

St Pius Spotlight

'To renew all things in Christ'

3rd July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy final two weeks in school and they look as though they will be hot ones! Please ensure pupils have hats, water bottles, suncream etc.

Next week, we have the School Fayre on Thursday and Sports Day on Friday. They promise to be excellent events! If you would like to help out or have any last minute donations, please get in touch.

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 1 who won this week.
Week beginning: Monday 29th June 2026



Class 1 – 100%
Class 2 – 95.7%
Class 3 – 98.2%
Class 4 – 94.5%



Our overall school attendance this week was 96.27%. Our attendance target is 96%.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew tells us that Jesus invites all who are weary to find rest by trusting in him with humility and faith.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."



Football Success !

Congratulations to Brooklyn, who took part in a football tournament on Sunday and was part of the winning Blackfyne team. What a fantastic achievement! We are super proud of you, Brooklyn – Well done on bringing home the trophy with your team!



Class 3 Visit to the Hancock Museum

Class 3 had a fantastic visit to the Hancock Museum on 30th June. The children explored Ancient Greek history, including soldiers, wars and artefacts, and enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt, the history of our planet and different rock formations. A great day of discovery and learning was had by all!





BWCET Celebration of Sport 2026

Our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic day at the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust's Celebration of Sport event at Gateshead International Stadium. Alongside over 1,200 pupils from across the Trust, the children took part in a variety of sporting activities, challenges and team events, proudly representing St Pius Xth and our cluster school. The day was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the mass participation dance and the opportunity to experience such a prestigious sporting venue.

Well done to all of our Year 5 pupils for being excellent ambassadors for our school!





Summer Fayre Raffle

Two strips of raffle tickets have been sent home with each child. The cost is £1 per strip (£2 in total). If you wish to purchase the tickets, please write your name on the back of the tickets and return them to school with £2

If you do not wish to purchase the tickets, please return the unwanted tickets to school without payment.

We will have a table set up in the school entrance every evening after school from Monday 6th July where additional raffle tickets can be purchased.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thursday 9th July – 2.30pm onwards



What's on in the community..



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 🍿



The Menu next week is Week 3...

 Menu <i>Week 3</i> 				
MAY 4 th & 15 th - JUNE 15 th - JULY 6 th - SEPTEMBER 1 st & 26 th - OCTOBER 19 th				
MONDAY Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Sausage roll with wedges Sweetcorn & Garden peas Baked doughnut	TUESDAY Chicken burger with crispy diced potatoes or Cheese pastry with crispy diced potatoes Carrots & Green beans Iced sponge cake	WEDNESDAY Pork dinner with roasties & Yorkshire pudding or Quorn mince & dumplings Mixed vegetables & Garden peas Chocolate cake	THURSDAY Mild beef chilli tacos or Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Sweetcorn & Broccoli Shortbread biscuit	FRIDAY Salmon fish fingers & chips or Quorn nuggets & chips Baked beans & Garden peas Ice cream pot
 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 FROM SPRING/DINNER 2024				

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!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE IN HOT WEATHER

As temperatures rise, it's essential to take proactive steps to ensure children and young people stay safe and healthy. Hot weather can pose serious risks such as dehydration, heatstroke and sunburn. This guide provides practical tips for parents and teachers to protect children during sunnier spells, helping them enjoy the summer safely.

1 STAY HYDRATED

Ensure children drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty. Encourage them to carry water bottles and take regular sips. It's better to drink small amounts to counteract the effects of sweating. Even if children replenish lost fluids with equal amounts of water, they may still be dehydrated due to salt lost from the body. Avoid sugary drinks and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration.

2 APPLY SUNSCREEN

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 on all exposed skin and reapply every two hours or after swimming. Don't forget often-missed spots like the ears, back of the neck and tops of feet. Sunscreen needs around 20 to 30 minutes to be absorbed by the skin, so make sure you leave plenty of time to apply it.

3 WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Dress children in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton. Ideally clothing should cover as much skin as possible. Shoulders should always be covered as they can easily burn. Wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses with UV protection are also essential to shield them from the sun. Be sure to check your school's dress policy, as uniform rules may be relaxed during amber or red Heat Health Alerts (HHAs).

4 SEEK SHADE

Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. Encourage children to play in shaded areas, especially during peak sun intensity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Use umbrellas or canopies if natural shade is unavailable.

5 AVOID STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES

Children shouldn't take part in vigorous physical activities in very hot weather. Limit these during the warmest parts of the day. Schedule any outdoor games or sports for early morning or late afternoon when it's slightly cooler.

6 KEEP COOL Indoors

It's safe and appropriate, even windows early in the morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building. Use fans or air conditioning to maintain a cool indoor environment. Close curtains or blinds to block direct sunlight. Switch off electrical equipment like computers, monitors and printers when not in use, don't leave them in 'standby mode' as this still generates heat.

7 TAKE COOL BATHS OR SHOWERS

Encourage children to take cool baths or showers to lower their body temperature. Alternatively, use damp cloths on their skin to provide relief from the heat. When heading out of the house, consider filling up a spray bottle to dust everyone down on the go.

8 MONITOR FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS

If sensible precautions are taken, children are unlikely to be seriously affected by hot conditions – but teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers should watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion, such as heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea or fainting. If any signs are present, move the child to a cool place, make sure they drink some water, and seek medical advice if needed.

9 MAINTAIN A COOL SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT

Ensure children's bedrooms stay cool by using fans or air conditioning. Use lightweight bedding and consider letting them sleep in the coolest part of the house. Older children can have more choice over what they wear to bed. Some children may prefer to sleep without pyjamas, while some may prefer to opt for a light cotton t-shirt and shorts.

10 EDUCATE CHILDREN ON SUN SAFETY

Teach children the importance of sun safety and encourage them to take responsibility for their health. Explain the risks of sunburn and heatstroke and the value of following these safety tips.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings (and other industries) to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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Dates for Your Diary

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

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.