



NEWSLETTER: 14th July 2023



Dear Families

Not long to go now!

Fr Damian would like to invite all of the children, and families, involved in our First Holy Communion Programme, to celebrate Mass at any of the parishes of St Joseph's Stanley, St Patrick's Dipton, or Sacred Heart Byermoor this Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July. Mass times for these dates are:

- Saturday 15th July – Sacred Heart Byermoor 4:30 pm
- Sunday 16th July – 9am at St Patrick's Dipton 9 am
- Sunday 16th July - St Joseph's Stanley 11 am

Y6 Leavers' Liturgy

This week our Head Boy, Riley, and Head Girl, Sophia, represented St Joseph's at the Leavers' Assembly at our Trust headquarters in Washington. The liturgy was lived streamed to all of the 48 schools in the Trust and all of our Y6 pupils joined in from the comfort of their classroom.

Y6 Leavers' Celebration

A huge thank you, Mr Haveron, Miss Glendenning, pupils and families for a wonderful Y6 celebration and awards event last night. What a joy to review not only the year, but children's whole journey through St Joseph's. With many highlights and so many positive memories to share, there were, unsurprisingly, tears. It was great to see how much progress children have made over the years – not only in terms of academic subjects - but in their levels of confidence and in their positive relationships and support for each other. Thank you, also, of course, to all members of staff, across school, for the contribution they have made towards each child's development. It was great to see so many staff joining in the celebration.

A special thank you, to Mr Grogan, Mr Embelton, Mrs Welsh and Adam Y7 (ex St Joseph's pupil) who also presented awards.

Celebration liturgies throughout school

I am delighted that every class has been so well supported. I am sure you will have been extremely impressed by how much learning has been packed into the last year. No wonder we are all ready for a holiday.

ARBOR

You should have already received an e-mail from an organisation called Arbor. We have recently changed the MIS computer system we use in school, along with all other Bishop Wilkinson Trust primary schools. This is used to manage the information we hold and process about our children and colleagues. This new system offers significant savings to our school, in terms of reduced staff workload and costs, which, as I am sure you will agree, will benefit our children.

Whilst many of these changes have taken place behind the scenes, some will directly affect the ways in which you, as parents/carers interact with our school. It is our hope and intent that this new system will allow better communication between home and school and a more streamlined approach to managing payments, clubs and trips.

The Arbor system offers a range of features which we will be going live with in the new academic year. However, I am delighted to inform you that have already launched some parts of the system to you. For now, these are:

Communications

Currently, we must pay for each text (SMS) message and e-mail we send to each and every individual parent/carer. The new Arbor app allows us to send you messages and e-mails free of charge and, for the first time, the opportunity for you to reply to them, sending your response directly to our school office team.

Student Profile

You will be able to view information about your child(ren) and also send us updates to your personal information, such as changes to your address, telephone numbers or email addresses.

School Meals

For those children in KS2 who pay for school meals, you will be able to view the current, live balance of your child(ren)'s school meal account and make payments to our school using your credit/debit card. (If you, or your relatives do not have, or experience difficulties with the portal, our school office team will now be able to accept card payments in person for the first time.) From September, it will no longer be possible to pay for your child's school meals (if required) using ParentPay. Please use the Arbor app or visit the school office.

In the new academic year, we also hope to activate and roll out further functionalities offered by the Arbor system, such as bookings and payments for trips and clubs. Further information will follow in September.

ParentPay

Please make any bookings/payments for school meals, breakfast club and wrap around care for this year by **Sunday 16th July at the latest**.

Also, please ensure that all outstanding payments are brought up to date. Any credit balances on ParentPay accounts will be refunded.

End of term mass

A reminder that our end of year mass is on Wednesday 19th July at 9.30am. The mass will be led by our Year 6 pupils. All welcome.

A copy of the parish newsletter is available on our website.

School closes on Friday 21st July

School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is strongly recommended on the basis that

- It need not cost more than other clothing;
- It promotes a sense of shared identity;
- It is neat and practical;
- The competition/pressure for fashionable clothing is eliminated

The School Outfit

Uniform table key

- O/R – Optional or required uniform item
- B/G – Branded item required or generic (e.g. supermarket) alternative will be accepted
- Season Specific – (N) Can be worn in all seasons

Uniform

<u>Item</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>B/G</u>	<u>Season Specific</u>
Royal blue sweatshirt (with school logo – optional)	R	Either	N
White polo shirt, blouse or shirt (with school logo – optional)	R	Either	N
Grey skirt, pinafore, shorts or long trousers, no leggings	R	G	N
Blue and white checked/striped dress	O	G	Summer
Socks grey/white	O	G	N
Tights grey/black	O	G	N

PE Uniform

<u>Item</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>B/G</u>	<u>Season Specific</u>
T shirt in team colour (red, yellow, green or blue – school logo optional)	R	Either	N
Black shorts	R	G	N
Black jogging bottoms – no logo	R	G	N
Trainers	R	G	N
Royal blue sweatshirt (with school logo – optional)	R	Either	N

Swimming Uniform

<u>Item</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>B/G</u>	<u>Season Specific</u>
Single piece swimming costume. No bikinis	R	G	N
Lycra trunks or shorts	R	G	N
Swimming cap	R	G	N

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, P.E. uniform all with the school badge are available from our approved outfitter, Emblematic <https://studentuniform.co.uk/stjos120/>

Footwear

It is again strongly recommended that all pupils wear “sensible” black shoes for school. Trainers may be worn for PE lessons.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school, except wrist watches (which must be removed during PE lessons – no smart watches). If you wish to have your child’s ear pierced, then we ask that you do so at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure that by the start of the autumn term there is no need for earrings to be worn. Please avoid any discomfort for your child by

sticking to this timetable as we do not allow earrings in school at any time.

