

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



01.05.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been enjoying the sun this week and taking advantage of the lovely weather to get lots of fresh air.

Several classes have taken some of their lessons outside, using our wonderful outdoor space for Science, Geography and Art! As the weather continues to improve and we are able to get out more often, please remember to send sun cream and hats in with your children so they can enjoy the sun safely. They also need their water bottles so they can drink plenty! If you need any support with buying any of these things, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Enjoy the long weekend and we will see you Tuesday 5th May!

Best wishes,

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 27th April 2026



Class 1 – 90 %
Class 2 – 95.24%
Class 3 – 95.29%
Class 4 – 96.55 %



Our overall school attendance this week was 95.2%. Our attendance target is 96%.

Uniform Reminder



A gentle reminder that as we move into the warmer weather children are still required to wear black school shoes every day – except on PE days when trainers are permitted.

On hotter days we would advise that children come to school wearing sun lotion and they can bring a small bottle with their name on if you would like them to reapply some to themselves later in the day. Can all sun hats also have a name inside them please.



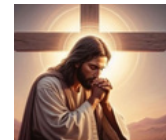
Thank you for your continued support.



In this Sunday's Gospel, John tells us to trust in Jesus, even when the path feels uncertain

"I am the way, the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me"





Friends of St Pius Newsletter

May 2026



Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter!

This term we have lots going on at St Pius! Our Summer fair and raffle are fast approaching, as is the school sports day and all of our Year 6 leavers celebrations!

Easter Raffle 2026

Our Easter Raffle raised a grand total of £360!!

thank you to everyone who came along and bought raffle tickets!

And a personal thank you to Anne, Leanne, Cheryl and Corrie for all their hard work putting everything together - Danielle x

FOSP spending for 2026

All the money raised by FOSP goes straight back to our children

This year we have funds set aside for the following

- Year 6 leavers Hoodies
- Whole school Christmas Panto
- Ice cream for every child at Sports Day!

If you have been into school recently you may have noticed the old library space has been transformed into a SEN friendly snug! Money raised has been used to buy new sensory aids for our children!

Early Years Outdoor Area

Our EY outdoor area is in need of some new resources for our students to enjoy! If you have any pre loved balance bikes, push alongs, toys or even play houses/mud kitchens please contact the school!

Easter 2026

Our Easter celebrations this year were great fun! We had so many amazing entries to our egg and bonnet decorating competitions! Thank you to all our families who took part. Choosing the winners was no easy task!



Can you help?

We are always looking for extra hands to help with our events - whether you have time to help prep for our fairs and raffles or help man stalls we would love for you to get in touch!

Dates for your Diary

All donations from our Non Uniform days support our raffles and fairs!

- 08.05.26 - Non uniform - bottle donations
- 22.05.26 - Non uniform - crafts and toys
- 12.06.26 - Non uniform - sweets and chocolates
- 26.06.26 - Non uniform - prizes for our raffle/tombola
- 03.07.26 - Non uniform - £1 donation/tombola donations

- 09.07.26 - Summer Fair
 - 10.07.26 - Sports Day
 - 16.07.26 - Summer Raffle - 2pm - all welcome
- PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE IMPORTANT DATES.

PLEASE JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR REMINDERS OF NON UNIFORM DAYS AND OTHER INFORMATION find us by searching FRIENDS OF ST PIUS SCHOOL

CHEERLEADING WORLD SUMMIT

Daisy from Class 4 has had an amazing time at the Cheerleading World Summit in Orlando, Florida.

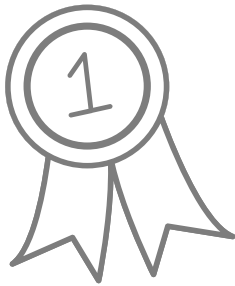
Her team 'Claw' competed in a division of over 60 teams and they finished by placing 17th in THE WORLD! What an amazing achievement for a team of young people based at Leadgate.

We are very proud of all you have achieved Daisy, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you. Well done!



