



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

'Let your light shine and set the world on fire'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making this year so special.

To our amazing children, well done! You have embraced every opportunity that has come your way, approaching your learning with enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to try new things. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, on the sports field, in performances, or through the many experiences and activities we have enjoyed together, you have represented St Catherine's with pride. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved and of the kind, caring and resilient young people you are becoming. Thank you for shining brightly each day!

To our dedicated staff team, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the children and families of St Catherine's. Your hard work, care, professionalism and willingness to go above and beyond each and every day make a remarkable difference to the lives of our pupils. St Catherine's is a very special place because of the people who work within it. I hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved summer break.

To our governors, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to our school community. Your guidance and dedication help us to provide the very best for our children.

To our parents and carers, thank you for the trust you place in us and for your ongoing support throughout the year. Working together enables our children to thrive, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share.

As we finish another successful year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for our wonderful St Catherine's family. Together, we have celebrated achievements, overcome challenges, created lasting memories and supported one another every step of the way.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer. May it be filled with laughter, sunshine, special moments with family and friends, and plenty of opportunities to rest and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and success.

With warmest wishes,

Ms Hoey



Farewell and Best Wishes to Ms Haddow

As we come to the end of the school year, we say goodbye to a very special member of the St Catherine's family- Ms Haddow.

Ms Haddow joined St Catherine's in 2016 and, over the past nine years, has made an outstanding contribution to our school community. Throughout her time here, she has touched the lives of so many children and families, always putting the needs of the child at the heart of everything she does.

Many children have been fortunate enough to have been taught by Ms Haddow in both Year 2 and Year 3. Her passion for learning, nurturing approach and belief in every child have helped countless pupils to grow in confidence and achieve their very best. Alongside her teaching responsibilities, she has led a number of subjects including Art, Geography and History and Forest School, bringing creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm to these areas of the curriculum. Her calm manner, sense of humour and ability to build positive relationships with children have made her a respected and much-loved teacher.

Ms Haddow has also played a significant role in supporting the wellbeing of our school community as Wellbeing Lead. More recently, as our SENCo, she has worked tirelessly to strengthen the support available for children with additional needs and their families. Through her dedication, expertise and determination, she has introduced many positive changes that have made a real and lasting difference to the lives of our children.

Beyond the classroom, Ms Haddow has always been willing to give her time to enrich the experiences of our pupils. Over the years she has led a range of after-school clubs and, most recently, has inspired children through Puzzle Club and Art Club, sharing her love of creativity, problem-solving and learning.

What truly makes Ms Haddow special is her kindness and generosity. She has always been there to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, words of encouragement or practical support to children, families and colleagues alike. Her warmth, compassion and unwavering commitment to St Catherine's have made her an invaluable member of our team and a much-loved friend to many.

While we are incredibly sad to see her go, we are also excited for her as she begins the next chapter of her journey.

Ms Haddow leaves with our heartfelt thanks, love and very best wishes for the future. She will be greatly missed by everyone at St Catherine's.

Thankfully, this is not a complete goodbye. We have been promised that she will be back to join us on school trips and at special events, and we know our paths will continue to cross in the years ahead.

Ms Haddow, thank you for everything you have given to St Catherine's. Your dedication, friendship and care have helped shape our school community, and your impact will be felt for many years to come. You will always be a valued part of the St Catherine's family.

With love and best wishes from all the children, staff, governors and families at St Catherine's.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Mr Seville

We also say goodbye to a valued member of the St Catherine's family, Mr Seville.

Mr Seville joined St Catherine's in 2019 and, over the past seven years, has contributed to the life of our school. During his time here, he has supported countless children on their learning journeys, helping them to grow in confidence, develop resilience and achieve their full potential.

Many of our children and families will know Mr Seville from his work in both Year 5 and Year 6. He has always had high expectations of his pupils whilst providing the encouragement and support needed for them to succeed. In particular, he has played an important role in helping our Year 6 children prepare for their SATs, ensuring they felt confident, well-prepared and ready to face the challenges ahead.

