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I am exceptionally proud of all of the children this week for their excellent behaviour and continued hard work - so proud indeed, that I have told the children that they can have a day off on Monday!

Several new dates have been added to the calendar below so please take a look for any in bold and add these to your own calendars if you wish to do so.

I hope that this bank holiday weekend gives you and your family an opportunity to spend some quality time together and that the sun continues to shine for us all!

With bright blessings,
Martin Gray
Headteacher



Cornerstones Week

We are looking forward to another action-packed Cornerstones Week from **22nd-26th June**. This year, we are delighted to have already booked in a freestyle football coach, a hula-hooping session and a music and movement teacher who will be delivering sessions across the week. As always, the week will culminate in an inflatables day on the Friday. A contribution of £15 per child is requested to cover the costs of these various activities - this will be added to the Arbor shop shortly. .

Bank Holiday reminder

Don't forget that next **Monday 4th May** is a bank holiday and that **school will be closed**. We will be open again on Tuesday 5th May.

Nursery closure

An email was sent to nursery parents and carers this week informing them that the nursery will be closed on **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July** to allow for work to commence on the reconfiguration of the toilets and kitchen. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

KS2 Centre for Life Visit - 8th May

Next Friday, all of our KS2 (years 3-6) children are off the Centre for Life to participate in workshops called *Powering the future*. A letter confirming details of the trip has been circulated but please contact the office if you have any questions. Please note that **year 3 and 4 children will not be swimming** on this day and that they should be in full school uniform.

Year 6 SATs

We are exceptionally proud of our year 6 pupils who have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which will take place throughout the **week beginning 11th May**. All year 6 pupils are invited to attend a free breakfast club during that week from 8am. Further details will be shared by Dr. Saunders next week.

Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations

Miss Baker looks forward to welcoming parents and carers yet to meet with her **next Tuesday 5th May**. Appointments before school will be held in the school office so please come to the main door. For after school appointments, please come to the central hall doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class photographs

Debbie Young will be visiting school on **Monday 8th June** to take class photographs. These will be made available for parents to purchase.

Lego/dress-up donations

We are trying to provide the children with a greater variety of things to play with during lunchtimes and would greatly appreciate donations of Lego and of children's dress-up clothes (all sizes). If you think that you can donate anything, please drop it into the school office at your convenience. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - school closed

Thursday 7th May SMPTA meeting 3pm

Friday 8th May KS2 visit to the Life Centre

LET'S CELEBRATE



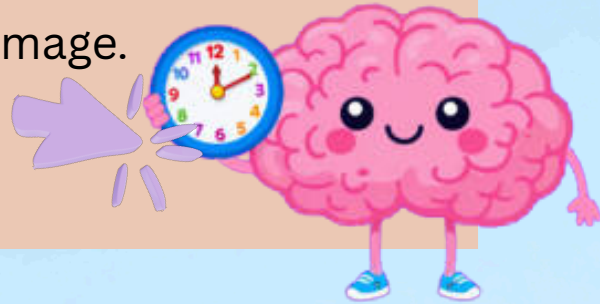
We are very excited about our weekly **special recognition awards**. Each week, staff members will choose a pupil from each year group who deserves special recognition for exceptional effort and achievement.

Each recipient will get to wear a special pin badge entitling them to special privileges in their class in the following week. Each teacher will decide on what these privileges will look like and these may change over time. **Pin badges must be returned to Mr. Gray each Friday in return for a small treat!**

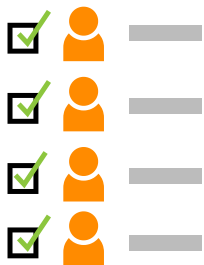
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JAXEN	FINN	BLAKE	AVA	NATHAN	ANNA	ELENA	BEN B	HARRIET

STAY SAFE

For information about the government's recently updated guidance on screen time for under 5s, please click on the image.



ATTENDANCE



This week



Year 3 and Year 4
100%

Rec 97.6%

Year 4
97.4%

Year 3
97.2%



Year to date podium



ROOTS AND SHOOTS

Bursting with LIFE

LITTLE SHOOTS
STAY & PLAY
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 1:30PM

Please spread the word about our baby and toddler group which will run every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm - 2:30pm.