Sporting Success

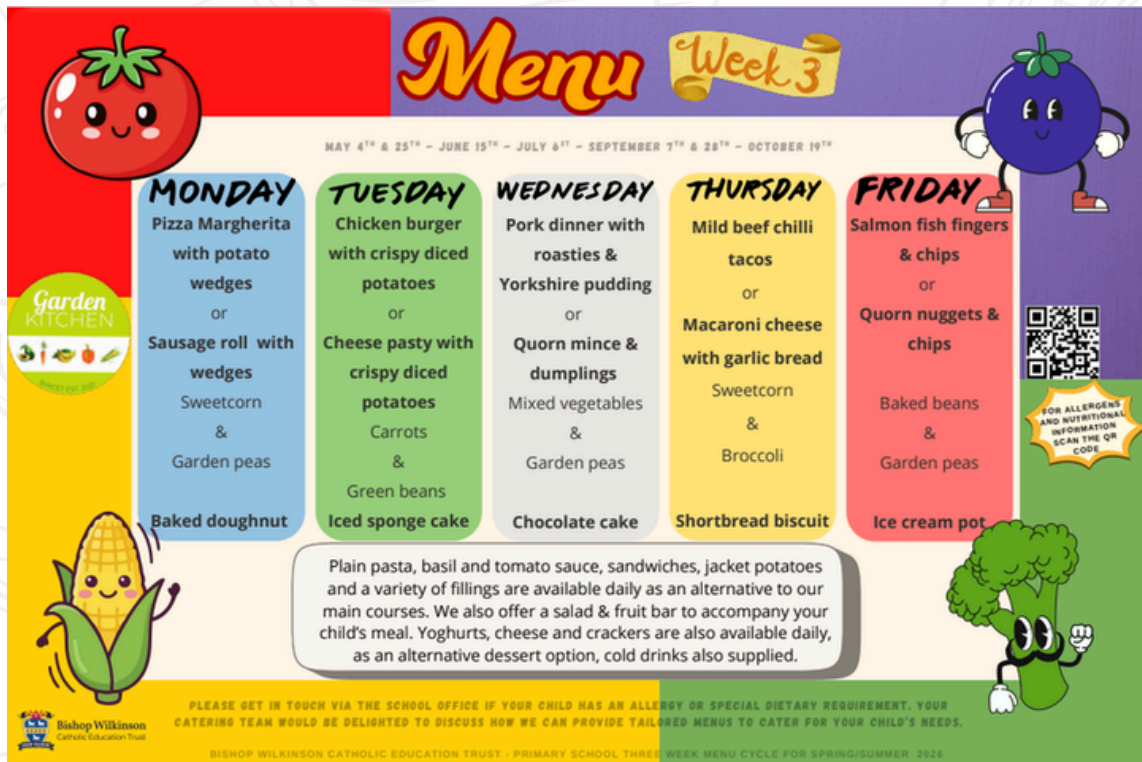
Alex in Class 4 has recently won 1st Place at Round 1 at the BMX National Series. She is a huge talent and definitely one to watch in the future!
Well done Alex.



Well done to Ava-Rose and Olivia who have recently completed their Swimming Grade 2. Well done girls – keep up the hard work in the pool!




Next Week's Menu is Week 3...



