

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



06.03.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy first week back! Class 1 attended a fabulous trip and went on a bear hunt. Class 4's football team attended their first tournament, and we celebrated World Book Day in style. See our separate World Book Day newsletter to find out who won the St Pius Bake Off 2026! The book sale will take place on Monday at 2.30pm. If children have already brought money in, they do not need to bring extra unless they would like to. Parents are welcome in school from 2.30pm and there will still be coffee and cake to enjoy while you browse the books!

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 4 who won this week.
Week beginning: Monday 2nd March 2026



Class 1 – 97.5%
Class 2 – 95.24%
Class 3 – 95.88%
Class 4 – 99.66%



Our overall school attendance this week was 95.79%. Our attendance target is 96%.

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Bookings for Parents Evening Appointments will go live on Friday 6th March at 4pm

Parent Evening Dates –

Class 1 – Monday 23rd March

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

Please log in promptly to secure your preferred appointment time



In this Sunday's Gospel, John tells us that Jesus meets us in ordinary moments and offers the living water that refreshes our hearts and renews our hope.



"Whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty"



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

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



A reminder that the Mini Vinnies are still collecting toiletries



This month the Mini Vinnies are collecting toiletries for their 'Bags of Hope'. Little bags of toiletries will be donated to hospitals in the area for people who are admitted suddenly and need some home comforts. We would love donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant etc. All items can be handed into the school office.



Next week our Menu is Week 3...

Garden KITCHEN MENU Week 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Margherita or Chicken burger	Battered chicken bites or Mini cheese slices	Sausage & Yorkshire pudding or Roast pork dip	Pasta Bolognese or Ham & cheese panini	Battered fish or Quorn nuggets
Potato wedges Garden peas Crunchy oatie biscuit	Steamed rice Broccoli Chocolate brownies	Mash potatoes Steamed carrots Sponge cake & custard	Sweetcorn Garlic bread Mini muffin	Chunky chips Baked beans Raspberry ice cream sponge roll

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
NOVEMBER 3rd & 24th - DECEMBER 15th - JANUARY 5th & 26th - FEBRUARY 16th - MARCH 9th & 30th

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BEAR HUNT VISIT

On Thursday, Class I visited the Louisa Centre in Stanley to take part in a Bear Hunt Sports Festival.

The children had a wonderful time and took part in exciting activities such as balancing, dancing and completing an obstacle course. They all loved it!



FOOTBALL NEWS

Some pupils from Class 4 represented the school on Thursday night at Consett AFC as part of a series of games organised by Mrs Gibson.

Mr Devanney gave up his lunchtimes to put the pupils through their paces on the pitch – we even saw him try to take a few shots on goal himself!

Not only were the children primed for the match after working on their skills, but they were also fully equipped after being presented with a donation of a BRAND NEW SCHOOL KIT from Jax's (Class 4) and Nate's (Class 3) Mam. What an amazing gesture and a huge boost to the school team – they looked amazing. This kit can be used for years to come by all the pupils here at St Pius. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support.



Pos	Team	Pld	W	T	L	Pts
1	Castleside	3	2	1	0	7
2	Bishop Ian Ramsey	2	2	0	0	6
2	Burnside	3	2	0	1	6
3	Leadgate	2	0	1	1	1
3	St Pius	3	0	1	2	1
3	St Marys South Moor	3	0	1	2	1

Dates for Your Diary

- 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
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