St Matthew's
Catholic Primary School



LITTLE SHOOTS

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Join us for joyful afternoons of outdoor play, gentle discovery, and seasonal crafts — all rooted in the wonders of nature. At Little Shoots, we believe in nurturing young minds through mud, leaves, laughter, and learning. Whether we're planting seeds, splashing in puddles, or listening to birdsong, every session is a chance to grow together.

Perfect for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups who love fresh air, friendship, and the magic of the natural world.



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7th May
8th May
11 - 14th May
16th May
22nd May
31st May - 3rd June
1st June
8th June

18th June
19th June
22 - 26th June
22nd June
23rd June
24th June
25th June
26th June
29th June
30th June
2nd July
3rd July
7th July
8th July
10th July
16th July
17th July

SMPTA Summer Fair Planning Meeting - 3pm

KS2 visit to the Centre for Life

Year 6 SATs

First Holy Communion - 10am in church

Non-uniform day - summer fair donations TBC

Year 6 Field Trip to Boggle Hole (**leaving Sunday**)

Year 4 Multiplication Check (this week)

Class photographs day

Year 1 Phonics Check (this week)

Stellar Futures Club - Kielder Observatory Visit

School Closed - INSET Day

Cornerstones Week 2026 / Summer fair on Friday

Football freestyle - including free parents' workshop after school!

Hula-hooping - including free parents' workshop after school

EYFS Pirate Trip to Longsands Beach

Tennis Day!

Inflatables and school fair!

Year 6 visit to the Emmaus Youth Village

New Reception Parents' Information Evening - 5:30pm

Year 5 Celebration of Sport at Gateshead International Stadium

Sports Day - Reception - Year 6

Summer Arts Festival - 2pm

Nursery Sports Afternoon - 1pm

Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Stephen Wright - 10am

Nursery Graduation 1:30pm. Nursery will close for the summer today

Leavers' Mass - 10am

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm / School closes



**Please note that
all dates are
subject to
change.**

Please note that new dates are added in bold

Menu Week 1

APRIL 29th - 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

Garden KITCHEN

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.

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Menu Week 2

APRIL 27th - MAY 19th - JUNE 9th & 26th - 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

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*vegetarian alternative available

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Menu Week 3

MAY 4th & 25th - JUNE 15th - JULY 6th - SEPTEMBER 1st & 23rd - OCTOBER 16th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Margherita with potato wedges or Sausage roll with wedges Sweetcorn & Garden peas Baked doughnut	Chicken burger with crispy diced potatoes or Cheese pasty with crispy diced potatoes Carrots & Green beans Iced sponge cake	Pork dinner with roasties & Yorkshire pudding or Quorn mice & dumplings Mixed vegetables & Garden peas Chocolate cake	Mild beef chilli tacos or Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Sweetcorn & Broccoli Shortbread biscuit	Salmon fish fingers & chips or Quorn nuggets & chips Baked beans & Garden peas Ice cream pot

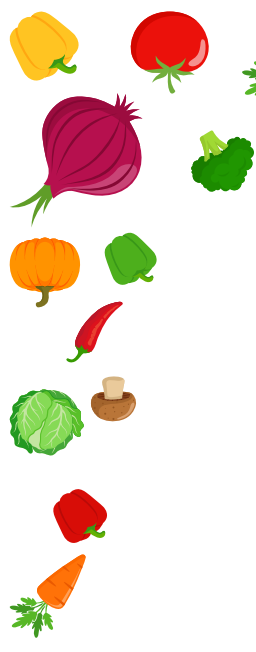
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Wraparound Care

To support busy working families we offer breakfast and after school care every day. Breakfast club is open from 7:30am every morning, and after school club runs from 3:00pm until 6:00pm (5:00pm on Fridays). [Click on the image above for more details.](#)

Our school gates open at **8:20am** and children are expected at their desks by **8:30am** for registration. You can find out more information about our school day by clicking on the image above.



Get involved!

Why not get involved with our fantastic **SMPTA**? To find out more about the incredible work our families and friends do to raise funds and build our community, click on the link to their Facebook page!



