



NEWSLETTER: 21st April 2023



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Easter break. Our children (and staff) have returned refreshed and raring to go. Just what we want to see!

As ever, the summer term promises to be extremely busy, and we look forward to the many exciting and varied activities that await.

Our Summer Diary of Events is at the end of the newsletter and is also on our website. This highlights activities we have planned to date but, as you know, additional events may be added as they arise.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

...And smile! Our school photographer whizzed through the school photos this morning. They plan to return asap to complete the remaining few sibling photographs.

Our Year 1 pupils have had a fantastic trip to Beamish today and their behaviour was impeccable. Well done Year 1!

Important reminders regarding school expectations

School Shoes - we have noticed that a number of children are wearing trainers to school.

Following our school uniform expectations, please ensure children wear appropriate plain, black school shoes only. If anyone has any concerns regarding costs of school uniform items (including shoes), please contact the school office for support.

Hair Styles - we also need to give further reminders that children should not have excessively shaved (including lines or patterned) hairstyles. Children should not have dyed hair. We have bobbles in school and will issue these to pupils with longer hair where necessary.

Nail Varnish - Please ensure pupils do not wear nail varnish in school.

Thank you, for your co-operation in these areas. We feel it is necessary to provide these reminders so that all pupils and parents appreciate consistency is important and expectations are for everyone.

Church Grounds Parking - A polite reminder that no vehicles are allowed into the church grounds for dropping off or picking up the children.

Wellies

Our gardening club is looking for any spare wellies that they can use as planters. If you have any old wellies (children or adult size) that you no longer need please send them into school.



Proposed Industrial Action

There is proposed industrial action on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. School will be closed to pupils in Year 3 & Year 4. We will inform you if there are any changes.

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Leon	For being a kind and caring little boy towards other children in Nursery.
Reception	Jayden	For lovely listening and following instructions in P.E.
Year 1	Year 1	For fantastic behaviour on their trip to Beamish
Year 2	John	For thinking scientifically when investigating seeds in different fruits.
Year 3	Lachlan	A fantastic week of work & behaviour.
Year 4	Gracie-Mae	For trying so hard during phonics sessions and for reading consistently at home. Well done!
Year 5	Hannah	For excellent ideas in her mythical story.
Year 6	Megan	For some excellent problem solving and reasoning this week.



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is: 94.2%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.8%	88.5%	98.0%	84.8%	92.3%	92.1%	94.2%	92.3%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan – 338

St Oswald – 252

St Cuthbert – 257

St Bede – 231

Congratulations to St Aidan team and well done to everyone who has earned points this week.

Extra-Curricular After School Clubs

The following extra-curricular, after school clubs will run from Monday 24th April 2023. Text messages/letters have been sent out confirming places.

Gardening Club	Monday 24 April, 8, 15 ,22 May, 5,12,19,26 June 3, 10 July	Rec/Y1
Fun Maths/reading Club	Monday 24 April, 8, 15 ,22 May	Open to all pupils in Year 2
Multi Sports	Tuesday 25 th April, 2, 9, 16, 23 May, 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July	Y1/Y2
Funky Fingers	Tuesday 25 April, 2, 9, 16, 23 May	Rec
Phonics Club Y1	Tuesday 25 April, 2, 9, 16, 23 May	Invitation only
Phonics Club Y2	Thursday 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May	Invitation only
Basketball	Wednesday 26 April, 3, 10 ,17,24 May, 7, 14,21 28 June, 5, 12 July	Y5/Y6
Y5 Homework Club	Thursday	Open to all pupils in Year 5
Multiplication Club	Tuesday 2 nd , 16 th & 23 rd May	Open to all pupils in Y4
CAFOD Club	Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 May	Y3/Y4

If you have any queries, please contact us at

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Diary of Events Summer Term 2023

