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Dear Year 6,

As SATs week approaches, I wanted to take a moment to remind each and every one of you just how proud we are of you.

You have worked incredibly hard throughout your time at primary school, especially this year. You have shown determination, resilience, and a real commitment to doing your best—and that is far more important than any test result. SATs are simply a chance to show some of what you have learned; they do not define who you are, your talents, or your future.

It's completely normal to feel a little nervous, but remember—you are not alone. Your teachers, your families, and all of us here at school are behind you, cheering you on every step of the way. We believe in you.

Over the coming week, do your best, take your time, and remember all the strategies you've been taught. Make sure you get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and come in ready to show just how capable you are.

But most importantly, remember this: you are already a success. You have grown into thoughtful, kind, and capable young people, and nothing that happens in a test can ever change that.

I wish you the very best of luck—but more than luck, I wish you confidence in yourselves. Go in with a calm mind, a positive attitude, and the belief that you can do this.

We are incredibly proud of you all.

With bright blessings,
Mr. Gray

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.

Voluntary financial contributions have been worked out depending on each child's age group and the activities that they will be accessing throughout the week. Correspondence regarding this has been shared by Mrs Robsinson in the school office today.

Nursery closure

A further reminder 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.

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.

Year 6 SATs

Please keep our year 6 children in your prayers over the next week as they embark on their SATs tests. The timetable for next week is as follows:

Monday - English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday - Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

Thursday - Maths Reasoning Paper 2

Pupils are invited to attend a free breakfast club from 8am on each morning.

SMPTA update

Thank you to everyone who came along to our SMPTA meeting yesterday! Plans are in motion for the summer fair and we need your help! If you can spare some time to help on a stall on the day (26th June), please let us know. Also, to prepare for the day, we will be holding **two non-uniform days** on which we will be asking for donations.

Friday 22nd May - bring a pre-loved cuddly toy

Thursday 11th June - to mark the beginning of the World Cup, pupils will be asked to dress in the colours of their class' chosen nation and to **bring some sweet treats** for the children's tombola. Countries and colours will be confirmed next week...

150th anniversary tea towels - we are currently producing a tea towel to commemorate our 150th anniversary! Pre-orders will be available soon via the SMPTA store. They will be priced at £5.

Father's Day portraits - this year, the children will be producing portraits of the special men in their lives. These will be framed and available to purchase via the SMPTA store soon.

Lego/dress-up donations

Huge thanks to everyone who has donated Lego or dress-up costumes. We are still accepting donations so please feel free to drop any good quality items into school for us to use in our extended lunch play provision.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May Year 6 SATs see timetable above

Saturday 16th May First Holy Communion 10am

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!**



OUR SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK



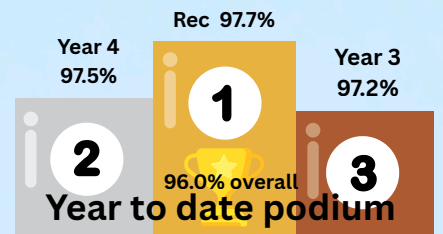
The Prudhoe Hawks have been flying the flag again, this time at a national competition hosted at Flamingo Land! Congratulations to Matthew R, Matthew W, Xavier, Alex and Isaac who all did SMP proud in their performances!



Our KS2 pupils have had a fantastic day at the Newcastle Centre for Life! They have explored the various exhibitions and participated in workshops as part of the 'Powering the Future' project!



Reception 100%



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

11th 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

Year 6 SATs

First Holy Communion - 10am in church

Non-uniform day - donate a cuddly toy

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

Year 4 Multiplication Check (this week)

Class photographs day

Year 1 Phonics Check (this week)

World Cup non-uniform day (see above)

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

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 FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2024

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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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 pastry 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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