



Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School

'We Learn, We Love, We Grow in Jesus' Name'

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Summer Dates



Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Tuesday 30 April	Y6 Booster Class	3.30pm – 4.30pm	No
Wednesday 1 May	Good Shepherd Mass at Newcastle Cathedral	Afternoon	No
Thursday 2 May	KS1 and KS2 Outdoor Adventure Children will need to bring their PE Kits to school	All Day	No
Thursday 2 May	Reception Children – Vision Tests	Morning	No
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 7 May	Children return to school		
Tuesday 7 May	Y6 Booster Class	3.30pm – 4.30pm	No
Thursday 9 May	Class 1 Disney Festival Children will need to bring their PE Kits to school	Afternoon	No
Monday 13 May	Year 6 SATs Week	All week	No
Monday 13 May	Holy Communion Practise at Brooms Church	3.30pm	Yes
Friday 17 May	Non-Uniform Day/Wear Green Mental Health Awareness		
Saturday 18 May	First Holy Communion Mass – Brooms Church	12.00	Yes
Tuesday 21 May	Ultimate Frisbee Day – Whole School Children will need to bring their PE Kits to school	All Day	No
Thursday 23 May	Year 3/4 Children – Quad Kids Children will need to bring their PE Kits to school	Afternoon	No
Friday 24 May	Half Term Starts	3.20pm	
Monday 3 June	Children return to school	8.45am	

Please note that all dates are also on the School Website

Statement to Live By

'I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope'

SAT Week Information for all Parents/Carers


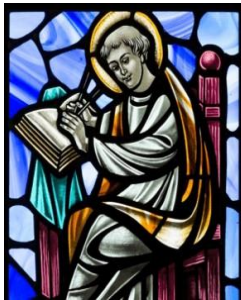

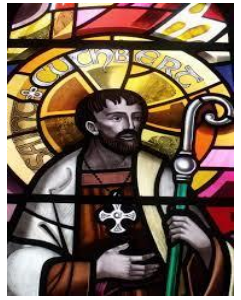
Just a reminder that our Year 6 SAT week starts on Monday 13 May this year.

It is essential that all children **arrive in school on time (8.45am)** to minimise any disruption to our Year 6 children.

Any messages or requests would need to be passed to staff via phone or email as staff will not have availability for any unscheduled meetings at the entrance on a morning.

If any matters are urgent please contact school via phone as there will be limited accessibility from the main entrance throughout the week.

HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days	St Aidan	St Bede	St Benedict	St Cuthbert
31 August				
25 May				
11 July				
20 March				
Weekly Total	350	281	277	490
Running Total	575	552	502	752

Congratulations to this week's winners – St Cuthbert's House

Attendance

In line with our Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust Policy, all children should be in their classrooms ready to start lessons by **8.55am**.

Children will be marked late after **8.55am**.

If your child is not going to be in school, you must contact school before **9.30am**. If not, this may result in a welfare call to your home.

Accelerated Reader

Children who use our Accelerated Reader programme, are now able to access Accelerated Reader Quizzes at home. Children have a QR code which is stuck in their Reading Records, which will take them to our school Accelerated Reading site, where they will be able to log on and quiz as they do in school. Children should ideally quiz within 24 hours of finishing their reading books.

Reading

Class 1 – Reading Books will be changed every Friday
Books should be brought into school every day

Class 2 – Reading Books should be in school every day, books will be changed once the children have quizzed if they are on Accelerated Reader or on a Friday if the access Read Write Inc.

Class 3 – Reading Books should be brought into school every day and will be changed as and when the children have quizzed on Accelerated Reader.

**No After School Club on Monday 29 April 2024
due to Staff Training/Trust Meeting**

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 children will need to bring their swimming kit to school for their last lesson on Monday.

Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

Our breakfast club now starts at **8am**. Children can be admitted up to **8.15am**. Please remember children for breakfast club should be in school no later than **8.15am**.

Monday – Drawing with Rob
Tuesday – Mini Vinnies Club
Wednesday – Sports Club
Thursday – Board Games

Please remember to book your child's place and pay on Arbor or cash in to school, 50p per session.

Wednesday Word

THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL **A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be.

God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine – to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love.

Enjoy your week together **GROWING** in God's love.

Dom Henry Warehough

A Word from Pope Francis "May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God."

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 28th April 2024

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

Adapted from John 15:1-8
The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Good News for Everyone In this Sunday's Gospel, the fruit which gives God glory is not the type that grows on trees, but the goodness that grows inside each one of us (e.g. joy, love, kindness, patience, courage, generosity, peace and self-control). We are filled with these "fruits" when we choose to stay close to Jesus.

The Wednesday Word: Spread some Joy this week through sharing the Good News with your Friends

PE Days & PE Kit

Class 1 – Monday afternoon (next two weeks) and will then return to Thursday afternoon

Class 2 – Monday afternoon

Class 3 – Wednesday afternoon

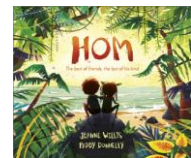
Reminder that all children should be wearing their PE Kits which consist of:
Plain dark shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms
White polo shirt/white shirt or white T shirt.
School cardigan or jumper - **No football tops please**

Please be mindful some PE lessons take place outside **No jewellery should be worn**

Recommended Reads for April 2024



EFYS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Multiplication Tables – Class 2

This week's Times Table is the 11 Times Table and the test will be Friday 3 May.