

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



22.05.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful ending to the half term! Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Pentecost Celebration today. It is always lovely to share special times together as a school family.

As half term begins, I want to wish you a happy holiday and that you have a lovely rest with your families.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1st June 2026!

Have a wonderful half term.

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 1 who won this week.
Week beginning: Monday 18th May 2026



Class 1 – 100%
Class 2 – 89.05%
Class 3 – 97.06%
Class 4 – 95.86%



Our overall school attendance this week was 94.67%. Our attendance target is 96%.



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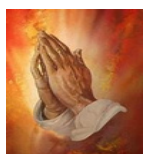
Phonics Screening and Multiplication Check

A reminder that within a few weeks after we return from half term, Year 1 will be completing their Phonics Screening check and Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication check.

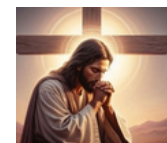
To help our children feel confident and ready, we'd love families to spend a little time over half term practising together. Even ten minutes a day makes a huge difference and helps children return to school feeling secure and proud of their progress



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In this Sunday's Gospel, John tells us that the risen Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, sending them out with his peace and the power to forgive.



"As the father sent me, so am I sending you"

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS



This month will be an opportunity for the children to focus on the values of peace and reconciliation and how they can apply these values in their own lives.

St Francis is often recognised as the patron saint of peace. His life was a testament to the power of forgiveness and reconciling differences. The call from God in scripture to pursue peace and resolve conflicts encourages us to be instruments of harmony in our relationships and communities. Just as St Francis dedicated his life to fostering peace, we are challenged to be people of love in a world that desperately needs it.

Almighty God,
I come before You with a heart that longs
for peace.
Where there is hurt, bring healing.
Where there is anger, plant compassion.
Help me to release the weight of past
wrongs.
Teach me to forgive without holding back,
to let go without resentment, and to walk
forward with a spirit made light.
Fill my mind with peace, my soul with
forgiveness, and my life with the quiet
strength that comes from Your love. Amen

Notices...



YEAR 6 STUDENTS
UNIFORM EVENING
Getting ready for
YEAR 7
IN SEPTEMBER!

SEE OUR FULL RANGE OF UNIFORM | GET SIZES, ADVICE AND ANSWERS | BE PREPARED, BE CONFIDENT, BE READY! | WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU MAKE A GREAT START

Join us on **MONDAY 1ST JUNE** | **4PM - 6PM**

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE | We can't wait to welcome you to your next chapter! | NEW TERM. NEW CHALLENGES. NEW OPPORTUNITIES. You've got this!

Consett Academy information

Consett Academy have posted that their transition days for Year 6 pupils are 2nd and 3rd July

I'm sure the academy will contact parents with further info. about those dates.



MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP
CONSETT A.F.C. Est. 1899

£10 A DAY | 9:30AM - 3PM
TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH

PACKED LUNCH OR HOT FOOD AVAILABLE TO BUY

TO BOOK
POP INTO THE CLUBHOUSE OR CALL **01207588886**



OPEN DAY
St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College

Join us for our **60th Anniversary School Open Day**

Saturday 27th June
10.00am - 2.00pm

Promotional stalls
Tabletop sale
Raffles
Tombola

St. Bede's Catholic School & Sixth Form College
Consett Rd,
Lanchester,
Durham
DH7 0RD
01207 520424



Football Achievement

Well done to Oliver and The Blackfyne Pumas on an incredible season, winning their league with 25 wins and 1 draw, remaining unbeaten and scoring 23+ goals !!

They also celebrated a fantastic 7-1 victory in the Vase Cup Final on Wednesday night. A brilliant achievement.



CONGRATULATIONS !!



The Menu after half term is Week 1...

Menu Week 1

APRIL 20TH - MAY 11TH - JUNE 1ST & 22ND - JULY 13TH - SEPTEMBER 14TH - OCTOBER 5TH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Chinese chicken curry with rice Sweetcorn & Garden peas Chocolate brownie	Chicken bites with crispy potatoes or Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Carrots & Green beans Iced sponge cake	Sausage, mash & Yorkshire pudding or Quorn sausage, mash & Yorkshire pudding Mixed vegetables & Garden peas Flapjack	Chicken pasta bake with garlic bread or Cheese & tomato panini Sweetcorn & Broccoli Muffin	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

A reminder to PLEASE label all items of clothing.

Now that the weather is warmer children are taking off cardigans and jumpers both in class and on the field at lunchtime. It is then proving very difficult to return items to the correct child when things have no name inside them.

Thank you for your support.

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, slides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that 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. Share advice 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 bathrooms tidy 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 shout 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.



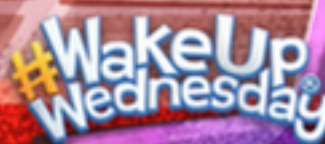
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLS5 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 (RLSS 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.



The National College

Dates for Your Diary

HALF TERM 23.05.26—31.05.26

05.06.26: Class 4 Celebration of the Word 2:45pm (followed by Coffee and chat)

08.06.26: Phonics Screening Check week

08.06.26: Class 2 & Class 4 trip to The Centre of Life

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: Transition day in school (rescheduled from 02/07/26)

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: Year 5 Celebration of Sport– Gateshead International Stadium

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