



St Pius Spotlight



'To renew all things in Christ'

27.06.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed by the Trust of school dinner prices from September 2025, which will be £2.95. You will be able to pay on Arbor as usual.

On Tuesday 1st July, we will be holding Meet the Teacher evening, where you can come into school to meet your child's new teacher and find out key information about the upcoming academic year.

As many of you know, Mrs Urwin will be beginning her maternity leave in September. We are so excited for her and for her family as they welcome their new addition!

We have appointed Miss Stokoe as her maternity cover for next year. Miss Stokoe has experience across the curriculum and is very excited to get started with us. There will be the opportunity to meet her at the Meet the Teacher evening on 1st July.

Staffing for 2025/26 will be as follows:

Class 1: Mrs Crilly/Mrs Gibson and Mrs McCullagh

Class 2: Mr Devanney and Mrs French

Class 3: Miss Grogan and Miss Renwick

Class 4: Miss Stokoe and Mrs Bird/Mrs McGinn

We are sad to announce that Mrs Arckless has decided to retire and will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. She will be a huge miss in school and I am sure that you will all join me in thanking her for her amazing work and wishing her well in this next and exciting chapter, as she spends lots of time with her lovely family! Mrs Arckless has been invaluable here at St Pius for a long time and the positive, nurturing impact she has had on our pupils and school community will be felt for years to come. There will be a collection in the school office if anyone wishes to contribute to a leaving gift for her.

We have had two nominees for Parent Governor and so will be holding an election. This will be done electronically and we will be in touch soon with more information about how this will work.

Best wishes as always,

Miss Hudson

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 that Peter is the rock on which he will build his Church.

We pray for Pope Leo XIV as he continues to lead our Church in the footsteps of St Peter.





Tuesday 1st July 2025 4-4.30pm

Children can be dropped off at the school hall for the duration of the meeting if needed. School door will open at 3.55pm so parents can make their way to the correct classroom.

There will be information provided about:

Any statutory testing
School day/timings
Uniform
Homework
PE days

There will be an opportunity at the end of the session to ask any questions you wish about the upcoming year.

If you are unable to attend and would like a copy of any information shared, please email the school office.

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 X who won this week.



Week beginning: Monday 2nd June 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Class 1	96.2%
Class 2	99.5%
Class 3	94.8%
Class 4	94.8%



Our overall school attendance this week was 96.3%. Our attendance target is 97%.

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



This week in school we have been learning lots of new sports skills, taking on another school in football and enhancing our learning with fun activities.

Class 3 had a lovely time at Vindolanda and found out what it was like to be a Roman soldier.



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

30.06.25: Class 4 English Café 9-11

01.07.25: Transition morning—whole school

01.07.25: Meet the Teacher evening for parents 4pm

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**.