



St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'

10th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support at the Summer Fayre on Thursday! It was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time. A big congratulations to those pupils who managed to get the teachers with sponges in the stocks! Thank you also for your understanding about having to move Sports' Day – the weather at the moment is so hot and it would not have been safe. Hopefully, moving to Thursday 16th July will minimise disruption as this is the day of our Raffle Draw. I hope that you have a safe and fun weekend and enjoy the football on Saturday!

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 3 who won this week.

Week beginning: Monday 6th July 2026



Class 1 – 97.5 %

Class 2 – 89.52%

Class 3 – 100%

Class 4 – 95.17%



Our overall school attendance this week was 94.93 %. Our attendance target is 96%.

The Good Samaritan

Gospel: Luke 10:25–37

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true love of neighbour means showing mercy and compassion to anyone in need, regardless of who they are.



"Go and do the same yourself." (Luke 10:37)

Farewell Year 6 ..We Will Miss You

☀️ A Finale to Remember! ☀️

Our Year 6 pupils took to the stage for their leavers' performance and absolutely shone! Filled with confidence, laughter, music and memories, the production celebrated their journey through primary school and showcased their incredible talents. We are so proud of each and every child for their hard work and enthusiasm. As they prepare for their next adventure, we wish them every success and happiness for the future. Well done, Year 6 – you'll be missed!





Dancing to Success!



Congratulations to Bobby on his fantastic dance competition results!

DANCE

Bobby achieved:

6th place in Fast Dance

4th place in Slow Dance

4th place in Pairs

5th place in Street Dance

DANCE

To top it all off, Bobby's team won their competition! 🏆

Well done, Bobby, on your hard work and excellent achievements.

We are very proud of you! 🙌



CONGRATULATIONS



Dancing to Success!



Congratulations to Imogen on her fantastic dancing achievements! She placed 3rd in the Street category, competing against more than 80 dancers, and reached the semi-finals in Fast, finishing in the last 9 out of over 40 dancers. What an incredible accomplishment!

We are very proud of you! 🙌



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CONGRATULATIONS



A Perfect Send-Off for Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful day out in South Shields this week. The fun began with a trip to the bowling alley, where everyone enjoyed some friendly competition and lots of laughter. With the sun shining, the children then spent time on the beach, paddling in the sea and enjoying some delicious fish and chips by the coast. To make the day even more special, Miss Hudson kindly treated everyone to an ice cream from Minchella's. It was a fantastic day full of fun, friendship and memories that Year 6 will treasure as they prepare for their next adventure.





Mud Kitchen Donations Needed



We are looking for donations of old kitchen items for our Mud Kitchen. If you have any unwanted plastic plates, bowls, jugs, utensils, old pots and pans, or other child-safe kitchen equipment, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Please ensure all items are clean and free from sharp edges.

Thank you for your support!

St PiusX Summer Fayre

☀️ School Fayre Fun in the Sun! ☀️

Our School Fayre was a fantastic success on one of the hottest days of the year! Children and families enjoyed a range of popular attractions, including the tombola, bottle tombola, hair tinsel stall, and the ever-popular ice cream van. The stocks were a huge hit, with some of our brave staff ending up completely soaked to the delight of the children!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, especially all the wonderful people who gave up their time to run the stalls and help throughout the day.

Special thanks go to our amazing PTA, led by Danielle. Without their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm, events like this simply wouldn't be possible. They are true superstars, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do.

We are delighted to share that we raised a total of £759.67. This included £561.67 from the fayre stalls and refreshments, and £198.00 from the raffle.

We are very grateful for your generosity and support.







What's on in the community..

CREATIVE KITCHEN

COOKING CAMPS

MINI BAKERS

- 5-11 years.
- Thursday's 23rd, 30th July. 6th and 13th August. 10-2pm
- Create delicious bakes, decorate sweet treats and wow us with your showstopper creations!

Food Explorers

- 8-12 years
- Tuesday's 21st and 28th July. 4th and 11th August 10-2pm
- Travel the world through food as you cook exciting recipes and discover new flavours.

Teen Takeover

- 11- 16 years
- Friday 24th July
- 10.00-1.30pm
- Take over the kitchen with real recipes, new skills and confidence to cook like a pro!

