

"Where together we learn to live
life to the full"
(John 10:10)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy and purposeful start to the Summer Term here at school. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to respond to the survey during our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. Your feedback, perspective and continued support are greatly valued and play an important role in the ongoing development of our school. At present, the outcomes of the inspection remain confidential while the inspection team completes its processes; however, we will share further information with you as soon as this becomes available.

This week has also seen our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs. We have been absolutely delighted with the attitude, resilience and effort they have shown throughout the week. They approached each assessment with positivity and confidence, demonstrating the very best of themselves. We would also like to thank our Year 6 parents and carers for the support they have provided—ensuring that children arrived in school well-rested, prepared and ready to do their very best.

Statutory Assessments

Year 4 Multiplication Check Window – Monday 1st to Friday 12th June 2026

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window – Monday 8th to Friday 12th June 2026

Upcoming statutory assessments take place on the dates listed above. Strong attendance helps children feel settled, confident and ready to do their best. Keeping routines as normal as possible means assessments can be completed calmly and often, within the classroom environment. For our Year 4 and Year 1 pupils, the tests may take place at any point during the outlined period, so it is vitally important that pupils are present and in school each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warmer weather

As we move further into the Summer Term, we are hopeful that the sunshine will soon make a more regular appearance—despite the frequent rain showers we have been experiencing recently! With this in mind, we kindly ask that all children come to school prepared for warmer weather by having sun cream applied before the start of the day. A sun hat would also be very helpful during playtimes and outdoor learning. Whilst the British weather may still be keeping us guessing, we hope to be ready to make the most of any sunny moments when they arrive!__



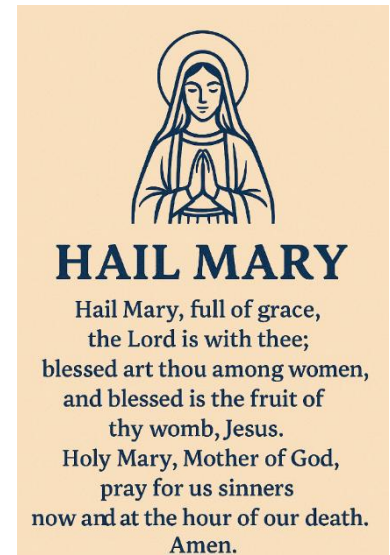
Nourish Food School

Our events with the Nourish Food School come to an end today, with Year 6 enjoying a fantastic morning in their workshop. This initiative has been designed to promote the importance of good nutrition and healthy eating, whilst also introducing children to key skills and knowledge in cooking. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback from both pupils, parents and staff, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic. We hope that this marks just the beginning of their culinary journeys, inspiring a lasting interest in healthy eating and a willingness to explore new foods and skills.



May – The month of Mary

During the month of May, which is dedicated to Our Lady, we will be inviting the children to reflect on the importance of Mary in the Catholic faith and to spend some time in prayer. To support this, each child will be bringing home a special card to help them learn and pray the Rosary with their families. The card will provide simple guidance and structure, enabling children to take part in this beautiful tradition with confidence. We hope that this will offer a meaningful opportunity for quiet reflection and shared prayer at home as we honour Mary throughout this special month.



Big Sing and Big Sing for Mini Singers

We are delighted to share that our pupils will be taking part in this year's "Big Sing" events, organised by The Glasshouse International Centre for Music. Year 1 will perform in the Mini Singers event on 1st July, whilst Year 4 will take part in the Big Sing on 9th July. These events bring together schools from across the region to celebrate singing and provide a wonderful opportunity for children to perform as part of a large choir in a professional setting.

Further information will be shared with parents and carers in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, you can find out more about the Big Sing by visiting: <https://theglasshouseicm.org/make-music/schools/big-sing-2/>



Year 6 at Pelaw Bowling Club

Year 6 will be taking part in a series of lawn bowls sessions at Pelaw Bowling Club, where they will have the opportunity to play alongside pupils from another local school. The children will walk to and from the venue, leaving school at 1pm and returning before the end of the school day. The sessions will take place on 18th May, 22nd June, 6th July, with a final event on 13th July. We are sure this will be an enjoyable experience for the children and a great opportunity to learn new skills and take part in friendly competition.



Dates for the Diary

(Please note that these dates are subject to change)

Monday 18th May – Whole School - Happy Europe Day Special Lunch
Monday 18th May – Year 6 – Bowling at Pelaw Bowling Club
Wednesday 20th May – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Thursday 21st May – Year 4 – Trip to the Discovery Museum
Friday 22nd May – Year 6 Class Mass – 10am
Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks
Wednesday 3rd June – Year 6 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 PSC Rechecks
Wednesday 10th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Monday 15th June – Sports Day – Provisional EY and KS1 AM / KS2 PM
Tuesday 16th June – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 1
Wednesday 17th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June Year 6 Residential – Ford Castle
Monday 22nd June – Year 6 – Bowling at Pelaw Bowling Club
Tuesday 23rd June – Year 6 Primary Youth Festival
Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Friday 26th June – INSET DAY PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL
Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July – Year 5 Holy Island Residential
Tuesday 30th June – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 2
Wednesday 1st July – Year 6 Cardinal Hume Transition Day 3
Wednesday 1st July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 1st July – Year 1 visit to The Glasshouse - Big Sing for Mini Singers
Thursday 2nd July – Year 5 Celebration of Sport
Monday 6th July – Year 6 – Bowling at Pelaw Bowling Club
Wednesday 8th July – Year 1 Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Wednesday 8th July – Reports sent out to parents
Thursday 9th July – Nursery and Reception visit to Washington Wetlands
Thursday 9th July – Year 4 visit to The Glasshouse, The Big Sing
Thursday 9th July – Year 6 St. Joseph's Transition Day 1
Friday 10th July – Year 6 St. Joseph's Transition Day 2
Friday 10th July – Summer Fayre
Monday 13th July – Year 6 – Bowling at Pelaw Bowling Club
Wednesday 15th July – Reception Celebration of the Word service – 3pm
Thursday 16th July – Leavers' Mass in Church 10am
Thursday 16th July – Whole School – World Cup Final Special Lunch
Friday 17th July – School Closes at 3.30pm

Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school: Mrs K. Swaddle and Mr S. Keys

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school:

Miss Colligan, Mrs McAtominey, Mrs Hall and Mrs Dellow.

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