



FESTIVE EDITION

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

MAGICAL YEAR

What a truly magical term—and year—it has been! We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for.

Our children have sparkled in every way, showing incredible progress, creativity, and joy in their learning. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements!

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic outcomes from our two inspections this year, both of which highlighted so many strengths across our school—thanks to the dedication of staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and your incredible support.

A huge thank you to our parents and families for everything you do. Together, we have built a warm, thriving community where our children can truly flourish.

REMARKABLE READERS

Our children have been on an incredible reading journey this term, exploring new worlds and making fantastic progress with their Reading Passports.

A huge shout-out to Joey L, our fearless explorer, who was the first to travel all the way around the globe and return home to the North East—what an epic adventure!

This Christmas, keep the adventure alive! Dive into exciting stories, discover new lands, and colour in your journeys as you go. Every book is a ticket to somewhere amazing—so pack your imagination and keep reading.



FESTIVE FAIRTRADE

A huge thank you to our amazing Fairtrade Team for all their hard work this term! They've done a brilliant job raising awareness of Fairtrade across our school community.

Congratulations to the winners of our Fairtrade Christmas Card Competition: Amber, Grace, Betsy, Alice, Charlotte, Daisy, Amelia, Ava, and Abel. Your creativity and imaginative designs were truly outstanding—well done to each of you!

WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome our new Admin Assistant, Miss Ffion Down, to the St Patrick's family!

We're delighted to have her on board and wish her every success as she begins her new role. We look forward to working together and know she will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

CHILDREN SPREADING JOY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas performances this week—whether in person or through our Facebook Live stream.

The children truly shone, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and talent. It was a joy to share these special moments with you and we hope that they got you in the festive mood.

Our children have been spreading Christmas cheer across Consett—singing joyfully at the Christmas Tree Festival and bringing warmth and smiles to residents in our local care homes with their beautiful festive singing. Their kindness and holiday spirit have truly lit up our community!

At this special time of year, we pause to remember those who may be less fortunate—those who are sad, lonely, unwell, or facing difficulties. We hold them close in our hearts and keep them in our prayers this Christmas, wishing them comfort, hope, and peace.



The staff of St Patrick's wish you all a magical Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness, hope, peace and joy.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - don't be late through the gate!



## SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to our KS2 Girls' Football Team! Last week, they finished the district league competition in style, emerging as champions at the final round of fixtures. The team delivered two outstanding victories, winning 3-0 and 7-0, to secure their place at the top of the league. This incredible achievement now propels them forward to the county equivalent of the Champions League - well done, girls!

## CONSETT AREA PONTOP PARTNERSHIP

### MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE - 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

St Patrick's Consett	5:30pm
St Mary's Blackhill	5:30pm
Brooms Leadgate	8:00pm
St Pius Moorside	8:00pm
St Mary's Blackhill	12 midnight

#### CHRISTMAS DAY - 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

St Patrick's Consett	9:30am
Shotley Bridge	9:30am
Our Lady of the Rosary	

#### FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (BOXING DAY)

Partnership Mass - St Patrick's Consett - 12 noon

Masses may be subject to change

