



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a joy to get to know more of you and to speak with so many of you this week. The children have been working so hard, as always, and Year 6 have been preparing for their SATs next week. I know you will join me in cheering them on as they sit their assessments in the coming week, and show off all of their fabulous learning from their time here at St Pius! We are also in the process of planning some lovely end of year treats for Year 6, these will be added to the diary dates when finalised.

In order to prepare for our Summer Fayre (aka Pius-fest 2025!) we will be having a few non-uniform days where children can bring in a donation for the fayre rather than a monetary donation. This is a voluntary contribution. The first non-uniform day will be on Friday 23rd May 2025 and it is 'bring a bottle day'. This could be a bottle of wine, water, shampoo... anything! If you have any spare bottle bags too, this would be welcome. Please check the diary dates for the other days. If you are interested in helping out at the school fayre, please get in touch.

Best wishes as always,
Miss Hudson

End of Year Educational Visits

Staff have been working hard to book some educational visits in for our final term so that each class can enhance their learning from this year. These visits are fully funded and so there is no charge to parents. Please check the diary dates for final dates. Class 3 are excited to go to Vindolanda Roman Museum and deepen their understanding of their History topic from this year, as well as orienteering on the ruins! Class 2 will be learning all about the outdoors at Forest School and Class 4 will be taking a trip back in time and learning about team building at Hartlepool Maritime Museum! Class 1 are off to Saltwell Park for a day filled with fun activities and exercise!



Arbor

Huge thanks to Mrs Pinkerton and Mrs Howe who have been working very hard to ensure that all booking systems on Arbor are running smoothly. I know many parents have already reached out for support but, should you need any help, our fabulous admin team are always happy to help!

You can email the office directly on stpx@stpx.bwcet.com or call us on 01207 503604.



This week the Gospel reminds us,

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."
We are known by God, he is our Father and will be with us always.



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 X who won this week.



Week beginning: Monday 4th May 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Class 1	%
Class 2	%
Class 3	%
Class 4	%



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

Information for SATs week

Next week, our amazing Year 6 class will take their end of Primary School assessments — the SATs. This is a very important week for Year 6, where we can celebrate their hard work and learning throughout their times in school.

It is very important that children get a good night's sleep in anticipation of each paper. They will receive a hot breakfast at school when they arrive (around 8.30am). The slightly earlier start allows us time to get them settled and prepared for the morning ahead, as well as tackling any last minute revision!

The government has sent out the days for each test and the timetable is as follows::

- Monday — SPaG
- Tuesday — Reading
- Wednesday — Arithmetic and first Reasoning paper
- Thursday — second Reasoning paper



I know you will keep Year 6 in your prayers next week and support them through this exciting time.

Spotlight Celebration

School life this week



Thank you so much for the generous donations of perennials we have received so far!
Class 2 love their new plants!



Class 3 have been getting moving while learning about nomads in Humanities this week! We were demonstrating that "being a nomad means living life on the move."



Class 1 celebrated VE day this week.

Miss Crilly showed us photos and letters from war heroes in her family. We loved looking at the medals Bobby received and the letters Harry wrote when in France. We made Union Jack flags to celebrate this very special day.

We have also been learning about football in our PE lessons and we think we are the best Reception team ever!



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

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
23.05.25 Bring a Bottle NON UNIFORM DAY

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
13.06.25 Chocolate and Crafts donations NON UNIFORM DAY
16.06.25 Class 3 English Cafe 9-11
17.06.25: Class 4 Tennis Trip
18.06.25 Class 4 Hartlepool Maritime Museum Trip
20.06.25 Class 1 Saltwell Park Trip
23.06.25: Year 6 Primary Festival
26.06.25: Class 3 Trip to Vindolanda
27.06.25: Jubilee Day NON UNIFORM DAY (any donations welcome)
30.06.25 Class 4 English Cafe 9-11
07.07.25 Class 2 Forest School 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**.