



Newsletter

December 2024

Theme: Christmas Cracker

Colour: Red, Gold, Silver

Shape: Star

Prayer: Gloria

Birthdays this month: **Yellow Class:** 18th Clara

Red Class: 3rd Grace

Website: www.holytrinitynurseryschoolisburn.com

We will talk to the children this month about celebrating the birth of Jesus and continue to support them with their daily prayers. We are already singing lots of Christmas Songs and Rhymes. We aim to provide outdoor play daily and would ask parents to please continue to send a coat with your child and in this cold weather a hat and gloves and kindly make sure they are all labelled. We will also talk to the children about dressing suitably for the outdoors. Please continue to encourage your child to put on their own coat etc. as we are continually encouraging independence.

Christmas Event

We have a special Christmas Celebration event on Wednesday 18th December. This will be held in St Patrick's Parish Hall. Further information regarding this event can be found on the information letter that was sent home. This letter can be found on Seesaw also.



Upcoming Trip

St Aloysius Primary School have kindly invited all our children in Holy Trinity Nursery School to visit them on Thursday 19th December to watch the Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Show. We will be collected by a Double Decker bus at 9.40am and will return to school at approximately 11am. St Aloysius are funding the bus to take us to and from their school. Children will arrive and be collected from school at their normal times. We are delighted to receive this invitation and know the children will be very excited.

When we have children outside of school grounds we need a higher adult to child ratio in order to keep the children safe. We will have additional staff accompany us this day but will also require some parental volunteers to come along with us too. Thank you to all of those who have already offered to help out.

Nursery Fund

Please continue to support our Nursery Fund. This money is used for the children's snack and many additional resources, books for Christmas for each child and books for their birthdays and enable special visitors to come to school to enrich the children's learning at Nursery. Payments can be made via bank transfer or by sending in weekly in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Thank you for all contributions received to date.

Big thank you once again for the fundraising for our Sponsored Obstacle Day. We are currently trying to resource the best storage products and toys to purchase that will be child friendly, long lasting and durable. We will keep you all informed as soon as we have decided.

Community Links

Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Each year we support the St Vincent De Paul Food Hamper Christmas Appeal which supports local families at Christmas. This year however, organisers have asked that instead of food donations could we kindly ask for small money donations which they will then use to purchase vouchers so families can use to best suit their individual needs. For this reason we are tying in our Bedtime Story Day on **Friday 29th November** in support of this. We understand Christmas is a difficult time for a lot of people and therefore only ask for contributions you can afford. Please bring donations on the day. We will have a donations box at the door upon arrival.

Enrolment for September 2025

Nursery School - September 2025

We will have an open day for children who will begin Nursery School in September 2025 on **Tuesday 10th December 2024** from 10.00am to 12noon. Nursery will be closed to this year's children to accommodate this. The online Portal for Nursery applications will open on **Friday 10th January 2025 at 12 noon and close on Friday 24th January 2025 at 12noon**. We will have information on our website to support parents making an application.



Primary School – September 2025

The online Portal for Primary applications will open on **Friday 10th January 2025 at 12noon and close on Friday 24th January 2025 at 12noon**. We will have information on our website to support parents making an application.



December Events




Mon 9 th	Christmas Fun Day
Thurs 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day/ Santa Visit
Mon 16 th	Christmas Movie Day (red Class)
Tues 17 th	Christmas Movie Day (yellow Class)
Wed 18 th	Christmas Celebration at St Patrick's Pastoral Hall (<i>children can wear festive clothing</i>)
Thurs 19 th	St Aloysius Christmas Show Trip
Fri 20 th	Christmas Party (Children finish at 11.00am)

January

Fri 10 th	Rainbow Day
Mon 20 th	Penguin Awareness Day
Fri 31 st	Winter Wonderland Day
Fr 10 th - Fri 24 th	Open Enrolment

Health



If your child is ill please keep them at home until fully recovered. Nursery staff cannot give a sick child the attention they need without neglecting others and it is essential we prevent the unnecessary spread of infection. The Health Protection Agency recommends that children with vomiting or diarrhoea are kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of illness to ensure other children are not put at risk of infection. If your child is unable to attend Nursery because of illness or any other reason please telephone to let us know and leave a message. Alternatively you can email or private message on Seesaw. Please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands before eating and after they have used the toilet.

School Closures

At times it is necessary at short notice to close schools when we experience unprecedented severe weather. The Department of Education have produced information for parents informing them about the decision making process including health and safety issues that need to be considered by school Principals when deciding to close a school. The information is available on the NI Direct website at www.nidirect.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

In the event of a school closure parents will be sent a message via Seesaw. If you need a copy of your child's QR code please let a member of staff know.

School Holidays

Tuesday 10th December- Children are off to accommodate Open Day for 2025 intake.

Friday 20th December- Children finish at 11.00am for Christmas Holidays. Children will return Tuesday 7th January

Something to do with your child: Christmas Shortbread



8 ounces of plain flour 4 ounces of butter 2 ounces of caster sugar
Cream the caster sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the flour and bind together.
Knead until smooth. Roll and cut with Christmas shaped pastry cutters.
Bake in the oven at 180°C for 20-25 mins.



Nursery Staff and Governors wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas
and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



The Nursery Team