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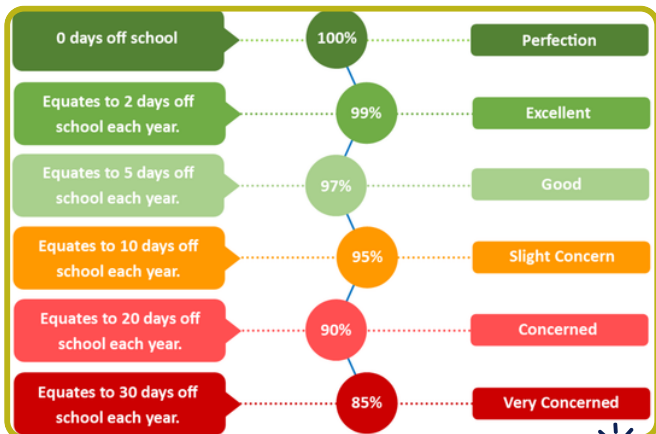
Our Trust catering services provide a range of hot and cold meal options for children to enjoy every day. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will be eligible to receive a free school meal under the government's Universal Free School Meals programme. Children in Year 3 upwards are currently charged £2.95 per day for lunch.



Meals are booked via our Arbor parents' app - see below

[Click on the image above to check your eligibility for free school meals](#)

School attendance



Excellent school attendance is key to children's happiness and success. We will always work **with** families to ensure your child attends school regularly and thrives. **If your child cannot attend school because of an illness, please contact the [school office](#) by telephone before 8:30am.**



School Uniform

[Click here for more information about our uniform policy](#)



Mr. Gray and Mrs. Hatherley and Mrs Wright are our **designated safeguarding leads**. They are always available to talk to if you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a person in our community. If you want to report a child protection concern, you can contact Northumberland's One Call Service.



[Click here for our term dates and for information about how to apply for a leave of absence from school.](#)

CONTACT US

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Download the app to get connected!

The best way to keep your child's personal details up to date is via our parents' Arbor app. You can also use Arbor to book clubs, schedule wraparound care, make payments and monitor your child's attendance.

Download the app

SMP Communication Companion



<p>My child is feeling unwell and is unable to come to school.</p>	<p>Contact the school office via telephone before 8:30am.</p>	<p>01661835484</p>
<p>I need to update my child's personal information e.g. medical information, change of address or telephone number etc.</p>	<p>Update personal information using the Arbor app. If you require further assistance then contact the school office via email or telephone</p>	<p>Arbor ↓ info@smp.bwcet.com 01661835484</p>
<p>I want to let my child's teacher know that they have had a difficult night/morning.</p>	<p>Send a Class Dojo message with the word 'care'. Dojo messages are picked up between 8:00am and 8:20am each day. If you feel that sharing details would be helpful, please speak to a member of staff on the school gate or call the school office and request a telephone appointment with your child's teacher.</p>	<p>Class Dojo ↓ 01661835484</p>
<p>I would like to book my child into Breakfast /Afterschool/Extra-curricular club.</p>	<p>Bookings are made through the Arbor app. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.</p>	<p>Arbor ↓ info@smp.bwcet.com 01661835484</p>
<p>I need to know when events are happening.</p>	<p>In the first instance, refer to the latest school newsletter which contains a comprehensive diary of events. Changes to the calendar will be highlighted on Class Dojo</p>	<p>SMP Connected Newsletter</p>
<p>I want to know specific arrangements about my child's class e.g homework. PE day etc</p>	<p>These arrangements are shared in the first instance at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in September. Following the meeting, slides are shared on each class' story on Dojo.</p>	<p>Meet the Teacher ↓ Class Dojo</p>
<p>I want to book my child's place on a school trip.</p>	<p>All trips are booked through the Arbor app. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.</p>	<p>Arbor ↓ info@smp.bwcet.com 01661835484</p>
<p>My child has lost some property.</p>	<p>Send a message to your child's teacher via Class Dojo.</p>	<p>Class Dojo Please ensure that all personal items (especially clothing items) are labelled.</p>