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Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to confirm our first whole-school Mass will take place on Friday 29th September 2025. All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will participate in the Mass. We recognise that for some of our youngest pupils, this will be their first experience of Mass. During the course of this week, our Early Years pupils will visit church to familiarise themselves with the layout.

Our Year 5 pupils will be commissioned as Mini-Vinnies during the Mass. Mass will commence at 10am and, as always, our community is welcomed and encouraged to join us.

First Holy Communion:

All those in Year 4, 5 and 6 who have not made their First Holy Communion are invited to attend information evening will be held at St Alban's church on Thursday 16th October 6.30pm with Fr. Martin. He writes to say:

'If you want to enroll your child to prepare for these sacraments, I invite you to collect an application form which is available at Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. They will be available for collection until the 12th October.'

A separate email is being sent to parents/carers of Years 4/5/6, which includes a more detailed version of the invitation.

Induction for Reception and Year 1:

We are delighted to invite our Nursery and Reception parents into school to find out more about our phonics strategy.



Please keep **Thursday 2nd October** free and our EY Phonics Workshop for parents in Nursery and Reception will start (as close to 9am start as possible, once we have completed our register. You will be able to see a phonics lesson and learn more about the resources we use and how best to help your child at home with their 'magnet eyes' on our lovely texts.

Year 1 Parents/Carers – please keep **Monday 17th November** free (we will again start as close as possible to 9am) so that we can explain what happens during the Phonics Screening Check test and what we intend to do to help you to support your child reach the threshold, throughout the course of the year.

Masses:

Forthcoming Masses have been added to our dates to the diary section on the newsletter.

Educational Visits:

Staff are currently finalising educational visits for this forthcoming year – we will add these to the newsletter and Arbor once the venues have confirmed our bookings.

Please see below some key dates for you for forthcoming term. As always, some dates may be subject to change.

Dates for the Diary

(Please note that these dates are subject to change) – please note that educational visits are being confirmed and dates will be released in due course

INSET days:

Friday 26th September 2025 – Whole-school Mass – Reception to Year 6 – 10am – Confirmed (Year 5 Mini-Vinnies Commissioning)

Thursday 2nd October – EY Phonics Workshop for parents in Nursery and Reception (as close to 9am start as possible)

Tuesday 7th October – STEMfest at Utilita Arena

Thursday 16th October – KS2 Archery Day

Friday 17th October – Year 4 Class Mass

Friday 17th October - Reception and Year 6 Buddy Welcome Service – 2:45pm

Friday 24th October – School photographs all day

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half Term

Tuesday 04th November – Parents' Evening – 3:40pm – 6pm

Thursday 06th November – Parents' Evening – 3:40pm – 6pm

Friday 7th November – Year 6 Class Mass

Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week

Thursday 13th November – Year 6 Visit to Safetyworks

Monday 17th November – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parental Workshop (as close to 9am start as possible)

Wednesday 19th November – Nursery and Reception Numbersense Workshop (as close to 9am start as possible)

Thursday 27th November – EY and KSI Gymnastics Day

Thursday 27th November – Year 5 Visit to Jarrow Hall

Friday 5th December – Year 5 Class Mass

Wednesday 10th December – KSI Performance – 2pm

Thursday 11th December – KSI Performance – 10am

Friday 12th December – Pantomime visit to Tyne Theatre for Year 1 to Year 6

Monday 15th December – EY Christmas Performance – 10am and 2pm

Wednesday 17th December – Key Stage 2 Advent Carol Service in Church – 2pm

Return to school on Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January – Whole-School Mass led by Year 4 for Epiphany

INSET Day – Pupils not at school - Friday 30th January

Visit: [News – St Patrick's RC Church, Felling](#) for more information relating to the parish to St. Patrick's RC, Felling and St. Alban's, Pelaw.