Hair

All long hair must be tied back at all times. No oversized or brightly coloured hair accessories are allowed. Please stick to blue, white, grey or black plain hair ties/bobbles or slides. We have noticed a number of pupils (particularly in upper KS2) choosing to ignore this rule. Bobbles will be given on arrival where necessary.

Children must not come to school with dyed hair, shaved in lines or any extreme styles

Other

Most year groups have a cloakroom area within the classroom and therefore we recommend school book bags and a draw string swim bag as space is limited. No oversized bags please. Book bags are available to order with uniform (again this is optional). You will no longer need a PE bag. As you know, from September, children will be allowed to wear their PE uniform on their timetabled day and also if taking part in a sports after school club.

It is essential that school clothing and personal property is clearly marked with your child's name. (Uniform ordered through the school's supplier can have your child's name embroidered at the time of purchase.)

General uniform help

On Tuesday 18th July, we intend to set out spare uniform items in the hall from 8.30 until 9.15. We encourage all families to come along and see if you can find anything of use.



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.

This week's attendance is 94.13%. Our target is 97%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.57%	95.71%	89.62%	96.3%	96.9%	90.69%	95.48%	92.53%

Star of the Week

The following children received a Star of the Week certificate for 7th July 2023:



Nursery	Mya	For using lots of amazing language when talking about our similarities and differences.
Reception	AJ	For confidently talking to the class about all the wildlife found in his garden and how he takes care of the bees, the baby mice and the baby blackbirds there!
Year 1	Eliza	For excellent retrieval when reading with Miss Sinden.
Year 2	Harriet	For being a wonderful, supportive friend to her peers. You are a brilliant role model!
Year 3	Ollie	For trying hard to improve his handwriting.
Year 4	Teddy	For having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Year 5	Joel	For excellent skills in our computing lesson.
Year 6	Kayla	For her fantastic attitude towards transition activities.

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Freddie C	For being really confident in group activities.
Reception	Rory	For amazing problem solving.
Year 1	Freddie	For brilliant scientific thinking throughout our materials and seasons topics!
Year 2	Tega	For settling in so well to her new class.
Year 3	Matthew	For trying so hard to learn his 8 times tables.
Year 4	Noah	For being a kind friend to his classmates.
Year 5	Macartney	For excellent drawing skills as part of our digital art project.
Year 5	Nathan	For a brilliant attitude towards work this week
Year 5	Finnlay	For excellent work in maths investigating volume
Year 6	James	For his fantastic attitude to school life.

Join OASES for free family activities and lunch



Better for everyone

NATURE EXPLORERS



Games, natural crafts, wildlife activities, lunch and more.

Oakey Park, Stanley

Tuesday : 1pm - 3pm

25th July, 1st August, 8th August, 15th August, 22nd August, 29th August



Annfield Plain Park

Wednesday : 10am - 12noon

26th July, 2nd August, 9th August, 16th August, 23rd August, 30th August

Craghead Millennium Green

Thursday : 1pm - 3pm

27th July, 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August, 31st August

Activities aimed at children aged 4 - 11. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions will take place whatever the weather.

Booking Essential

To book visit: oasesnortheast.org.uk/events-promotions

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 Golf ◉ Water fight ◉ Volleyball ◉ Capture The Flag ◉ *plus others!*



Venues across the North-East

Catchgate Primary, Annfield Plain ◉ Astley High School
 St Paul's Primary, Alnwick ◉ Cramlington Sporting Club
 Northburn Primary, Cramlington ◉ Seaton Sluice First School
 St Thomas More School, Blaydon



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Summer 2023 Sports Coaching Courses

Option 1 Multi-sport Activities

Choose this course to play some of the following activities: dodgeball, a water fight (weather dependant), football, Nerf games, bikes and scooters, basketball, cricket, tag rugby, ultimate frisbee, tennis, volleyball, trampolining, climbing/bouldering and ultimate frisbee.



Option 2 Football Coaching

All the usual stuff you'd expect during a football coaching course: challenges, coaching matches & tournaments. Players receive expert coaching to develop their skills and tactical knowledge, as well as helping them develop team-work, leadership and other important psychological factors.



Option 3 Dance, Gymnastics & Trampolining

Dance – learning some hip-hop and street dance moves, then putting these together into a dance to a current chart song. **Gymnastics & Trampolining** – Developing basic and advanced skills, putting these together into routines.



Transition Groups Available at Astley High for children starting Whytrng in Year 5 in September. Also for children starting Year 7 at St Thomas More (Blaydon) and Cramlington Sporting Club. These multi-sport activity groups are a great way for children to make new friends, become more familiar with their new school, as well as having loads of fun and helping to keep fit and healthy.



Inflatables sessions – available one day per week at each venue



Courses Available

Venue	Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August	Monday 7th August to Friday 11th August	Monday 14th August to Friday 18th August	Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August
St Thomas More Catholic School, Blaydon	MS, FB, DGT & TR	MS, FB & DGT	MS, FB & DGT	MS, FB & DGT
Astley High School, Seaton Delaval	MS & TR	X	X	X
St Paul's Primary, Alnwick	X	MS	X	X
Cramlington Sporting Club	X	X	MS, FB, DGT & TR	X
Seaton Sluice First School	X	X	X	MS
Cramlington Northburn Primary School	X	X	X	MS
Catchgate Primary (free course)	MS & FB	MS & FB	MS & FB	MS & FB

MS = Multi-sport / FB = Football Coaching / DGT = Dance, gymnastics and trampolining / TR = Transition group

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