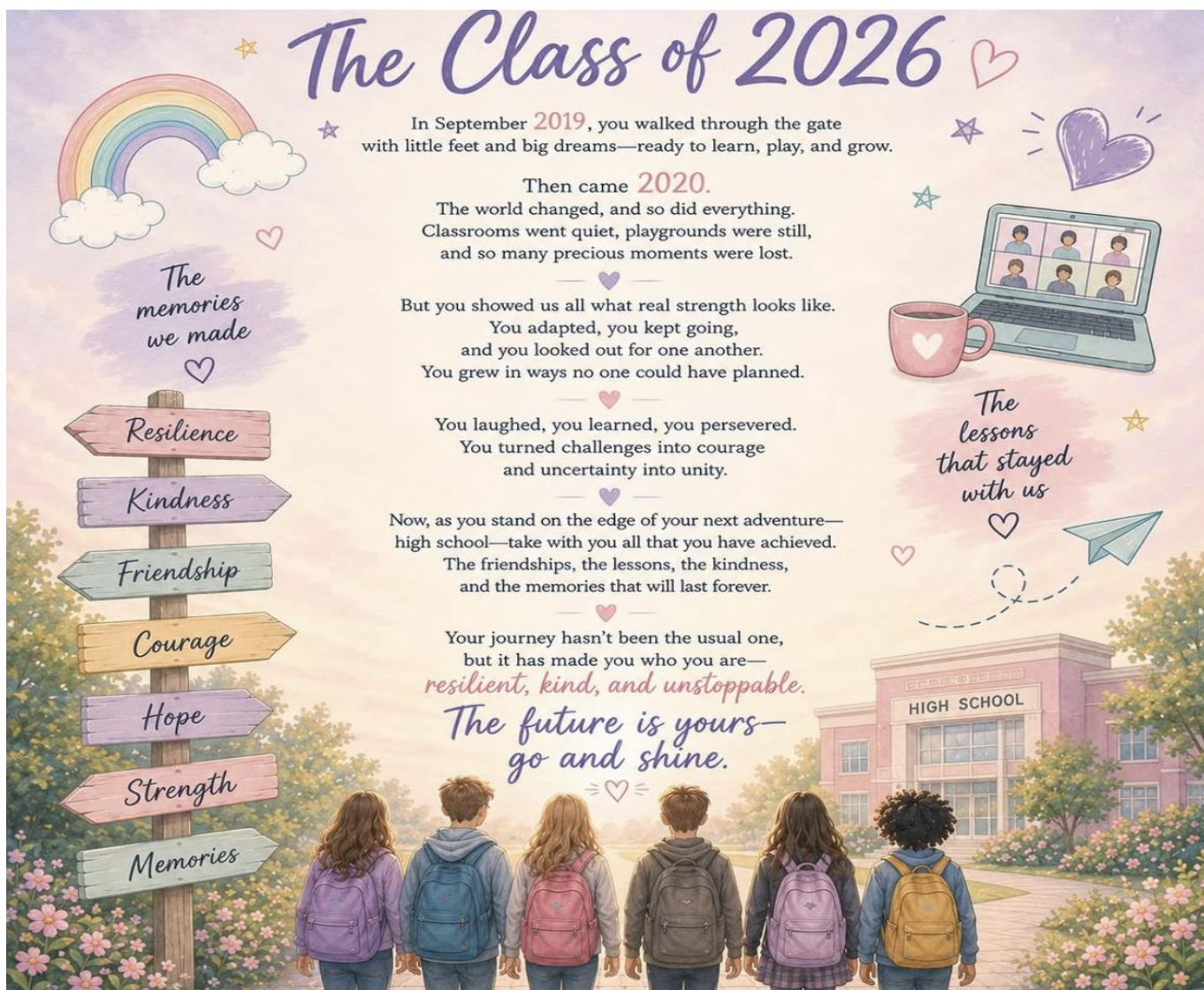
Beyond the classroom, Mr Seville has led a number of key curriculum areas, including Computing, Geography, History and Maths., also a writing moderator for the LA. His enthusiasm for these subjects, along with his commitment to ensuring children receive the very best educational experiences, has helped to strengthen teaching and learning across the school.

Mr Seville has also been a great supporter of our wider school community. He has given his time to lead a variety of extra-curricular activities, providing opportunities for children to develop new skills, interests and friendships. Many pupils have benefited from his Running Club, Football Club and Chess Club, where his encouragement and enthusiasm inspired children to challenge themselves, work as a team and, most importantly, enjoy learning beyond the classroom.