Menu Week 3

MAY 4TH & 25TH - JUNE 15TH - JULY 6TH - SEPTEMBER 7TH & 28TH - OCTOBER 19TH

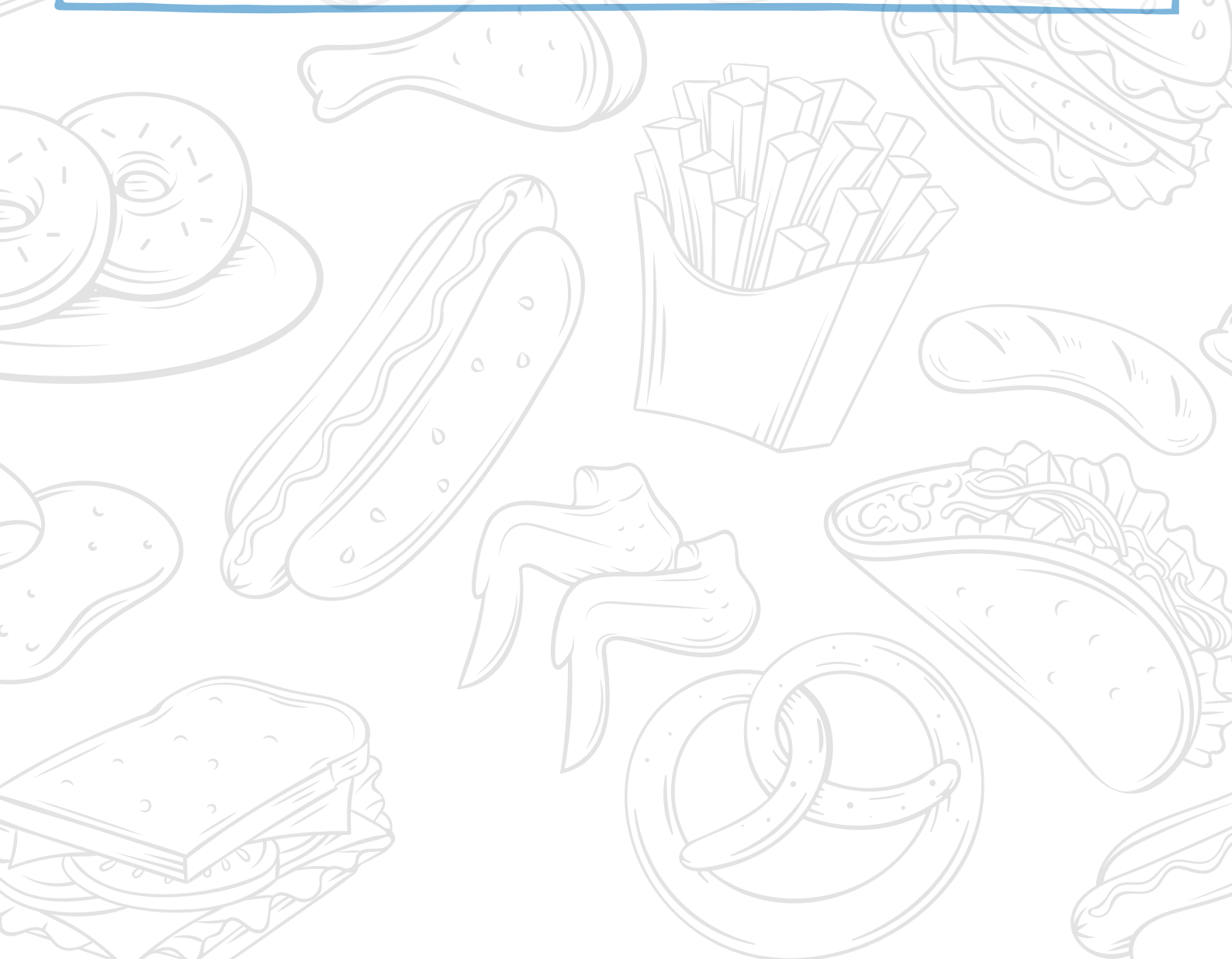
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Sausage roll with wedges Sweetcorn & Garden peas Baked doughnut	Chicken burger with crispy diced potatoes or Cheese pastry with crispy diced potatoes Carrots & Green beans Iced sponge cake	Pork dinner with roasties & Yorkshire pudding or Quorn mince & dumplings Mixed vegetables & Garden peas Chocolate cake	Mild beef chilli tacos or Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Sweetcorn & Broccoli Shortbread biscuit	Salmon fish fingers & chips or Quorn nuggets & chips Baked beans & Garden peas Ice cream pot

FOR ALLERGENS AND NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE

Plain pasta, basil and tomato sauce, 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 - PRIMARY SCHOOL THREE WEEK MENU CYCLE FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2025



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what looks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies occur when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly. Instead, assure them they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. There are signs with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathtubs/drains dry after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then start to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSR UK's accredited programme, "Water Smart Schools", which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSR UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Dates for Your Diary

04.05.26: BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

08.05.26: Non-uniform day – bring a bottle

11.05.26–14.05.26: KS2 SATs

15.05.26: Mary Day – a celebration of Mary led by Class 1 at 2.45pm. all are welcome

15.05.26: Class 2 PE Trip PM

20.05.26: Class 2 PE Trip PM

22.05.26: Pentecost Procession 2.45pm

22.05.26: Non-uniform day – crafts and toys

HALF TERM 23.05.26—31.05.26

04.06.26: Class 4 PE Trip all day

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

08.06.26: Phonics Screening Check week

12.06.26: Class 1 Assembly

12.06.26: Non-uniform day – sweets and chocolates

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

23.06.26: Y6 YMT festival at Emmaus village – all day

24.06.26: Class 2 Assembly

25.06.26: St Bede's Uniform evening for Y6 parents

26.06.26: Non-uniform day – prizes for raffle/tombola

29.06.26: Reception class PE Trip PM

30.06.26: Class 3 Trip to The Hancock Museum

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 donation/tombola donations

06.07.26: Y6 Leavers performance dress rehearsal for the rest of the school

07.07.26: Y6 Leavers performance 4pm

08.07.26: Y6 class party trip

09.07.26: Summer Fayre 2.30pm onwards

10.07.26: Sports Day – parents invited from 1.30pm onwards

13.07.26–15.07.26: Robinwood residential for Class 4

16.07.26: School Raffle Draw 2pm

17.07.26: Y6 Leavers mass at St Pius X Church 10am

Please note that new dates have been added in red to make them clear. If there are changes to dates we will endeavour to inform you in good time.

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