Date	Class	Event
Monday 17 th April	Whole school	Return to school
Wednesday 19 th April	Year 3	Swimming (until 24 th May 2023)
Friday 21 st April	Years 1	Beamish Museum trip
Friday 21 st April	Whole School	School photographs
Monday 24 th April	Whole school	After school clubs begin
Tuesday 25 th April	Y4 Representatives	Science ambassador training Parkside Academy
Tuesday 25 th April	Y4	First Holy Communion Programme 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 26 th April	Years 3 & 4	Class Mass in school 2pm All Welcome
Thursday 27 th April	Years 3 & 4	Proposed industrial strike action- partial school closure for these year groups
Monday 1st May	Whole school	Bank Holiday – School Closed
May	Year 2	SATs throughout the month
Tuesday 2 nd May	TBC	Proposed industrial strike action- potential partial school closure
Tuesday 2 nd May	Reception	Tynemouth Aquarium trip
Wednesday 3 rd May	Whole school	Mass in honour of feast day of St Joseph 9.30 am (to be confirmed)
Friday 5 th May	Whole school	Coronation Activities Non-uniform day – red, white and blue theme 9am – 10am EYFS/KS1 families invited into school to enjoy art and craft activities 2pm- 3pm KS2 families invited into school to enjoy art and craft activities (If you have siblings across different key stages, just contact school to let us know which session you would like to attend and we can release children from different year groups)
Monday 8th May	Whole School	King's Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 9 th May	Y4	First Holy Communion Programme 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday 9 th May Friday 12 th May (inclusive)	Year 6	SATS week – Compulsory National Tests.
Wednesday 10 th May	Whole school	Barbara Reilly O'Donnell Ethos Director BWCET working in school/talking with pupils about their work in RE.
Wednesday 10 th May	Years 1 & 2	Class Mass in school 2pm All welcome
Monday 15 th May	Nursery	Rockpool School to visit our Nursery classroom
Tuesday 23 rd May	Y4	First Holy Communion Programme 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday 29th May 2023 –Friday 2nd June 2023 – Half Term		
Monday 5 th June- Friday 16 th June	Year 4	Multiplication check 2-week window
Monday 5 th June – Friday 9 th June	Year 6	Residential trip to Middleton
Wednesday 7 th June	Year 3	Additional swimming session
Monday 12 th June - Friday 16 th June	Year 1	Phonics screening check
Monday 12 th June	New parents	Parents meeting for new Nursery and Reception children (parents only) 5pm
Tuesday 13 th June – Friday 16 th June	Y4	First Holy Communion Programme – school time
Wednesday 14 th June	Y6	Y6 swimming until the end of term
Wednesday 14 th June	Y5	Class Mass in school 2pm All welcome
Wednesday 14 th June	EYFS	Celebration Liturgy led by Nursery and Reception – 9.15am Parents welcome
Thursday 15 th June	New parents and children	School start trail activity – New Reception parents and children 3.30pm
Saturday 17 th June	Year 4	Holy Communion 11am All welcome
Monday 19 th June	Year 1	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 1 – 9.15am Parents welcome

Wednesday 21 st June	EYFS	Sports Day 1.30pm All welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Sports day 9.30am All welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Years 1 & 2	Sports day 1.15pm All welcome
Friday 23rd June	Whole School	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 27 th June	Whole School	Hoopstars
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3	River fieldwork at Gibside
Friday 30 th June	Year 6	Youth Village Festival
Monday 3 rd July- Friday 7 th July	Year 6	Careers week
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 2	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 2 – 9.15am All welcome
Tuesday 4 th July	Reception – Y5	Moving up afternoon All children meet their new teachers
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 3	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 3 – 9.15am All welcome
Wednesday 5 th July	Y1 to Y6	Meet the New Teacher Event for parents and carers 2 sessions (repeated) 3.30pm + 4.00pm
Thursday 6 th July	Year 2	Centre for Life Trip
Friday 7 th July	Year 4	Seaham Trip
Friday 7 th July	Whole school	End of year reports issued (Following report, no additional parents’ evening planned, however, parents can meet the class teacher upon request)
Monday 10 th July	Whole school	Celebrating 150 years of St Joseph’s Church Summer fun activities in school All welcome pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 4 – 9.15 am All welcome

Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 5– 9.15am All welcome
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6	Y6 celebration event 6pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Whole school	End of term Mass 9.30am at Church
Friday 21 st July	Whole School	School closes for Summer holiday. School reopens Tuesday 5 th September

NB: In an attempt to keep families aware of forthcoming events, this list gives you some dates to add to your diary. Events may still be added, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to change some activities. You will be informed as soon as possible of any changes. Further information will be sent nearer the time if required.

If you have any queries, please do hesitate to contact the school office.