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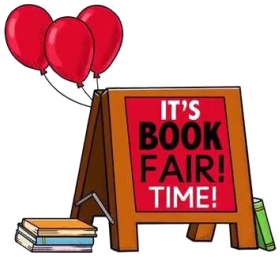
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School Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving in school tomorrow, Tuesday 17th November and will be here for one week.
The book fair will be open from 3.15pm - 3.45pm from Tuesday 17th -Monday 23rd November in the Hall.



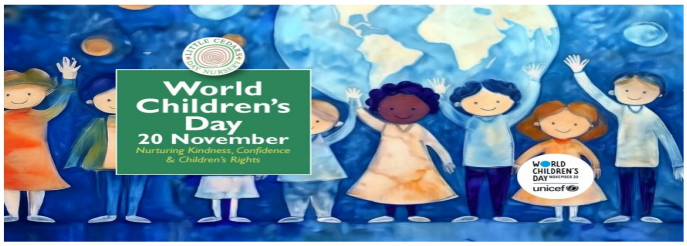
Please feel free to call in and have a look round.



Advent Mass – Monday 30th November

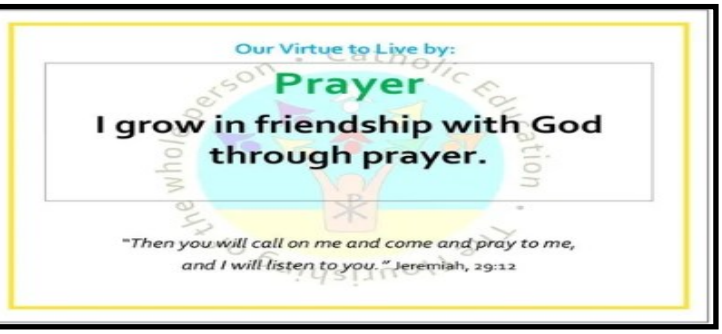
Year 3 will be leading an Advent Mass in school on Monday 30th November at 2 pm.
Families are very welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Nurturing Kindness, Confidence, & Children's Rights



Each year on **20th November**, families, nurseries, and schools around the world mark *World Children's Day* — a global celebration of children and a reminder that every child deserves to be safe, loved, and heard.

First established by the United Nations in 1954, the day promotes children's rights everywhere: the right to play and learn, the right to be cared for, and the right to express their thoughts and feelings. For us as early years practitioners, these ideas are not just something we recognise once a year — they're at the heart of everything we do.



Reception 2027-Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they will be starting Primary School (Reception) in September 2027 and you must apply for a place online before 15th January 2027.
You will need to go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions and click "Apply online". As well as the Kirklees Application Form, a Supplementary Form will also need completing and this is available from the school office.
If you have any questions please call the school office or visit Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy - Admissions

We are:

Inviting you to



Draw Along with Liz Million

Hilarious illustrator/author Liz Million is visiting Our Lady of Lourdes School and your library card is your ticket to an extra-special family event afterwards at The Chestnut Centre!

Liz will show the whole family how a real-life artist brings their drawings to life. Learn how to draw funny human and animal characters in this fully interactive, informal fun session. Get your photo with Liz and her autograph!

Friday 20th November 2026
4.30 – 5.30pm
The Chestnut Centre, 2a Chestnut Street HD2 1HJ

Reserve your free place: ticketsource.com/kirkleeslibraries

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Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK-wide campaign organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, with the 2026 event running from 16–20 November under the theme "Break the Silence," starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November.

What Anti-Bullying Week is

Anti-Bullying Week is a national initiative aimed at raising awareness of bullying in schools, communities and organisations. It encourages children, young people and adults to speak up, support one another and take action against bullying. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA), part of the National Children's Bureau.

What is Bullying? - Bullying is when an individual or group repeatedly chooses to be unkind or hurtful to someone else, either physically or emotionally. It can happen in a few different ways:

- **In person or online:** It might happen in or out of school, or through messages, online games, social media, and other digital content.
- **Different types of unkindness:** It can be physical, verbal, emotional, or rooted in prejudice. Sometimes, it can also involve inappropriate comments or boundaries being crossed.

Working Together to Support Your Child As a parent or carer, your support makes a huge difference in helping your child navigate their school years safely. One of the best steps you can take is simply knowing when to reach out to us.
If you are ever concerned that a child is being bullied, please follow our school policies and get in touch. If you ever feel a child is unsafe or at risk of serious harm, we treat this with the highest care as a safeguarding matter. Please speak with your child's class teacher or a member of our senior leadership team so we can support you both straight away.
Helpful Resources - For more information and advice, you can visit the Anti-Bullying Alliance website or take a look at the *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy – Worried about Bullying?* page.

Preparing for Wintery/Severe Weather



As we are approaching the time of year when the weather can become severe, in the event of any school closure we will notify Kirklees Council who will, in turn put it on their website:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures and inform the local radio stations.

We will also send out a SchoolPing to notify parents, so it is essential that you check your SchoolPing regularly.



Reminder - Children will be outside at playtimes throughout the year, where possible. Please ensure your child brings a coat, hat and gloves, clearly labelled in preparation for this.



November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day	17 Book Fair Arrives Year 4 @ Mass	18 Book Fair Year 3 New Library Visit Football After School Club	19 Book Fair Hymn Practice Year 3 Violin	20 Book Fair Celebration Assembly Author visit Mini Olympics After School	21	22
23 Final day of the Book Fair	24 Year 6 @ Mass 7pm Confirmation at English Martyrs	25 Football After School Club	26 Hymn Practice Year 3 Violin	27 Celebration Assembly Mini Olympics After School Club	28	29 First Sunday of Advent

Confirmation 2026

Could we keep all the children who are receiving their Confirmation on the 24th November in our prayers.

