



St Pius Spotlight



'To renew all things in Christ'

20.06.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are a few changes to diary dates etc in this week's Newsletter so please check the last section carefully.

As we move into the warmer weather, please ensure that children have sunscreen with them/hats/water bottles etc.

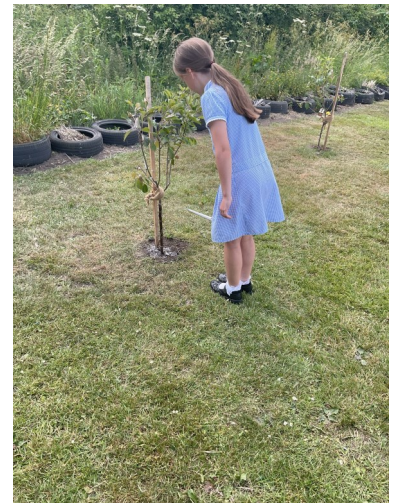
Thank you so much for everyone who has donated to the Summer Fayre—if you have any child-friendly raffle prizes (games/toys etc) that you would like to donate, please feel free to do so!

Best wishes as always,

Miss Hudson

Green fingers

Mr Devanney and our school gardeners have been hard at work setting up a fruit orchard and raised beds in school. We have also added water butts at key points so that we can use rainwater to help grow amazing things. If you have any plants or fruit trees that you would like to donate to school, please let us know. Hopefully the St Pius Orchard will continue to bloom!



School Milk

If your child would like milk from September and they are over the age of 5, please can you register them with Cool Milk? [Parents - Cool Milk](https://coolmilk.com/parents/) (<https://coolmilk.com/parents/>)

If you need any support with this, you can email the office directly on stpx@stpx.bwcet.com or call us on 01207 503604.



In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us:

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me.'

We act not for ourselves but for others.



We have been asked to share some Water Safety messaging with you from the RNLI around the warm weather and the increase this poses to the accidental drowning risk.

Many parts of the UK and Ireland are experiencing hot weather now and into the weekend. As temperatures rise, more people head to the water to cool off – but higher heat means higher risk. Latest research tells us the risk of accidental drowning is five times higher when air temperature is 25 degrees or higher and every year, we see a tragic spike in drownings during hot weather. And most of them are preventable.

In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Please swim between the red and yellow flags at a Life-guarded beach and leave inflatables at home—offshore winds can whisk them away before you know it!

#RespectTheWater

Find my nearest lifeguarded beach - <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>

For Inland Waters messaging; <https://nfcc.org.uk/be-water-aware-2025-staying-safe-around-water-still-as-crucial-as-ever/>

Lifeboats

Struggling in the water?

Floating greatly increases your chances of survival.

Relax and try to breathe normally

Tilt your head back with ears submerged

It's okay if your legs sink, we all float differently

Move your hands and legs to stay afloat

Remember it. Practise it.

FLOAT TO LIVE

Photo: RNLI

#RESPECTTHEWATER

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea
 The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC03726), the Republic of Ireland (CNI 2678 and 2000328), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 006329F), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1H2

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Attendance

During celebration assembly on Friday, we have been celebrating whole class attendance and each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Anna the Attendance Cat to live in their class all week! Well done to Class 3 who won this week.



Week beginning: Monday 2nd June 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage*
Class 1	93.8%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	98.4%
Class 4	94.1%



Our overall school attendance this week was 95.32%. Our attendance target is 97%.

*Including authorised absences

Changes to Year 6 Leavers events

Due to timings in Church, the Year 6 leavers' mass has been moved to Tuesday 15th July 2025 2pm at St Patrick's Church. In order to minimise issues around timings for families, the Year 6 leavers' performance will also be on Tuesday 15th July 2024 at 4.30pm in the School Hall. Families will be able to book places through the Year 6 team before and after school or by emailing the school office. As it will only be Year 6 families, tickets are not limited to 2 per child as usual. All are welcome!

School Raffle

The school raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th July 2025 at 2pm. Some of the prizes you could win are on display in the entrance to school. If you have a prize to donate, please bring it to the school office. If you know of any local businesses who would like to do donate, please let us know.

Spotlight Celebration

School life this week



It has been another busy week in school! Classes 2 and 3 enjoyed sports in the sun with our friends from The Grove Primary School. Class 3 had their English Café this week too and learned a lot. Class 1 and Class 4 enjoyed some trips out this week at Saltwell Park and Hartlepool.



In this section, we celebrate our achievements both in and out of school. If you have something you would like us to share for your child—an achievement, work of art, event they attended - please send it to school via email and we will include it in the newsletter!

Dates for Your Diary

23.06.25: Year 6 Primary Festival

24.06.25: New Reception starters meeting after school 4-5pm

26.06.25: Class 3 Trip to Vindolanda

27.06.25: Jubilee Day NON UNIFORM DAY (£1 per child donation please)

30.06.25 Class 4 English Café 9-11

01.07.25 Transition morning—whole school

01.07.25-02.07.25: St Bede's transition days for Year 6

03.07.25: Year 5 Celebration of Sport Trip—Gateshead Stadium

07.07.25 Class 2 Forest School Trip

09.07.25 Year 6 Big Bowling, Bonanza end of year trip

10.07.25 End of Year Reports go out to parents

11.07.25: School sports day and Summer Fayre—PM

14.07.25: Raffle 2pm

15.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Mass (2pm) and end of year performance (4.30pm)

18.07.25: INSET Day

Monday 21st July - Friday 29th August - Summer Holidays

The start of the Autumn term 2025 is Monday 1st September 2025 (This is an inset day)

(First Day back for children will be Wednesday 3rd September)

New dates will be added as events are finalised.

Please note that if any of these dates change we highlight the new date in **Red**.