



## **Weekly Bulletin 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been a busy week in school as the children have taken part in a range of activities. This has included our Summer Fun Run organised by the Schools Sports Partnership Team, our final Maths Café and Year 3's visit to the oriental museum. All of these activities have added to the personal development of our children and enriched their learning experiences.

As we look towards the end of term, I would draw your attention to two events. Next Tuesday is our Year Six Leavers' Assembly and Friday our Leavers' End of Year service at St. Mary's Church to which parents of Year Six pupils are invited.

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 our recent Maths Cafés and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Maths Café**

This week we had our final Maths Cafe of the year.

Thank you very much to all of the adults who were able to attend to support their children in these sessions over the last couple of months.

It was lovely to see everybody so engaged and for the children to share with you some of the methods and strategies they use in their maths work at school.

It was a great opportunity to see the different areas of maths that are covered in the curriculum from working with shapes, money, calculating number facts and playing card games including Uno.

Mr. Gowan

## **School Uniform**

As you prepare for Autumn Term 2025/26 the school uniform is:

**Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers**

**White polo shirt**

**Navy sweatshirt / cardigan**

**Sensible, black school shoes**

In warmer weather children may wear a blue and white school dress or grey shorts.

For PE Days children require:

**House colour t-shirt and jumper, shorts, jogging bottoms, leggings (black or navy) and appropriate trainers**

Polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, shower-proof jackets, rainproof jackets, house t-shirts & sweatshirts, and book bags with the school logo can be ordered through school. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

## **FOSS**

Over the years, FOSS has raised a significant amount of money which has gone directly towards enhancing the experience of all pupils in school. Thanks to their efforts, we have been able to invest in much-needed equipment, fund educational trips and visitors, and enrich our classrooms with additional learning resources. These contributions make a tangible difference to the children and are deeply appreciated by staff and pupils alike.

Just as importantly, it has helped reduce the financial burden on families when it comes to school trips and special experiences.

The current Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer will be stepping down at the end of this term, and unless we are able to fill these key positions, FOSS will unfortunately not be able to continue in its current form.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the roles involve, or if you would like to discuss how you might be able to help, please do get in touch via the school office or speak to a member of the current FOSS team. Even if you are unsure, I would encourage you to reach out for an informal conversation.

## **Diary Dates**

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Brass Band Performance

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary's parishioners

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer holiday

## Noticeboard

- **Y5 and Y6 Free Computing Summer Camp- Python Pieces**

If you love coding and have some free time over the summer holidays, sign up for the Purple Mash Python in Pieces Summer Coding Camp! It is free of charge and you can complete this at home at any time over the holidays. To sign up or find out more, please visit [www.2simple.com/python-in-pieces-summer-coding-camp/](http://www.2simple.com/python-in-pieces-summer-coding-camp/)

- Guitar lessons – The re-arranged dates are; Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.
- Wrap-around Care Provision – if you require any details, please contact the School office.
- Sun Cream - As the weather is starting to warm up, please remember to apply a long-lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

## St. Mary's church – Wild Church

Wild Church: Butterflies and Moths Sat 12th July at 4.00 pm outside St. Mary's.

Activities: Refreshments, butterfly plants for the garden, press-out card butterflies, moth release, butterflies in the churchyard, demo of how a moth trap works, butterfly origami. Historical and new ways of enjoying butterflies. Firepit and short service.

## Christian Vision and Values

Our school vision is rooted in Jesus' promise in John 10 v 10, that he has 'come that you may have life - life in all its fullness.' To help us understand and live out this vision we look at certain Christian values which, as a school community, we believe are important.

This half-term, we will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

*Further information on this half term's Christian value:*

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: '*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.*'

Serving God, means serving others.


We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

*Some things to think about:*

- How are we encouraged to “find” our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

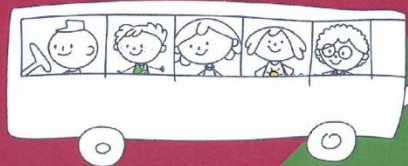
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 **Kim McGuinness**  
North East Mayor

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# August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each  
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

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# DCSF SUMMER CAMPS

Starting  
July 7th

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music, Science, Sport, swimming  
and Outdoor Forest Adventures.

For Ages  
5 - 13 yrs

**WEEKLY DAY TRIPS**

FUN AND FOOD BOOKINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FUN

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QR code and booking link will be issued through your school.



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

Including 'PAY WHAT  
YOU WANT' Charity  
week 21st-25<sup>th</sup> July

Supporting

**Cystic  
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# Durham Autism Hubs

For parents / carers of children who are awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in Durham.

**We have the following dates available:**

Stanley Family Hub  
Clifford Road, DH9 0AB

07/08  
04/09  
02/10  
06/11  
04/12

Willington Family Hub  
Chapel Street, DL15 0EQ

14/08  
11/09  
09/10  
13/11  
11/12

north east  
**autism** society



## Supporting your autistic child workshop

The workshop will cover:

- worries and action planning
- common misconceptions
- differences in autistic children
- practical strategies to use in everyday life

These sessions will run 10-12 and must be pre-booked.

## One to one appointments

These appointments are for families that have questions or would like to discuss any issues in confidence.

These appointments are available between 9-10am and 1-3pm and must be pre-booked.



**To book please contact Rebecca Weatherstone on  
0191 410 9974 or [rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk)**



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Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am





# JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**  
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July

19:00 - 20:00

**FREE**



## Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide  
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving  
practical interventions. Clear explanation of  
the condition in all its forms and extremely  
useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage  
defiant and challenging behaviour,  
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA  
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children  
who are anxious about school.  
Steps you can take to help them back  
into the classroom.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





## Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School

**Tuesday 6th May 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am**

This is an awareness session to increase understanding of why children might be anxious about school, identify potential triggers and look at available support and strategies. This session is suitable for parents/carers of all school aged children but may be of limited value to parents of children with more complex needs.

### Anxiety (Two groups)

**Tuesday 3rd June 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am—Over 11 years**

**Tuesday 10th June 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am— 5-11 years**

This session looks at what anxiety is, what the triggers might be, how to identify it and how we can support our children and young people.

### Emotional Wellbeing

**Wednesday 9th July 2025, 1.30 pm—3.30 pm**

This session will focus on emotional wellbeing, what is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children.

Please book a place using the link or QR code directly below:

[CAMHS Training Booking Form - Parents Carers](#)



To visit our Trust website, for further information, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and run on Microsoft Teams.

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Tel: 0300 0051213



## Understanding Behaviour Development in Children and Young People

**Tuesday 15th July 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am**

This session will look at behavioural norms in the developing child and how adult behaviour influences this. We will look at the challenges parents and carers may face and how they can support their children and young people to develop resilience and manage risk as they grow to adulthood and independence.

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