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Dear Friends,

It's been a wonderfully busy and positive return to school this week after the May half-term – even if the weather hasn't quite lived up to the expectations it set last week! I'd like to thank all of our pupils for settling back into routines so quickly, and our staff for their continued energy and commitment. It's been great to see classrooms buzzing with learning again.

A real highlight has been the Year 6 field trip to Boggle Hole. From all accounts, it was an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, teamwork and plenty of smiles. My sincere thanks go to Dr. Saunders and Mrs. Hatherley for giving their time so generously to make this opportunity possible – we are very grateful. Do take a look at the fantastic photos on page 2 to see some of the highlights.

As we move through the remainder of the summer term, please take a moment to check the notices below and the updated calendar so you don't miss any important dates or events.

Wishing you all a restful weekend – hopefully with a little sunshine!

With brightest blessings,
Mr Gray

Cornerstones Week

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial contribution towards this year's Cornerstones Week activities. If you haven't done so already, and are able to support us, **please make a payment via the Arbor shop.** Your support with funding is absolutely crucial to us in providing these enrichment activities so thank you all sincerely.

New Academic Year - Transition Days

Nursery new starters are invited to attend sessions on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 17th June 9:30pm-11:15am**
- **Tuesday 30th June 1:00pm-2:15pm**

A whole school 'move up' day is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 30th June**. This coincides with one of the St. Thomas More transition days. Please be assured that there will be provision made for on this day for pupils transitioning to different middle schools.

Class photographs

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

Junior Duke Submissions

Mrs. Hatherley has asked me share that all completed Junior Duke books should be **submitted during Cornerstones Week (22-26 June)**.

School Governors' Visit

On **Tuesday 9th June**, we will be joined for the morning by our school governors and new headteacher Mr. Wheatley. They will be visiting classes and speaking with pupils and staff, as well as being present on the gate at drop-off time to say hello. We look forward to welcoming them all.

SMPTA reminders

Thursday 11th June is a non-uniform day to co-incide with the start of the FIFA World Cup! **Pupils are invited to bring in sweet treats** on that day and to dress in the colours/traditions of the following countries:

Nursery/Reception - **Scotland**

Year 1 - **Colombia**

Year 2 - **Argentina**

Year 3 and 4 - **England**

Year 5 - **Mexico**

Year 6 - **Brazil**



We are also holding a **World Cup sweepstake**. Teams can be purchased via the SMPTA online store up until **Thursday morning**. A random and independently verified draw will take place in the afternoon to allocate teams. The following prizes will be won...

Winners - £50

Runners-up - £25

Third place - £15

Fourth place - £10

NEXT WEEK

Monday 8th June Class photographs



Thursday 11th June Non-uniform - World Cup colours and bring a sweet treat for the summer fair.





Year 6
FIELD
TRIP
2026

LITTLE
MOMENTS
BIG
MEMORIES

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!**

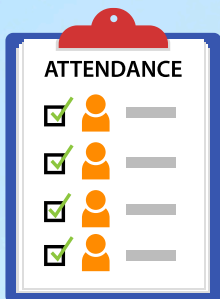
RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TA'S AWARD
ALL THE CLASS	MILO	ELLE	FRANCES	EZRA	MILA	ALL THE CLASS	OSCAR

ST MATTHEW'S PTA WORLD CUP DRESS DOWN DAY!
THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
 COME DRESSED. REPRESENT. CELEBRATE!
 EACH CLASS WILL BE ALLOCATED A DIFFERENT COUNTRY AND YOU CAN COME DRESSED IN THAT COUNTRY'S COLOUR OR THEME!

