



NEWSLETTER: 19th July 2024

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy year, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to all of the pupils, staff, parents, carers, grandparents, governors and Father Shaun who work together to make our school such a fantastic place!

A special thank you goes to Mrs Horsley, who retired from her role of chair of our governing body this year, and to Mrs Ewart, who has kindly agreed to step up from vice chair to take on this role.

As you know, my time at St Joseph's has now come to an end. I was very fortunate to be asked to extend my role with you from one year to two. This has certainly flown. Miss Mary Cunningham will be taking over from September as the school's full-time, permanent headteacher. Miss Cunningham will return as Mrs Urwin, however, as she is getting married during the holiday. She is going to have an exciting summer ahead.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of this wonderful school family. Everyone connected to St Joseph's is incredibly determined and committed to making sure children are safe and happy and that they thoroughly enjoy their learning. Pupils are a joy – they are kind, considerate and extremely caring towards each other. Families are ready to support and work with the school whenever asked. Governors support and challenge – always with the best interests of pupils at heart.

All in all, a school that rightly deserves its reputation as a great place to grow and learn. Our Ofsted visitor thought this too!

Very best wishes to our Y6 pupils who will let their light shine in their new schools. You will be missed!

We have shared some information in case you are looking for some inspiration over the holiday.

Have a lovely holiday, everyone. Enjoy a well-earned rest!

Mrs Burgess

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



	Child's name	Reason
Nursery	Desmond	For trying hard to follow school rules all week!
Reception	Rosie	For always working hard, being a kind friend and being such a special part of our St. Joseph's family!
Year 1	Lenny	For all his hard work in Year 1. Keep it up Lenny!
Year 2	India	For her amazing hard work and effort, particularly the last few weeks!
Year 3	Thea	For always being an amazing role model in her behaviour and attitude to work.
Year 4	Layla	For always having a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school life.
Year 5	Davina	For helping others in school.
Year 6	Joel	For his fantastic attitude to school life.

Parent/Carer Information

Free Girls Cricket Holiday Camp

Marsha Davies from the Durham Cricket Foundation will be running a Girls' Cricket Holiday Camp on Friday 16th August (10am-2pm) at Lintz Cricket Club (Burnopfield).

The holiday camp is specifically for Girls' Only aged 8-11 years old. The day is completely **FREE** using the voucher code **HRDUI** and a packed lunch is also provided.

If you would like your daughter to attend, please complete the registration form below:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/46793b41-6d82-4e92-82be-1869afe2eb2e>



The advertisement features a young girl in a yellow cricket jersey, captured in a batting stance with her bat raised. The background is a blurred outdoor setting. The image is decorated with several colorful triangles (yellow, pink, blue) scattered around the girl. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'DYNAMOS CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP' consisting of a stylized star shape made of triangles. A blue banner at the bottom right of the image contains the text 'Cricket camps for girls' in white. At the bottom left, there is a yellow banner with the text 'Fun-filled cricket camps for 8 – 11 year-olds' in blue. On the bottom right, there is a pink button with the text 'SIGN UP' in white and a right-pointing arrow.

DYNAMOS CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP

Cricket camps for girls

Fun-filled cricket camps for 8 – 11 year-olds

SIGN UP ▶



Face Painter



Bubble Man



Outdoor Games

Family Fun Day

Consett Family Hub in

partnership with Fun and Food

Wednesday 31 July 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Packed lunch provided

Booking Required 03000 26 11 11

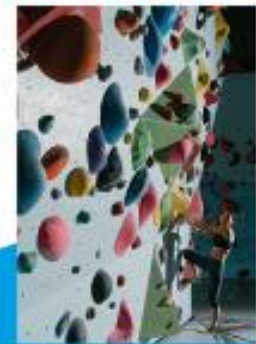
Magician



Soft Archery



Climbing Wall



SUMMER OFFERS - KIDS EAT FREE OR FOR £1

TESCO CAFE - Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+

ASDA - kids eat for £1 all day every day in Asda cafes. No adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFE - kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.

MORRISONS - spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

SIZZLING PUBS - kids eat for £1 Monday to Friday between 3pm - 7pm when bought with an adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE - 2 kids get a free breakfast with one paying adult.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN - Up to 2 children eat free at breakfast with a paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS - kids eat free when any stripes reward member buys a full priced adult meal.

IKEA - kids eat for 95p from 11am daily.

BELLA ITALIA - kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase. Monday to Thursday between 4-6pm.

DOBBIES - kids eat for free with any adult breakfast or lunch every day.



Parent/Carer Information

STEAM Ahead Education Summer Activities

STEAM Ahead Education is running exciting activities across County Durham, in various schools during the summer. They provide exciting skills-focused activities which support young people to consider careers within Science and Technology.

Examples of activities include 3D printing and scanning, drone coding and flying, robotic search and rescue, handmade soap making, ride-on hovercraft, chocolate moulding and lots more!

Free **breakfast and lunch** is available for all participants.

Families who are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals are able to use their Fun & Food ticket to book a place. Families not in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals are able to purchase a day's activity voucher to book a space at www.STEAMAheadEducation.co.uk/shop



STEAM Ahead Summer Activities 2024

Age 7-14

Free breakfast and hot lunch provided

8.30AM - 3PM

Free*

Microscopes and DNA | Drones
Constructable Ride Ons | Bushcraft
Compressed Air Rockets
Ride-on Hovercraft | Robotics
Vacuum Forming | 3D printing
Fan-powered Cars
and much more!!

1 - 2 August	Seaham Trinity Primary
5 - 9 August	Parkside Academy
5 - 9 August	The Academy at Shotton Hall
12 - 16 August	Consett Academy
12 - 16 August	Park View (North Lodge)
19 - 23 August	Greenfield Academy
19 - 23 August	UTC South Durham
27 - 30 August	North Durham Academy
27 - 30 August	Whitworth Park Academy

Book Online! Use your ticket from your school to book online via Durham County Council

*Places are free for children eligible for Free School Meals and those in receipt of Free School Meals

FUN & FOOD

Fun & Food logo with Durham County Council logo