

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'



05.06.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school this week, with a visit from the Fire Brigade to talk about how to stay safe in the water on Friday. Please can I remind everyone that earrings and nail varnish are not permitted in school. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they remove their earrings, use plastic spacers or cover them with plasters. If they do not have them covered in school, we will provide plasters for them to do so. Nail varnish and nail extensions are not permitted. Can I also remind everyone that it is important children are in school by 8.55am latest as this delays the start of lessons and has a knock-on effect throughout the day. If you require any support with this, our Breakfast club is open from 8am each day.

Thank you for your continued support,

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 1st June 2026



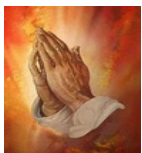
Class 1 – 83.8%
Class 2 – 94.8%
Class 3 – 95.3%
Class 4 – 97.2%



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

Diary Dates

As we head into the last few weeks of the school year please ensure you have checked all of our 'Dates for your diary' at the end of the Newsletter, as we have lots of trips and visits happening for different year groups right up until the last week of term.



In this Sunday's Gospel, John tells us that the Holy Spirit guides us to live in truth and follow God's love each day.

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth"





Year 6 Rewards Trip



On Wednesday 8th July our Year 6 pupils will be heading to South Shields for a Bowling and Beach fun filled day out as a reward for all their hard work this year.



More details to follow...



Water Safety Visit



BE SAFE HAVE FUN!

If you are in and around the water ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

- 1 STOP AND THINK**
- 2 STAY TOGETHER**
- 3 FLOAT**
- 4 CALL 999 OR 112**

FIND MORE FUN AND SAFETY TIPS AT RNLI.org

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Lifeboats

Today, the children have had a visit from a member of the fire brigade to talk about Water Safety – I’m sure you’ll agree that this is a very important topic heading towards the summer break.



The Menu after half term is Week 2...

Menu Week 2
APRIL 23rd – MAY 18th – JUNE 8th & 29th – AUGUST 31st – SEPTEMBER 21st – OCTOBER 12th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Chicken goujons with wedges Sweetcorn & Garden peas School cake	Hot dogs* & tortilla chips or Mild chicken korma with rice & naan bread Carrots & Green beans Belgian waffle	Chicken dinner with roasties & Yorkshire pudding or Cheese & tomato panini Mixed vegetables & Garden peas Muffin	Beef lasagne with garlic bread or Pasta meatballs* with garlic bread Sweetcorn & Broccoli Shortbread biscuit	Battered fish & chips or Quorn nuggets & chips Baked beans & Garden peas Ice cream pot

Garden KITCHEN

*vegetarian alternative available

FOR ALLERGENS AND NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE

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.

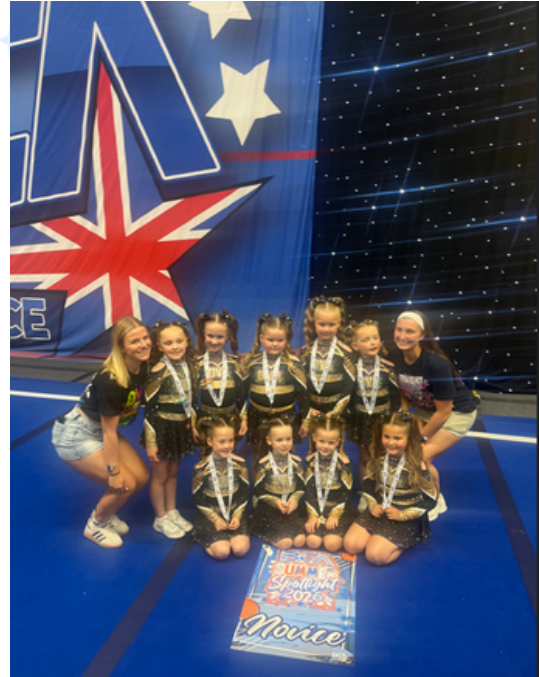
BISHOP WILKINSON CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - PRIMARY SCHOOL THREE WEEK MENU CYCLE FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2025

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.

Cheer Success !!



🌟 Well Done Sienna! 🌟

Sienna competed at the BCA Summer Spotlight Cheer Competition on Saturday 30th May with both the U8 and U6 teams. She achieved an Excellent score with each team — a fantastic accomplishment!

What a wonderful way to end the season. Sienna is very proud of the medals earned, and quite rightly so.

Congratulations Sienna — we are all very proud of you!

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 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.

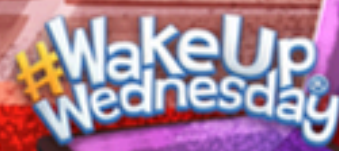
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



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

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 Rewards Day – South Shields – Bowling and Beach day

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