NURSERY & RECEPTION SCOTLAND	YEAR 1 COLOMBIA	YEAR 2 ARGENTINA
YEAR 3 & 4 ENGLAND	YEAR 5 MEXICO	YEAR 6 BRAZIL

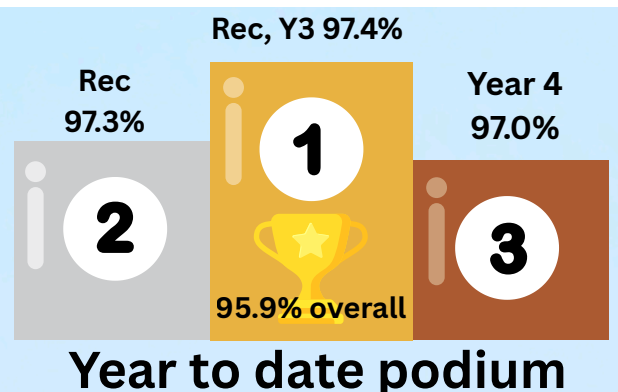
PLEASE DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE CHOCOLATE & SWEET TOMBOLA
 These will be used in our CHOCOLATE & SWEET TOMBOLA at the SUMMER FAIR!
 LET'S MAKE IT A COLOURFUL, CREATIVE AND FUN-FILLED DAY TO CELEBRATE THE WORLD CUP TOGETHER!

World Cup 2026 Fundraising Sweepstake
 £5 per team
Sign up via the SMPTA store
 The draw will be made on **Thursday 11th June** so get your entries in before then.
PRIZES
 £50 winner
 £25 runner-up
 £15 third place
 £10 fourth place



This week

Year 2 and Year 3
 100%





Explore
+ Nature

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

STAY & PLAY

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 1:30PM

Bursting with LIFE

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.



FIND US ON HIGHFIELD LANE, PRUDHOE NE42 6EY
LOOK FOR THE RED ARCH!



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8th June

Class photographs day

Year 1 Phonics Check and Year 4 Multiplication Check (this week)

9th June

School Governors' Visit

11th June

World Cup non-uniform day (see above)

17th June

Transition day for September nursery starters 9:30am - 11:15am

19th June

School Closed - INSET Day

22 - 26th June

Cornerstones Week 2026 / Summer fair on Friday

22nd June

Football freestyle - including free parents' workshop after school!

23rd June

Hula-hooping - including free parents' workshop after school

24th June

EYFS Pirate Trip to Longsands Beach

25th June

Tennis Day!

26th June

Inflatables and school fair!

Final date for Junior Duke submissions

29th June

Year 6 visit to the Emmaus Youth Village

30th June

'Move up' Day

Transition day for September nursery starters 1:00pm - 2:15pm

New Reception Parents' Information Evening - 5:30pm

2nd July

Year 5 Celebration of Sport at Gateshead International Stadium

3rd July

Sports Day - Reception - Year 6

6th July

Stellar Futures Club - Kielder Observatory Visit

7th July

Summer Arts Festival - 2pm

8th July

Nursery Sports Afternoon - 1:30pm

10th July

Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Stephen Wright - 10am

15th July

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

16th July

Leavers' Mass - 10am

17th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm / School closes



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

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.

Bishop Wilkinton 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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*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 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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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.

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School



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!



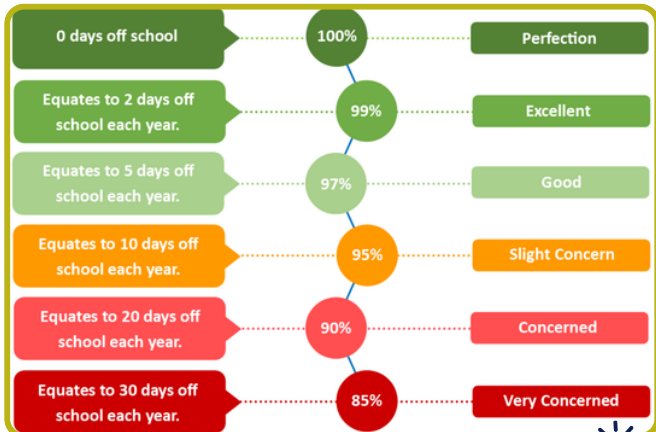
Our Trust catering services provide a range of hot and cold meal options for children to enjoy every day. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will be eligible to receive a free school meal under the government's Universal Free School Meals programme. Children in Year 3 upwards are currently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

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



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@StMatthewsPrudhoe #TuckedUpThursday

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>