



# St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



## A great start!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin another term in school, I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for welcoming me into this wonderful school. The sacred season of Easter reminds us of hope and renewal and I have felt the optimism, faith and kindness of every member of our school community during this, my first week as Head of School. I want each of you to know that my door is always open and I look forward to getting to know all of you better.

Best wishes as always,  
Miss Hudson



## Fun in the sun!

This week, Class 1 had a very exciting outing, gaining valuable sports skills and enjoying the fabulous weather! We have enjoyed playing out in the sun and have been making the most of our gorgeous school grounds by taking some of our lessons and reading time outside too. Thank you again for sending in sun protection!



## Welcome

It has also been the first week for our new office staff, Mrs Howe (our new school Administration Assistant) and Mrs Pinkerton (our new School Business Manager and Bursar), and I know that they have enjoyed every minute of it!

Should you need anything, they are happy to help.



Mrs Pinkerton



Mrs Howe

## This week the Gospel reminds us,

"Feed my sheep"

We reflect on how we can look after one another as a Church family.



## Safeguarding Reminder

Safeguarding the children in our care is one of the school's main responsibilities, one that St Pius takes very seriously. As you may already be aware, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Hudson. You can speak to her by phone, make an appointment via the school office, or catch her when she's outside greeting/saying goodbye to children, if you ever have a concern. We have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school these are Miss Grogan (Assistant Headteacher and/Class 4 teacher), Mrs Stokoe (Executive Headteacher) and Mrs Crilly (Class 1 Teacher). If you are unable to speak to Miss Hudson, you can speak to these members of staff or any other member of staff about your concern(s).

The school has an updated Safeguarding policy, that can be found on the school website, or paper copies can be requested from the school office. All staff receive annual safeguarding refresher training, as well as other training throughout the year on key areas, including record keeping and reporting. Our school also has a termly visit from our Safeguarding Consultant, who completes an audit of the school's safeguarding and identifies any future improvements or training needs.

### Why do parents need to know this information?

- To reassure you that we take keeping our children safe in school very seriously at St Pius.
- It's good to remind parents/carers of the key members of staff, in case new parents did not know who they were.
- To highlight the continual work that the school puts into keeping our children safe in school.

Additional information can be found on our website:

## 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 2 who won this week.



Week beginning: Monday 28th April 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Class 1	97.6%
Class 2	99.5%
Class 3	95.5%
Class 4	93.3%



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

## Arbor and Changes to Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Please could you log on to Arbor to make any payments for school meals or clubs. If you need any support with this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As we have previously communicated, there have been some changes to clubs before and after school. Thank you to those parents who have been in touch to discuss any concerns already. If you do have any questions or queries please feel free to ask.

To clarify, clubs will now cost £3 per session per child. This is to cover staffing costs for these times. We will provide breakfast and healthy snacks at clubs also. Clubs MUST be booked online in advance for safeguarding purposes and if there are any issues around this, or if the club is full, please ring the school office and they will be able to resolve this for you.

If you are eligible for certain benefits, you can claim the cost of any wraparound care back up to 85%. Please contact the office to request an invoice. We do ask that children arrive at Breakfast Club between 8.00am and 8.30am, this is to ensure the safeguarding of our pupils. If there is ever an issue with this, please contact the office to let us know your child will be arriving late. The collection time for Afterschool club is 4.30pm promptly. Again, if you require an earlier collection, please simply contact us to organise this. Thank you again for your continued support with this, it is greatly appreciated.

## Spotlight Celebration

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!



Class 1 had so much fun at the Sports Trip on Tuesday and learned so many new skills. We are very proud of our budding athletes!



Class 2 learned so much at their Math's cafe on Monday! Thank you to all who attended.



School life this week



This week we have made the most of the weather by getting out in the sun! We have even been playing our violins outside!

## Dates for Your Diary

04.05.25 FHC Session 7 at St Patrick's. 9.45am  
11.05.25 FHC Preparation Mass at St Patrick's 11.15am  
19.05.25 Maths Cafe for class 4 9-11am  
23.05.25 Class 3 Maths cafe 9-11am

HALF TERM 24.05.25 – 30.05.25

02.06.25 Class 1 English Cafe 9-11  
03.06.25 FHC Mass practice at St Patrick's 5pm  
07.06.25 FHC Mass at St Patrick's 1pm  
08.06.25 Sending Forth Mass at St Patrick's 11.15am  
09.06.25 Class 2 English Cafe 9-11  
11.06.25: Beamish Trip for Class 3  
12.06.25: Class 4 Tennis Trip  
16.06.25 Class 3 English Cafe 9-11  
17.06.25: Class 4 Tennis Trip  
23.06.25: Year 6 Primary Festival  
26.06.25: Class 3 Trip to Vindolanda  
27.06.25: Jubilee Day  
30.06.25 Class 4 English Cafe 9-11  
07.07.25 Class 2 Forest School Trip  
09.07.25 Class 4 Adventure Trip  
10.07.25 End of Year Reports go out to parents  
11.07.25: School sports day and Summer Fayre— PM  
16.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Mass (AM) and end of year performance (PM)  
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**.