



Weekly Bulletin 3rd May 2024

Headteacher's Message

Even though it has been a disrupted week due to the Polling Day yesterday, children have still been able to take part in a number of enrichment activities this week. On Monday we held a Street dance Festival which helped to further enhance the teaching of dance in PE lessons in school. Our Y1 children have been working hard, preparing for their class assembly which will take place on Wednesday 8th May.

This week, we have sent home our annual survey for parents and carers. Please do take the time to complete this and return it to school. The views of parents and carers are invaluable to us and support us in both celebrating all that is good in the life of the school as well as helping us to focus on future developments. I thank you in anticipation for your support.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on staying safe online and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

Online safety

Online-safety is of paramount concern to all in school. Each half term, every class participates in a dedicated online safety session using lesson resources appropriate to their specific year group. In addition to this, online safety is promoted across the curriculum. I would encourage parents to make use of the range of resources available to support you in discussing these issues with your children via the school website or from the [NSPCC](#).

Wild Church – St Mary’s

A warm welcome to the next Wild Church for all ages. ANNUAL CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE, outdoors - 4.00 p.m. Sat 11th May

Meet outside church. Activities: Refreshments, Drum Circle, prayer doves, marrowfat pea shoot planting, take home pea shoots, seed potato planting, short service with Elizabeth representing Christian Aid and firepit. Please bring a cash donation for Christian Aid - but a card reader will be available. **(Young Leaders (11+)** Meet at 3.00pm for the drum practice and rehearsal.

Pilgrimage: Sat 4th May to Finchale was cancelled by the Cathedral but they will be leading one for us from Shincliffe to the Cathedral, next term.

Best wishes, Julie Goodhart.

Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Monday 6th May – School closed for May bank holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Y4 Durham Cathedral

Tuesday 7th May -Thursday 9th May – Reception Bike ability Training

Wednesday 8th May – Y1 Class Assembly – 9:05am

WC Monday 13th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 21st May – Reception Hardwick Park

Thursday 23rd May – Y4 Quadkids Competition

Thursday 23rd May – Pentecost Eucharist – 9:05am All Welcome

Friday 24th May – School closes for Spring half term holiday

Tuesday 4th June – School re-opens after Summer half term holiday

Tuesday 4th June – Y4 Vindolanda

Wednesday 12th June – Y2 St Mary’s Lighthouse

Tuesday 18th June – Y5 Beamish Trip

Wednesday 19th June – Y2 Class assembly – 9:05am

Wednesday 19th June – Y3 Oriental Museum

Tuesday 25th June – Y1 Hall Hill Farm

Wednesday 12th June – Durham Dash

Monday 1st July – Sports Day – 1.15pm (Reserve date – Tuesday 9th July)

Friday 5th July – Monday 8th July – French Trip – Y5 and Y6

Monday 15th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 19th July at 10am – Y6 Leavers’ Service at St Mary’s Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary’s parishioners

Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holiday

Wednesday 4th September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024/25

Wednesday 8th January 2025 – Friday 10th January 2025 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information about this half term’s value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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