Lord, we pray that you strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as Disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen.





RESTORATION FUNDRAISING

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: Thursday 26th November 6 till 8pm in the Upper Room, all materials provided £45 per wreath, refreshments and mince pie! There are only 12 spaces available, please contact Susan for details and to secure your place on 07488558469.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: Your Chance to win £25. Christmas quiz forms now available after Mass. £1 per sheet, cash only please. Completed forms must be returned by the 13th of December to be included in the draw. The winners name will be published in the bulletin on the 19th of December. Forms can be returned to the welcomers or through the door at the presbytery (Please do not ring the doorbell)

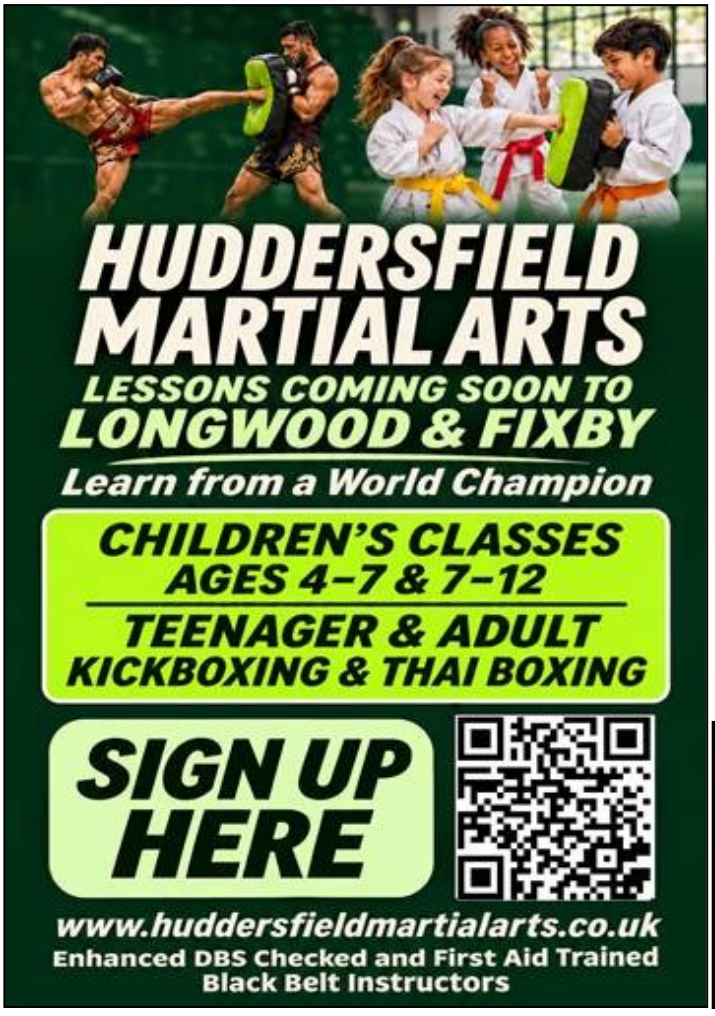
A HUGE THANK YOU! Our Christmas Fair was a fantastic success, raising an amazing £3400.33 for the Restoration Fund! A massive thank you to everyone in the Parish who helped make the event such a success - whether by donating goods, buying raffle tickets or coming along to support us. Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and the Social Committee members, who worked tirelessly before, during and after the fair. Your time, hard work and enthusiasm made it all possible. And of course a big thank you to the Irish Centre for so generously hosting us.



WAYS TO DONATE

Bank account: Diocese of Leeds Holy Redeemer
Sort code: 40-27-15
Account no: 61017632
Reference: Restoration Fund

www.justgiving.com/campaign/stpatshudds



Holy Redeemer Parish Mass Times

Holy Family, Slaithwaite

Sunday - 9 .00am.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday - 10.30am.

St Patrick's, Town Centre

Sunday - 11am and 5.00pm.

Masses are open across the Parish

For more information please visit:

https://www.holyredeemerparish.co.uk/


Holy Family, Slaithwaite


Our Lady of Lourdes, Sheepridge


St Patrick's, Huddersfield

KS2 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

This Tuesday 17th November Year 4 children will be attending weekly Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10am.
All families are welcome

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

Our Mission at Our Lady of Lourdes is that pupils, staff, governors and families all grow and learn together in God's love through our saviour, Jesus Christ. We have four "Mission Promises" which we all live by to help us to achieve this.

Love

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
(John 13)

I promise to show God that I will love and respect myself, other people and the world He created for us.

Learning

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
(Matthew 7:7-8)

I promise to show God that I will work hard and be a good learner.

Safety

"God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in trouble."
(Psalm 46)

I promise to show God that I know how to keep myself and others safe.

Honesty

"Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."
(John 3)

I promise to show God that I am honest and truthful.

Term Dates 2026-2027

	School will close at the end of the afternoon session on	School will reopen on the morning of
		02.11.2026
Christmas Holiday	18.12.26	04.01.27
February Half-Term	12.02.2027	22.02.2027
Easter Holiday	25.03.2027	06.04.2027
School will be Closed for Inset Day on Friday 30th April 2027 **May Day Bank Holiday School will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2027**		
Spring Bank Holiday	21.05.2027	07.06.2027
Summer Holiday	20.07.2027	