



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it certainly was a lot easier getting to school this morning. The snow yesterday caused a lot of traffic problems locally that were beyond our control. Thank you to those people who patiently waited for the buses to come.

In the event of any future wintry weather please can I ask that parents try hard not to phone the school to see if we are open. We will always post whether the school is open or closed on Facebook and by Arbor email. This was done yesterday at around 7.30am. If the buses are delayed and you would like an update as to their location, please contact the buses directly on the bus mobile numbers. We are unable to give you any updates from the school office as we are dealing with school opening procedures and making sure that all staff and children are accounted for.

In the main families were very understanding of the testing conditions yesterday that are always beyond our control. I would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that our staff deserve to be treated with respect at all times. No adult in our school community should ever have to experience verbal abuse or disrespectful behaviour. Negative comments—especially in front of children—are not acceptable and do not reflect the values we expect from our school community. Thank you for your support and for helping us maintain a positive and respectful environment for everyone.

Next Week Headlines:

- Monday- Christmas Bingo and Disco Tickets go on sale.
- Tuesday- Mothers & Toddlers, KS2 QA with Luke Mayer Local MP
- Wednesday- EYFS Bird of Prey Workshop, Christmas Lanterns with Hope East Cleveland, Book Fair opens.
- Thursday- Loftus Town Council Christmas Carols 10 children, Book Fair
- Friday- Y5 Spelling Bee Sacred Heart School, Parish/School Choir, 442 to work with Y6, Book Fair

School Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 26th November until Wednesday 3rd December and **will be open after school each day.** Books can be purchased online at the event or with cash.

Year 3 Fundraising- Update

Y3 walked a mile in their pyjamas on Friday 24th October to raise money for CAFOD. **They raised just over £250.** Fantastic work Year 3!

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Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner this year is on 17th December 2025. If your child normally has a school dinner you do not need to do anything. If your child does not have a school dinner but would like a Christmas Dinner, please let the office know by 28th November 2025.

Please note that there will only be Christmas Dinner available on this day. If your child normally has a school meal but does not want Christmas dinner, please send them with a packed lunch and let the office know.

Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to let you know that our school will be holding a Christmas Raffle this year to help spread some festive cheer where it is needed most. All money raised will be donated to the Children's Wards at James Cook University Hospital to support the wonderful work they do at Christmas time. We have one family in particular whose child has been in hospital for some time now and we would really like to help the Hospital at this time of year. They are raising money for gifts for children and decorating the ward for the children who will be spending their time in hospital in critical care.

We have an exciting Grand Prize on offer: ***Four tickets to see MFC play at the Riverside Stadium!***

Raffle tickets are £1 per strip, and there are £5s worth attached to this letter. If you wish to take part, please add a name and contact number to one half of the tickets and return along with payment to Miss Ayton (Y3) or the school office. Additional tickets can be purchased from Miss Ayton or again the school office. If you do not wish to take part, please could you return the tickets to school so they can be re-allocated.

The grand draw will take place on Thursday 18th December by Santa, and winners will be notified directly.

Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 3rd December 5.30-7.30pm. Doors open 5pm. Once again, we are offering a pre-booked meal deal consisting of a hot dog and drink for £1.50 or a burger and drink for £2 to enjoy during our Christmas Bingo. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24th November** until 3pm Monday 1st December from Miss Ayton. Please note hot dogs and burgers will not be available to purchase on the night. We will however have drinks, sweets and a chocolate tombola on the night.

Christmas Disco

Wednesday 10th December 5-7pm. Tickets will be £2.50 each which includes a hot dog and drink. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24th November** until 3pm Monday 8th December from Miss Ayton

Christmas Hampers at Christmas Performances

In what has become a St Joseph's tradition we will be raffling off a Christmas Hamper at the EYFS performance on the 9th December and another one at the KS1 performance on the 16th December. Tickets will be £1 and there will be plenty of festive cheer inside each hamper.

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Christmas Dates 2025- A reminder

These are all published on the school website calendar. Some highlights include:

- ✓ 27th November Y6 Singing Loftus Town Hall 2pm
- ✓ 2nd December Y5/6 Advent Liturgy 9.15am
- ✓ 3rd December Y3/4 Advent Liturgy 9.15am
- ✓ 3rd December PTA Christmas Bingo Night 5.30pm
- ✓ 4th December Y1/2 Advent Liturgy 9.15am
- ✓ 4th December NPCAT Carol Concert at Middlesbrough Cathedral 11am
- ✓ 5th December KS2 Hope Carols in the Park Community Event 5pm
- ✓ 9th December EYFS play 10am
- ✓ 10th December PTA Christmas Disco Night 5pm
- ✓ 11th December Christmas Jumper Day
- ✓ 16th December KS1 Performance 10am
- ✓ 17th December Christmas Lunch
- ✓ 18th December Christmas Parties
- ✓ 19th December Key Stage 2 Advent Service in Church pm

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on leadership skills.

- LJ- Fallon W
- FS1- Felicity P & Rhiannon C
- FS2- Ella G & Louis D
- Y1- Joseph S & Elijah T
- Y2- Freddie W & Nashmithan R
- Y3- Rosie D & Mabel H
- Y4- Elkie P & William W
- Y5- Henry E & Isaac S
- Y6- Jack B & Kasmitha R

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Loving God,
We pray for everyone who has no safe place to sleep tonight.
Keep them warm, protect them, and help them find people who can care for them.
Help us to be kind and to share what we have.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher

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