THOSE WHO HAVE A FUN AND FOOD TICKET CAN BOOK USING THE QR CODE OR LINK PROVIDED BY SCHOOL. WE HAVE LIMITED PAID FOR PLACES AVAILABLE VISIT WWW.CREATIVE-KITCHEN.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO

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FUN & FOOD

Partners in partnership with Durham's Food

Featuring the Durham Food Festival

Creative Kitchen Summer Holiday Activities

Creative Kitchen is once again partnering with Durham County Council's Fun & Food Programme to offer a range of FREE holiday cooking activities for eligible children this summer. Sessions include Mini Bakers, Food Explorers and Teen Takeover, giving children the opportunity to learn new cooking skills, try delicious recipes and have lots of fun.

Funded places can be booked through the Fun & Food portal by searching for Creative Kitchen. A limited number of paid places are also available for families not eligible for funded spaces via www.creative-kitchen.co.uk.

Family sessions for 18mOnths- 7 yrs

Teddy Bar Bakers
Wednesday 22nd July, 10.00-11.30PM
Ages 18 months -5years.

Moana inspired Cupcakes & Crafts
Wednesday 29th July, 10.00-11.30AM
Ages 18 months - 7 Years

Royal Bakers: Princess Cupcakes & Crafts Workshop
Saturday 1st August, 10.00-11.30AM
Ages 18 months-7 Years

Little Builders: Construction Cookies & Crafts Workshop
Wednesday 5th August, 10-11.30AM
Ages 18 months- 7 Years

Fairy Bakers: Toadstool Cupcakes & Crafts
Wednesday 5th August, 1.00-2.30PM
Ages 3-7 Years

Dino Cooking & Crafts
Saturday 8th August, 10-11.30AM
Ages 18 months - 7 Years.

Pokemon Cooking & Crafty Fun
Saturday 15th August 10.00-11.30AM
Ages 18 months- 7 years.

CREATIVE KITCHEN

Little Chef- drop off sessions (5-11 yrs)

Mini Bakers
Thursday's 23rd, 30th July. 6th and 13th August, 10-2PM
Ages 5-8 years

Football cooking and crafty fun.
Wednesday 29th July, 1.00-2.30PM
Ages 5-11 years.

Pokemon Cooking & Crafty Fun
Wednesday 10th August 10.00-11.30AM
Ages 5-11 years.

Fashion Cupcakes & Crafts
Friday 7th August, 10.00-11.30AM
Ages 5-11 years

Rainbow cupcakes and crafts
Saturday 8th August , 1.00-2.30PM
Ages 5-11 years

Junior Chef 8-12 years

Food Explorers
Tuesday's 21st and 28th July. 4th and 11th August.
Ages 8-12 Years 10-2PM

Jellycat inspired cupcakes
Wednesday 22nd July, 1.00-2.30PM
Ages 8-12 Years

Wonka Workshop
Wednesday 10th August 1.00-2.30PM
Ages 8-12 years.

Pre/Teen Teens

Teen Takeover
Friday 24th July, 10-1.30pm
Ages 11-16 Years.

Teen Cook Club
Friday 7th August 4.30-6.30pm
Ages 11-16 Years.

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Empire Consett



Toy Story 5



🎬 Screenings 🎬

Friday 17th July – 12:30pm

Wednesday 22nd July – 11am, 2pm

Thursday 23rd July – 11am, 2pm, 7pm

Friday 24th July – 11am, 2pm, 6:30pm

Saturday 25th July – 11am, 2pm, 6:30pm

Wednesday 29th July – 11am, 2pm

Thursday 30th July – 11am, 2pm, 6:30pm

🎫 Tickets: £5 per person or 5 tickets for £20 🍿



BROCKWELL COURT CARE HOME

SUMMER FAIR

FREE
ENTRY

Saturday 1st August 2026
2pm onwards

Brockwell Court Care Home, 9 Cobden
Street, Consett, DH86AH

- Local Business Stalls
- Indoor Bouncy Castle & Face Painter
- 'The Ultimate Whippy' Ice Cream Van
- Hot Dogs and Burgers
- Fire Brigade and Police*
- The Biking Vikings
- Garden Games
- Raffle
- Tombola

