



St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



07.11.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to those who were able to attend our Pumpkin Parade to see all of the fabulous costumes and art work. For those who could not make it, I have added some pictures into this week's newsletter.

It has been lovely to see so many pupils arriving at 8.45am and I want to thank you for your continued support with this. Having the children in at this time makes such a big difference to the running of the day.

Best wishes as always,

Miss Hudson

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 3rd November 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Class 1	85%
Class 2	91.43%
Class 3	97.22%
Class 4	87.59%



Our overall school attendance this week was 90.31%. Our attendance target is 97%.



Remembrance Day

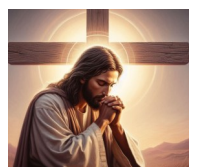
On Tuesday 11th November, we will be having a short Remembrance service in school. This will either be held on the school yard or in the Hall, depending on the weather.

The gates will be open from 10.30am for anyone wishing to attend, with the aim for the service to begin at 10.40am.

We will be having readings and if any parents, grandparents, carers or family would like to do a reading, please speak to Miss Hudson.



In the Gospel this week, Jesus reminds us that material possessions do not matter because our true riches come from within.



Lord, allow us to value what is truly important in life.



St Pius X

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SESSION FOR CHILDREN

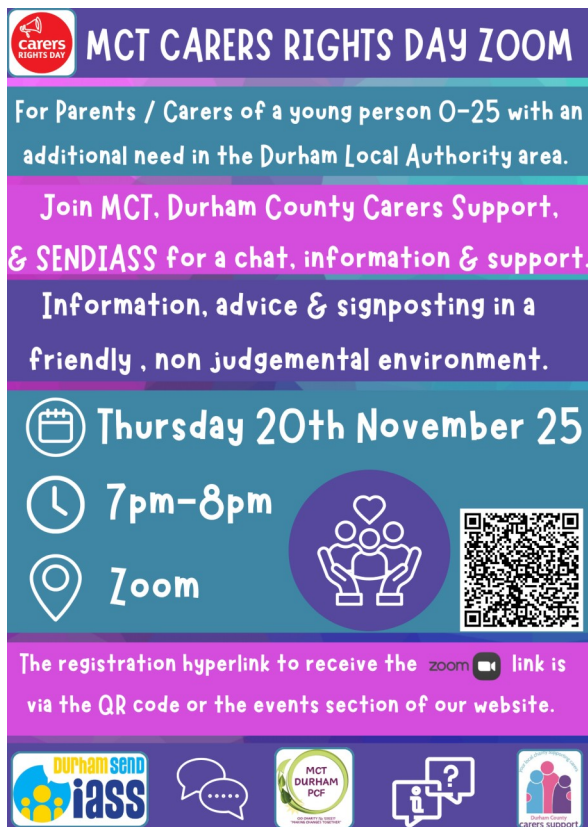
Sunday 9th November 10-11am
St Pius X Church

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has not made their First Holy Communion but would like to, please contact the team on: 01207 502196
or via facebook: @westderwentsidecatholicpartnership



SEND

We have received some lovely information from MCT Durham Parent Carer Forum—a charity which supports parents of children with SEND. They have sent through some information about different events and support they are currently offering in our local area.



MCT CARERS RIGHTS DAY ZOOM

For Parents / Carers of a young person 0–25 with an additional need in the Durham Local Authority area.





Join MCT, Durham County Carers Support, & SENDIASS for a chat, information & support. Information, advice & signposting in a friendly, non-judgemental environment.


Thursday 20th November 25

7pm–8pm


Zoom

The registration hyperlink to receive the zoom link is via the QR code or the events section of our website.



MCT DURHAM PARENT CARER FORUM'S VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE & CHATS 2025.



morning  evening

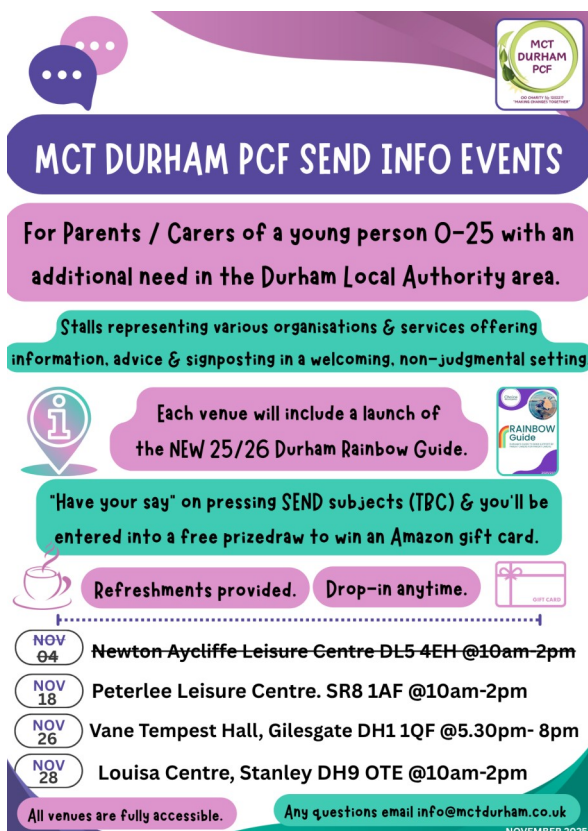
ARE YOU A PARENT CARER LIVING IN THE DURHAM LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA?

MAKE A CUPPA & HAVE A CHAT. ASK QUESTIONS, GET INFO & GET SUPPORT. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A PRIZE WINNING QUIZ & OTHER ACTIVITIES.

