29th June 2026

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Careers Week

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the kind parents who generously gave up their time to come into school and speak to children from Reception through to Year 6 about their jobs. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different roles and careers, and were full of enthusiasm and interest throughout the sessions. It was a fantastic experience for them, and they are already looking forward to doing it again next year!

Reception 'Stay and Play' Sessions

It was wonderful to welcome our Reception families into school for our recent Stay and Play sessions. These sessions gave the children the opportunity to show their parents the areas they enjoy accessing within the classroom and to demonstrate how our indoor and outdoor learning environments work together. It was lovely to see the children so excited to share their learning, and the sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by both children and parents. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the sessions such a success.

First Holy Communion

After months of preparation, the Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th June. It was such a special occasion, and the children were a credit to both the school and their families, as they have been throughout the preparation for this important milestone. Many thanks to everyone involved in making the day so memorable.

Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair took place after school on Friday 19th June and was, once again, a great success, raising an amazing £2,511.54! I would like to extend my thanks to our fantastic PTA and to everyone who supported the event on the day. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school and parish communities coming together to enjoy the occasion and raise funds. A special thank you also goes to the individuals and local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes - your support is very much appreciated, as well as to those who bought tickets.

Online Safety Presentation for Parents

Thank you to those who attended our Online Safety Awareness session earlier this month. As always, it was a really useful session containing a lot of information and guidance about keeping children safe online. One of the websites that was flagged up of particular use was **Internet Matters**. This site includes valuable age-specific online safety checklists and guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices amongst many other things.

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Residentials 2026

At the beginning of June, Year 4 enjoyed a two-night retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. They had a fabulous time taking part in a range of fun activities alongside times of reflection, making it a meaningful and memorable experience for all.

Last week, Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed their residential visits to Keswick and Borrowdale respectively. These trips offer excellent opportunities for children to challenge themselves through a range of activities and new experiences. It was a privilege to see them enjoying themselves and achieving success beyond the classroom.

I have been extremely proud of all the children involved, who behaved impeccably and showed great maturity and resilience throughout. I would also like to thank the staff who attended and made these wonderful trips possible.

Celebration of Work Evening

Families are invited to join their child(ren) in school to look through the work they have completed this year. Books will be available to view in classrooms between 3pm and 5pm on Thursday 2nd July. If you are unable to attend, children's books will be sent home as usual at the end of the Summer term. This is also an opportunity for children to show parents their new classroom for September.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Summer term:

June

Tuesday 30th June - Sports Day (Rec & KS1 9:30-11am/KS2 1:15-2:45pm)

July

Thursday 2nd July - 'Rock Pool School' marine life Science session in Reception class

Thursday 2nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic schools

Thursday 2nd July – Celebration of work drop-in afternoon (3pm – 5pm in classrooms)

Friday 3rd July – Year 2 Celebration of the Word in school (9am)

Friday 3rd July - Year 5 Drama club's performance of 'The Tempest' at the Northern Stage (6pm)

Monday 6th July – Online Safety workshops for Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday 7th July – Anti-bullying workshops for Year 5 & Year 6

Wednesday 8th & Friday 10th July - Year 6 Catholic Feeder Secondary school transition days

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school (7pm)

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9am)

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Friday 17th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

With my very best wishes,



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