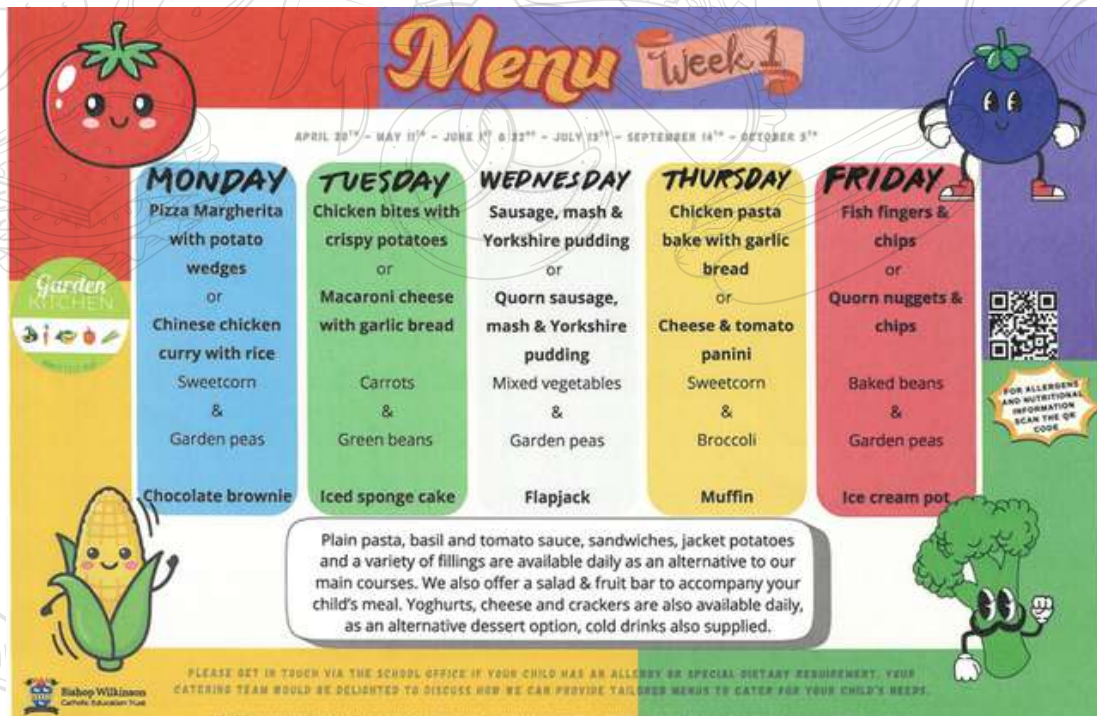
AND lots more!

*subject to availability



School lunch information....

The Menu next week is Week 1...



Menu Week 1
APRIL 20th - MAY 11th - JUNE 1st & 22nd - JULY 15th - SEPTEMBER 14th - OCTOBER 5th

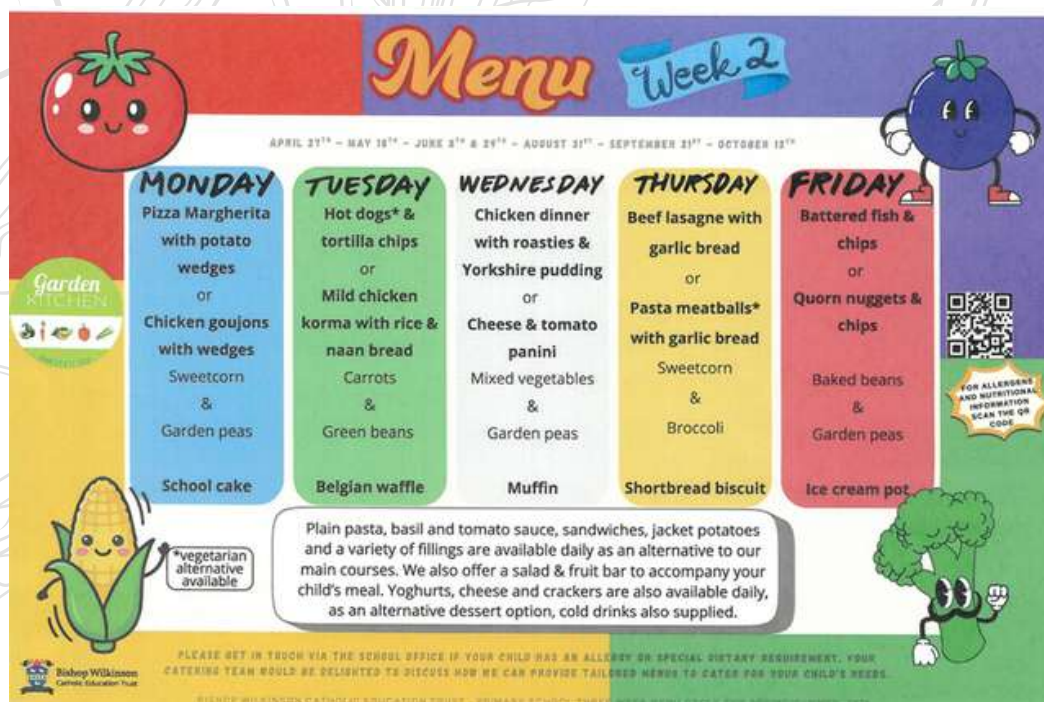
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Chinese chicken curry with rice Sweetcorn & Garden peas Chocolate brownie	Chicken bites with crispy potatoes or Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Carrots & Green beans Iced sponge cake	Sausage, mash & Yorkshire pudding or 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 ALLERGIES 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.

