

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



13.03.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your generosity and support! Our Book Sale raised over £100. The wonderful Friends of St Pius PTFA group have worked their magic again. If you would like to become involved with the group or support with school events/fundraising, please contact the school office or the Friends of St Pius Facebook page. We have lots of lovely events over the next three weeks, please check dates below. Just a reminder to book parents evening appointments via Arbor so you can have a catch up about your child's progress and hear about all the wonderful things they have been doing!

Have a wonderful weekend.

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 9th March 2026



Class 1 – 96.5%
Class 2 – 93.6%
Class 3 – 97.6%
Class 4 – 96.6%



Our overall school attendance this week was %. Our attendance target is 96%.

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS... reminder

Bookings for Parents Evening Appointments are now live. Please book to secure your preferred slot

Parent Evening Dates –

Class 1 – Monday 23rd March

Class 2, 3 and 4 – Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March

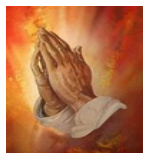


CAKE SALES FOR CAFOD

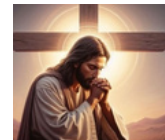


During the season of Lent we will be raising money for CAFOD. Each Friday (starting next week) we will have a cake sale in school. Each class are asked to bring in a small selection of cakes and children can purchase them for 50p

The dates for each class to bring in cakes are--
13/03/26 – Class 4
20/03/26 – Class 3
27/03/26 – Class 2
02/04/26 – Class 1



In this Sunday's Gospel, John tells us that Jesus heals a blind man, revealing that God brings light into every form of human darkness.



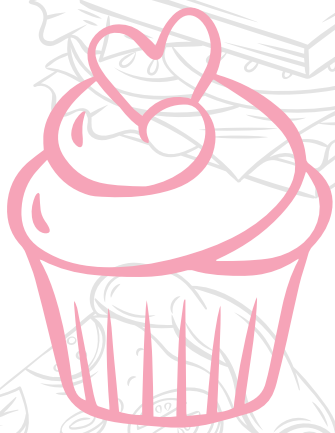
"I am the light of the world"

OUR SCHOOL

If you're lucky enough to have been into school recently you may have noticed our revamped front entrance. We have moved our library to the front of school to allow more space for the children to access our high quality texts and to emphasise the importance we place on extra curricular reading. The children have loved using our new area and are able to lend books under the supervision of our helpful librarians.

I think you'll agree it looks amazing!





Thank you!



Thank you so much for attending our Cake, Coffee and Book Sale today. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £102.80 for the Friends of St Pius. Your continued support makes such a difference to our school community, and we are enormously grateful for everything you do.

Thank you once again for helping make the event such a success.

Next week our Menu is Week 1...

Garden KITCHEN **MENU** *Week 1*

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Pizza Margherita or Beef burger Potato wedges Garden peas Sugar waffle with strawberry sauce | Chicken curry or Macaroni Cheese Steamed rice Broccoli Chocolate cupcake | Mince & dumplings or Cheese panini Mash potatoes Steamed carrots Classic flapjack | Pizza wrap or Tomato & basil pasta Sweetcorn Garlic bread Jam sponge | Battered fish or Quorn nuggets Chunky chips Baked beans Ice cream |

Sandwiches, jacket potatoes and a variety of fillings are available daily as an alternative to our main courses. We also offer a salad & fruit bar to accompany your child's meal. Yoghurts, cheese and crackers are also available daily, as an alternative dessert option, cold drinks also supplied.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT. YOUR CATERING TEAM WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN PROVIDE TAILORED MENUS TO CATER FOR YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS.

Bishop Wilkinson
Catholic Education Trust

FOR ALLERGENS AND NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0808 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent "fighting their battles for them". In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Dates for Your Diary

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

25.03.26: 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

09.07.26: Year 6 Leavers' Performance 4pm

10.07.26: Sports Day and School Fayre

13.07.26–15.07.26: Robinwood residential for Class 4

16.07.26: School Raffle Draw 2pm

Due to the residential dates, the Year 6 Leavers Mass—Time TBC—will be rearranged—
we will let you know the new date asap.

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