurrection – Led by the Year 5 children (KS2 Hall).

**Thursday** –Prayer stations – 8:30-9:00 (KS1 Hall). Parents/carers welcome to spend time reflecting at each prayer station with their children.



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:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30pm** Parents SATs meeting KS2 hall

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023- School closes 12.30pm.**

Please collect your child from the yard at 12:30pm

There will be no Nursery sessions or after school provision on this day.

<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Mon 03 Apr 2023	Fri 14 Apr 2023
<b>Summer Term</b>	Mon 17 Apr 2023	Fri 26 May 2023
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Mon 29 May 2023	Fri 02 June 2023
<b>Summer term</b>	Mon 05 Jun 2023	Fri 21 Jul 2023
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	Mon 24 Jul 2023	Fri 1st Sept 2023

### In-service days

Monday 19th June 2023

Friday 7th July 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

### Upcoming bank holidays

**1 May** Monday Early May bank holiday

**8 May** Monday Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

### 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!

The Easter Bunny will be dropping off treats next week for all the children in school. Nursery children will receive theirs during their last session on Thursday and the rest of the school will receive theirs on Friday in school. Looking forward to seeing you!



### Attendance Update!

We continue to work together to ensure your child attends school every day.

Currently, our average attendance is at **93.4%** and our level of Persistent absence (below 91%) is **19.2%**. This continues to be an improving trend-a huge thank you for your continued support.

Please contact the school if we can provide any support in improving your child's attendance.



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](#)

The school raffle will be drawn on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Tickets are still available from school at 50p a strip.



### 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.

Check out the guides each week from <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

giving valuable information on how you can help safeguard your child at home.



This week's focus is **online resilience**. In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child and talking about your child's online life.

### 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

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and holy Easter and to thank you once again for all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school. Take care.

**Mrs M Graham Executive Headteacher**

**Mrs C Sutherland Head of School**