JOIN US ON - WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER @ 7pm or THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER @10am.

The link to register to receive the zoom link can be accessed via the QR code below or via our website mctdurham.co.uk



MCT DURHAM PCF SEND INFO EVENTS

For Parents / Carers of a young person 0–25 with an additional need in the Durham Local Authority area.

Stalls representing various organisations & services offering information, advice & signposting in a welcoming, non-judgmental setting.

Each venue will include a launch of the NEW 25/26 Durham Rainbow Guide.

"Have your say" on pressing SEND subjects (TBC) & you'll be entered into a free prizewinners draw to win an Amazon gift card.

Refreshments provided. Drop-in anytime.

NOV 04 Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre DL5 4EH @10am-2pm

NOV 18 Peterlee Leisure Centre. SR8 1AF @10am-2pm

NOV 26 Vane Tempest Hall, Gilesgate DH1 1QF @5.30pm- 8pm

NOV 28 Louisa Centre, Stanley DH9 OTE @10am-2pm

All venues are fully accessible. Any questions email info@mctdurham.co.uk

NOVEMBER 2025

MCT DURHAM PCF SEND INFO EVENTS NOVEMBER 2025 – Further info..

PETERLEE LEISURE CENTRE. SR8 1AF
Tuesday 18th November 2025
Drop in between 10am - 2pm
This event will take place in the sports hall

VANE TEMPEST HALL, GILESGATE. DH1 1QF
Wednesday 26th November 2025
Drop in between 5.30pm-8pm
This event will take place in the main hall. - please follow MCT signs. **NOTE** - We will have the iPad / parking app to record car number plates so you don't need to pay for parking.

LOUISA CENTRE, STANLEY. DH9 OTE
Friday 28th November 2025
Drop in between 10am - 2pm
This event will take place in the sports hall

Spotlight Celebration

School life this week



We had a spooktacular day on Monday at the Pumpkin Parade and danced our socks off at the disco!



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

10.11.25: Odd sock day

11.11.25: Remembrance Day Service in School 10.30am

12.11.25: Class 3 Assembly 9am

21.11.25: Class 1 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

26.11.25: Class 4 Assembly 9am

28.11.25: Non-Uniform Day—Bring in toys/crafts/chocolates

01.12.25: Class 3 Road safety workshop session 1 in school—outdoor clothing needed

05.12.25: Non-Uniform Day— Bring in toys/crafts/chocolates

08.12.25: Class 3 Road safety workshop session 2 in school—outdoor clothing needed

11.12.25: Christmas Jumper Day

12.12.25: Christmas Fayre 3pm onwards

16.12.25: Class 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm

17.12.25: Class 3 and 4 Carol Concert and Christmas Raffle 2pm

18.12.25: Pantomime Trip 1.30pm

19.12.25: Christmas Party Morning

19.12.25: Whole school Mass in school 1.30pm—all are welcome

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 20.12.25-04.01.26

05.01.26: Spring Term begins

14.01.26: Class 3 Team building festival PM—please wear PE kits

16.01.26: Year 3 Games Festival PM—please wear PE kits

16.01.26: Class 1 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

21.01.26: Class 4 Assembly 9am

30.01.26: Class 2 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

04.02.26: Class 3 Assembly 9am

06.02.26: Non-uniform day—bring a bottle

18.02.26: Ash Wednesday Service in school—time TBC

HALF TERM 21.02.26-01.03.26

04.03.26: Class 1 PE trip PM—please wear warm, outdoor clothes

05.03.26: World Book Day

06.03.26: Class 3 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

11.03.26: Class 2 Assembly 9am

13.03.26: Class 2 Invasion games festival PM—please wear PE kits

13.03.26: Non-uniform day—crafts, chocolates, toys

20.03.26: Class 4 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

23.03.26 and 24.03.26: Parents evening Spring Term 3.30-5.30pm

25.03.26: Class 1 Assembly 9am

Dates for Your Diary Continued

25.03.06: Class 4 Rugby skills trip PM– please wear PE kits

30.03.26: Palm Sunday Procession 2.45pm

02.04.26: Easter Raffle and Easter Egg Competition awards 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS 03.04.26–19.04.26

20.04.26: Summer Term begins

24.04.26: Class 2 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

29.04.26: Class 3 Assembly 9am

06.05.26: Class 4 Assembly 9am

08.05.26: Non-uniform day–bring a bottle

11.05.26–14.05.26: KS2 SATs

15.05.26: Class 1 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

22.05.26: Pentecost Procession 2.45pm

22.05.26: Non-uniform day crafts, chocolates, toys

HALF TERM 23.05.26–31.05.26

05.06.26: Class 4 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

10.06.26: Class 1 Assembly

12.06.26: Non-uniform day–bring a bottle

19.06.26: Class 3 Celebration of the Word 2.45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

24.06.26: Class 2 Assembly

25.06.26: St Bede's Uniform evening for Y6 parents

26.06.26: Non-uniform day–crafts, chocolates, toys

01.07.26–02.07.26: St Bede's Transition days for Year 6

02.07.26: Transition day in school

03.07.26: Non-uniform day–£1 contribution

10.07.26: Sports Day and School Fayre

13.07.26: School Raffle Draw 2pm

13.07.26–15.07.26: Robinwood residential for Class 4

Due to the residential dates, the Year 6 Leavers Mass–Time TBC and Year 6 Leavers Performance 4pm, will be rearranged–we will let you know the new dates asap.

Monday 20th July - Monday 31st August - Summer Holidays 2026