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The Menu for the first week back after the holidays (from 2nd September) will be Week 2...



Menu Week 2
APRIL 27th - MAY 18th - JUNE 2nd & 23rd - AUGUST 21st - 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

*vegetarian alternative available

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

DEALING WITH TRAUMATIC & CHALLENGING EVENTS

Children and young people may face a wide range of traumatic or challenging events – from bereavement and illness to bullying, family breakdowns, or witnessing violence. These experiences can affect their mental health, behaviour, relationships, and academic progress. With the right support from trusted adults, children can begin to feel safe, rebuild resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. This guide offers practical and empathetic ways to provide support and promote positive outcomes.

1 A PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Children who have experienced trauma often feel unsafe or uncertain. Creating routines, setting clear expectations, and maintaining consistency can help restore a sense of security. This structure offers reassurance and helps children feel more in control of their surroundings.

2 USE LANGUAGE THAT MATCHES THEIR AGE

Speak clearly and sensitively, choosing words that are appropriate for the child's age. Avoid overwhelming them with too much information at once. Offer gentle, honest explanations and focus on reassurance, especially when talking about difficult or sensitive subjects.

3 TRAUMA AND THE BODY

Mention briefly that trauma can show up in physical ways, such as changes in sleep, appetite, concentration, or as physical aches and pains. Consider this before labelling behaviour as 'difficult' or 'lazy'. Some children may become withdrawn, while others may be more outwardly challenging. Highlight that there's no 'one size' children respond.

4 AVOID RETELLING OR RELIVING TRAUMA

Children sometimes get asked to explain or repeat their experience multiple times. Finding a balance of when to listen and when to gently redirect can help to avoid unnecessary re-traumatisation. Acknowledge, but don't probe for detail unless safeguarding procedures require it.

5 AVOID DISMISSING OR MINIMISING FEELINGS

Seemingly well-meaning comments like "It's not that bad" or "You're okay" may shut down children's emotional expression and are often not helpful. Instead, acknowledge what they're feeling, even if it seems small, validating a child's emotions helps them feel seen and encourages open communication in future.

6 UNDERSTAND HOW THEY'RE FEELING

Many children don't have the words to express their emotions, especially during distress. Supporting them to name what they're feeling – such as angry, scared or sad – builds emotional literacy. Tools like emotion charts, drawing, or storytelling can help externalise feelings in a safe, manageable way.

7 BE AWARE OF YOUR OWN RESPONSES

Children pick up on adult emotions and reactions. Often monitoring them, staying calm, even in challenging situations, helps children feel more secure. Practising your own self-regulation is an important way to model healthy stress management and encourages children to do the same.

8 SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

While many children benefit from everyday emotional support, some will need more specialised help. If symptoms persist, worsen, or disrupt their daily life, consult with school safeguarding leads, a GP, or a mental health professional. Early intervention can prevent long-term difficulties and support healthy recovery.

9 MAINTAIN CONNECTION

Isolation can worsen the impact of trauma. Encourage involvement in group activities, praise their efforts, and ensure they feel like a valued part of the school or family community. Meaningful connection with trusted adults and peers builds resilience and a sense of belonging.

10 BE PATIENT – HEALING TAKES TIME

There's no quick fix for emotional recovery. Children may have good days and setbacks, and progress may not always be visible or linear. Your ongoing support, patience, and presence can help them move forward at their own pace, knowing they are not alone.

Meet Our Expert

This guide has been written by Anna Botaman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school by integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture, and systems. She has been a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



The National College

Dates for Your Diary

13.07.26–15.07.26: Robinwood residential for Class 4

16.07.26: Sports Day at 1.30pm followed by the School Raffle Draw 2.30pm

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

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.