One of the most memorable aspects of Mr Seville's time at St Catherine's has been his commitment to our residential visits. He has accompanied children on numerous residentials, including visits to Ford Castle, Lockerbie Manor and France, helping to create unforgettable experiences and lifelong memories for so many of our pupils. Whether supporting adventurous activities, encouraging children to step outside their comfort zones, or sharing in the excitement of exploring new places and cultures,

While we are naturally sad to see him leave, we are delighted that he has secured a new position at a school closer to home. This is a wonderful opportunity for him. Although we will miss his humour and contributions to school life, we know he will bring this to his new school community that he has shown here at St Catherine's.

On behalf of all the children, staff, governors and families, I would like to thank Mr Seville for everything he has done during his time with us. We wish you every happiness and success in your new role and in the exciting journey ahead.



End of Year Message to Year 6 Children and Families

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our wonderful Year 6 pupils on all they have achieved during their time at St Catherine's.

Year 6 marks the end of an important chapter in your educational journey. Over the years, you have grown from eager young children into confident, thoughtful and capable young people. You have embraced challenges, shown resilience, supported one another and demonstrated the values that make our school community so special.

We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished, both inside and outside the classroom. Your hard work, determination and positive attitudes have been an inspiration, and you leave us with memories that we will treasure for many years to come. You have shone brightly over the years at St Catherine's.

To our families, thank you for your partnership, encouragement and unwavering support throughout your children's primary school journey. The success of our pupils is built on the strong relationships between home and school, and we are grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

As our Year 6 children prepare to move on to secondary school, I encourage them to embrace the opportunities ahead with confidence and enthusiasm. There will be new friendships to make, new experiences to enjoy and new challenges to overcome. Remember to believe in yourselves, be kind to others, work hard and never stop striving to be the very best version of yourselves.

Although you are leaving St Catherine's, you will always remain a valued part of our school family. We look forward to hearing about your future successes and achievements—let your light shine and set the world on fire.



A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Year 6 children for leading such a beautiful Mass. You read with confidence, reverence and maturity, helping to make the celebration a truly special occasion for our whole school community. We are also very grateful to Canon Simon for celebrating the Mass and guiding us in prayer. Year 6, you made us incredibly proud once again with your fantastic performance yesterday. What a show! Your acting, enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork shone through in every scene. It was a joy to watch you take to the stage and showcase your many talents. Thank you for entertaining us all and creating such wonderful memories. As you prepare for your next chapter, remember to keep shining brightly, sharing your gifts with others and setting the world on fire with your faith, kindness and determination. Well done, Year 6 - we are so proud of you! 🌟

Thank You for Supporting Our New Football Kits

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Milliken, CeCe's Dad and Mr Singh, Simmy's Dad, for their generous support in helping us purchase our new football kits. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and commitment to supporting the children of St Catherine's. Opportunities such as these help to build team spirit, pride and a sense of belonging, and we know the children will wear their new kits with great pride.

The excitement amongst the children has been wonderful to see, and they are already looking forward to the opportunity to wear the new kits at their next match.

Thank you once again, Mr Milliken and Mr Singh, for your valued support of our school community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all at St Catherine's.



Great Digital Stottie Trail Competition Success

We are absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community!

A huge well done to everyone who entered the Great Digital Stottie Trail competition. We received the exciting news that there were around 1,000 entries, making the judging process extremely difficult. The children who took part and showcased their creativity, imagination and artistic talents.

