

Where we live 'life to the full'
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all those who contributed and completed our Catholic Life and Mission feedback survey. We had a significant number of responses and we are delighted to report such positive feedback. From next half-term, we will begin to design 'knowledge organisers' so that we can share our curriculum content coverage with you – this will give you an insight into the objectives that we are required to teach and the key knowledge that pupils are required to know.

3. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree ● Don't know

My child is happy at this school.

My child feels safe at this school.

This school enables my child to behave respectfully.

This school is a supportive and joyful community.

Staff at this school are positive role models for my child.

The school works well with the local parish(es).

I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it.

The school supports me in my role as the first educator of my child.

My child enjoys learning in RE lessons.

I know how well how well my child is doing in RE and what they need to do to improve.

The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development.

I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school.

The school is helping my child grow as a person, not just academically.

The school demonstrates good commitment to Catholic Social Teaching.

My child is making good progress in the schools' RE curriculum.

The school provides a variety of prayer opportunities for pupils and families to attend (e.g. liturgical dance, prayer, Little Liturgy,...



Parental feedback also included:

Involving parents to attend lots of events where pupils are at the centre and embedding Christian beliefs into the ethos of the school.

Visits to church - my child loves visiting 'Gods House' :) she brings her experiences home and loves to say her prayers. It's just beautiful to see her reflecting and showing gratitude and bringing this home.

Ensuring children's every day school life encourages and incorporates catholic values. Involving parents and families in their liturgies and other prayer/church activities as it encourages a catholic community/family feel to school life

Education

Better linkage with current parish

Collective worship

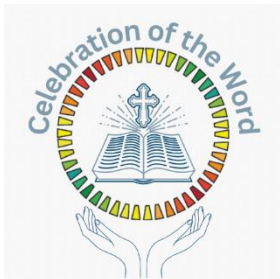
Help children live morally

Good leadership skills and children are always the first focus

Liturgical and mass

The celebration of mass and liturgies in the school

Therefore, to capitalise on this wonderful feedback, from January 2026, we will be hosting a weekly family Celebration of the Word service in St. Alban's room, on a rotation basis, in addition to the class Masses. These celebrations will be 'pupil-planned and pupil led' and we have included the dates and times in our calendar. We look forward to seeing you there. Our Celebration of the Word services will commence on a Wednesday at 3pm.



Wednesday 14th January – Year 6 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 21st January – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 28th January – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 4th February – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 11th February – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 18th February – Year 4-6 Class Mass for Ash Wednesday – 10am
Wednesday 4th March – Year 1 - Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 11th March – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Friday 20th March – Stations of the Cross – 2:45pm in Church (Year 6 to lead)
Wednesday 25th March – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 15th April – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 22nd April – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 29th April – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 6th May – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 13th May – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Friday 22nd May – Year 6 Class Mass – 10am
Wednesday 3rd June – Year 6 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 10th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 17th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 1st July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 8th July – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 15th July – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm



Parental Workshops:

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



Year 1 Parents/Carers – please keep **Monday 17th November** free (we will 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.

On **Wednesday 19th November**, we also hold a Numbersense workshop for Nursery and Reception parents. During the workshop, we will focus on the methods that we use to teach our youngest pupils including a summary of the Mastering Number programme and other pictorial methods and concrete resources.



Children In Need:

On Friday 14th November, pupils can come into school in non-uniform for a donation of £1 to the Children in Need cause. They can also bring in any Children in Need accessories.

It is preferable if the donations are made of the Arbor 'app' and they will be set-up on the Arbor shop.

We will also hold a cake sale in school. We ask that these are 'shop-bought' – because we have children who have severe nut and dairy allergies and shop-bought cakes enable us to keep track of the allergen contents in the packaging. Thank you for your understanding. Our Mini-Vinnies will facilitate the cake sale.

So that we are not inundated with cakes, we will ask pupils in Reception, Years 2/4/6 to bring in cakes, on Friday. When we approach other fundraising in Lent, we will then ask Nursery Year 1/3/5 to bring in cakes.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We are holding Christmas day lunch alongside Christmas jumper day on Tuesday 9th December. Lunches will be available to purchase on Arbor and we will also add a £1 donation for the NSPCC into the Arbor shop, too.

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

Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 11th November – Year 4 Visit to Vindolanda

Thursday 13th November – Year 6 Visit to Safetyworks

Monday 17th November – Year 5 Bikeability (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

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

Tuesday 18th November – Year 4 Bikeability

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

Monday 1st December – Flu Immunisation Session

Thursday 4th December – Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December – Year 5 Class Mass

Friday 5th December – Year 5 and Year 6 Dance City Ballet

Tuesday 9th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation on Arbor for NSPCC

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

Wednesday 17th December – Nursery and Reception visit to West Boldon Lodge

Thursday 18th December – Movie Night all classes

Friday 19th December- Whole School Christmas Parties

Return to school on Monday 5th January 2026

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

Thursday 8th January – KS2 Fencing Day

Wednesday 14th January – Year 6 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th January Year 4 Residential - Emmaus Village

Wednesday 21st January – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 28th January – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Friday 30th January – INSET DAY – PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL

Wednesday 4th February – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 11th February – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 18th February – Year 4-6 Class Mass for Ash Wednesday – 10am

Tuesday 3rd March – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th March – Year 1 - Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Thursday 5th March – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th March – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Wednesday 11th March – Little Tasters

Friday 20th March – Stations of the Cross – 2:45pm in Church (Year 6 to lead)

Wednesday 25th March – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

Tuesday 31st March – Year 3 Broomhouse Farm

Wednesday 15th April – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 22nd April – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 29th April – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 6th May – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 13th May – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Friday 22nd May – Year 6 Class Mass – 10am
Wednesday 3rd June – Year 6 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 10th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 17th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June Year 6 Residential – Ford Castle
Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 1st July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 8th July – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Thursday 9th July - Year 5 Centre for Life
Wednesday 15th July – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm

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.