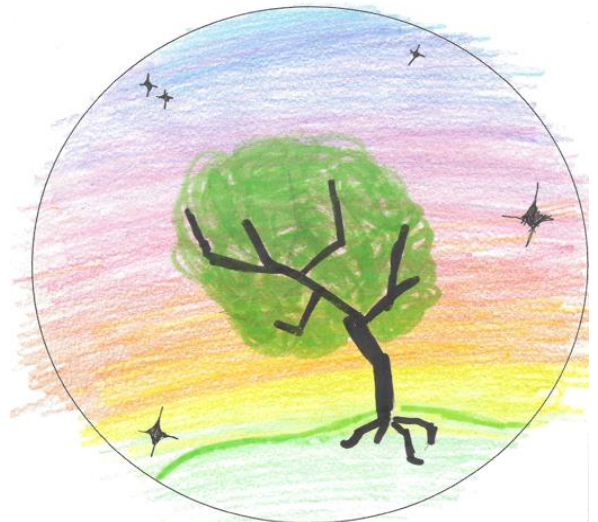
We are especially proud to announce that two of our pupils, Denisa and Lara, have been selected as winners. Their designs will feature on The Great Digital Stottie Trail across Newcastle this August, alongside their names and the name of our school.

This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of both girls and look forward to seeing their winning designs displayed for the public to enjoy. Congratulations, Denisa and Laura - you are fantastic ambassadors for our school!

More information will be sent home with the children on a leaflet, including details about the trail and how families can take part.



Stottie Face Paint Area



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Summer Holiday Art Workshops at art-K Jesmond on Sandyford Road

Looking for a creative activity this summer?

Our Summer Holiday Art Workshops are now available to book for children aged 6-16 years. Each workshop explores exciting themes and techniques, giving young artists the chance to experiment with a variety of materials while creating artwork they're proud to take home.

Whether your child is a budding artist or simply loves being creative, our workshops provide a friendly, supportive environment where they can learn new skills, express themselves, and have fun. Both half day (2hrs) and full day (5hrs) sessions available. Each artist leaves a 2hr session with one finished artwork!

To book please head to: <https://portal.art-k.co.uk/public/workshops/515/2426/>

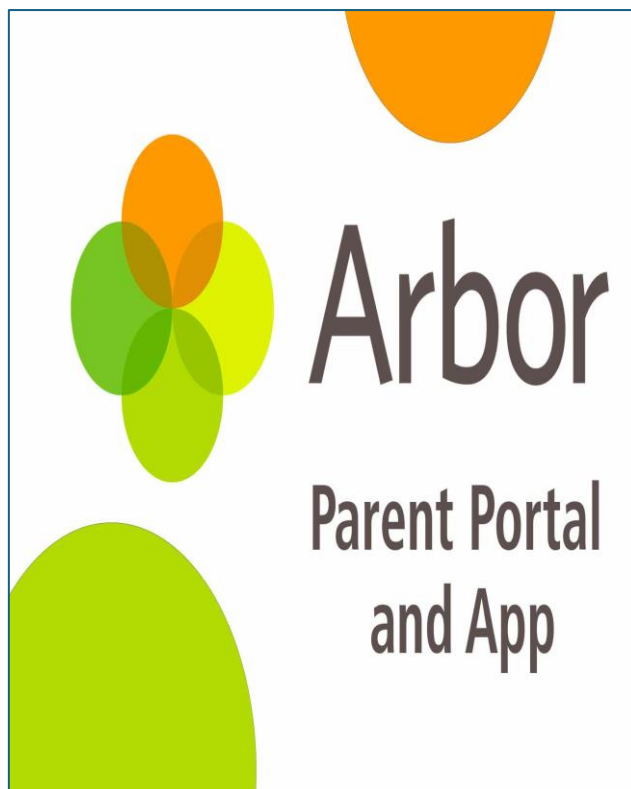
For enquiries please email jesmond@art-k.co.uk

Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.



As we move towards September, Arbor App will become our main method of communication with families. To ensure you receive important updates, messages and notifications from school, please make sure that app notifications are switched on within the Arbor app.

Arbor is a very effective communication system and allows us to see when messages have not been read. We therefore ask that you regularly check the app and keep up to date with any messages sent by the school. If you have any questions or need assistance with Arbor, please contact the School Office, who will be happy to help.



How to turn on Arbor app notifications

On iPhone/iPad (iOS):

1. Open Settings.
2. Scroll down and select Arbor.
3. Tap Notifications.
4. Turn Allow Notifications on.
5. Choose your preferred notification settings.

On Android:

1. Open Settings.
2. Select Apps (or Applications).
3. Find and tap Arbor.
4. Select Notifications.
5. Turn notifications on.



If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor app, it is available from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Please ensure you are logged in using the email address registered with the school.