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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

As we reach May, our 'Year of Prayer' focus turns to Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. The custom spans centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In school this month we will be praying the Hail Mary in our gatherings and crowning our Mary statues with blossoms. This week we talked about the courage Mary displayed and how it can't have been easy for her. Being a parent/carer is a privilege but is also a role with great responsibility—this month as we pray for Mary we will also pray for all of the parents and carers in our school community, thanking them for their hard work and commitment too.

Have a great weekend,

David and Sam



Bank Holiday Monday

Don't forget that Monday 6th May is a bank holiday and school will be closed. We will return to school as normal on Tuesday 7th May. I hope you manage to enjoy the extra day!

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Any new dates added to the calendar will be shown in blue.

Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
w/b Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week	All week	No
Saturday 1 st June	First Holy Communion Day	-	Yes
Friday 7 th June	Non-Uniform Day (Toys & DVDs)	All day	--
w/b Monday 10 th June	Phonics Screening Check delivery	All day	No
w/b Monday 10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	-	No
Thursday 13 th June	Class Photo Day	Morning	No
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day/Someone Special Breakfast	8:30am - 9:00am	Yes
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 @ Youth Village Festival	All Day	No
Thursday 27 th June	Sports Day	AM	Yes
Friday 28 th June	Non-Uniform Day (Bottles)	All day	--
Tuesday 2 nd July	Provisional Date for Year 6 Leavers Trip - TBC	8:30am – 4:30pm	No
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Choir Concert	4pm	Yes
Thursday 4 th July	'New to Year 1' - Transition Meetings	Timings TBC	Yes
Tuesday 9 th July	Year R 'Graduation' Celebration of the Word	2:45pm	Yes
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 St. Leonard's transition day	All day	No
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Day in School	All Day	No
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 St. Leonard's transition day	All day	No
Friday 12 th July	Non-Uniform Day (Chocolates)	All day	--
Monday 15 th July	Annual Reports sent out to parents	3:25pm	--
Thursday 18 th July	Whole School End of Year Mass with Year 6 Leavers Mass (in church)	9:30am	Yes
Thursday 18 th July	Summer Fayre	1:15pm	Yes
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 'Leavers' Celebration	9:10am	Yes
Friday 19 th July	END of TERM	3:25pm	-

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attendance MATTERS

Procedure for appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for any reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment, please could you inform the school office prior to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment. This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register.

Please see below guidance from the government regarding school attendance. <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Children should aim to arrive in school by 8.55 am at the latest. **Persistent lateness causes disruption to your child's education.**

Year	Attendance this week:
R	98.44%
1 / 2	96.3%
3 / 4	97.92%
5 / 6	98.55%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 97.68%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.83%	

Late arrivals

Class registers are taken at 8:55am prompt as we don't want to miss any learning opportunities. **All children should be in class and sat down by 8:55am.**

We want all of our children to be sat down at their desks for 8:40am whenever possible.





Standards at St. Patrick's

Our expectations on attendance must remain strong and, as the parent community know, we take this part of our job very seriously indeed. We will be contacting parents/carers of those children who are persistently absent, this means any child with an attendance percentage of 90% or less. Please understand that this is a supportive measure and that we are working hard to leave no stone unturned to help your child achieve the very best possible outcomes.



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HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days:	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
25th May 20th March 17th November 31st August				
Weekly total	330	215	283	277
Running total	4065	3426	3610	3543

Stars of the week

- Phoebe** **Year R** For brilliant work in maths remembering the number bonds for 5.
- Abigail** **Year 1 / 2** For her interesting ideas in our English lessons.
- Finn** **Year 3 / 4** For producing a great myth and legends text.
- Jai** **Year 5 / 6** For a great improvement with his handwriting.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Finley, Thomas, Ella, Janette, Mr Miller , Mr Keys
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Jacob, Ella C, Mrs Griffiths
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	
Purple	Is for his hour of sorrow (Be compassionate and say sorry)	
Pink	Is for a new tomorrow (Be just and fair)	Mr Holbrook, Miss Holden
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	

**The rainbow is a sign of God's promise,
 He will guide us through any storm.
 When you feel battered by life's storms,
 Just remember God's rainbow is coming -
 It's only a prayer away.**

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Ask your child



We're sure you all ask your children what they have learned at school every day. We're also sure that the depth of answers that you receive will also vary, with some children saying, 'nothing'. To help aid your discussions, each week in the newsletter we will include a starter question that will help your child to talk about what they have been learning that week in school. Try it tonight

Reception	What is frass?
Year 1 / 2	Who was Charlemagne?
Year 3 / 4	Can you name a non-contact force?
Year 5 / 6	How are volcanoes formed?
General	What does it mean to 'see things through the eyes of someone else'?

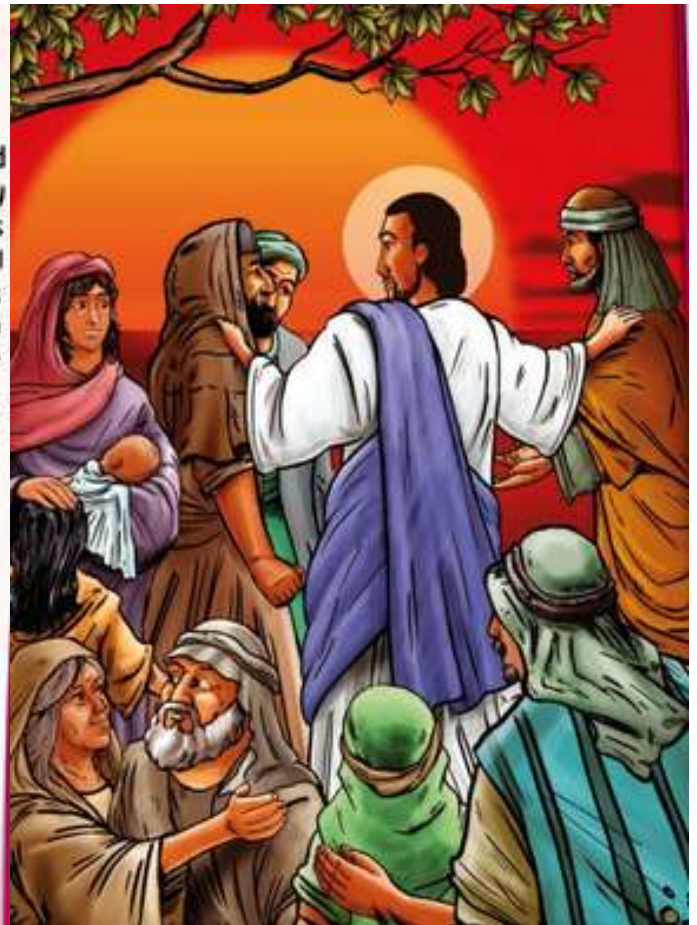
Article 14: The right of freedom of thought, belief and religion

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 5th May 2024



Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.*"

*Adapted from John 15:9-17
The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B*



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us always to love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen.

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What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



ONLINE GAMING

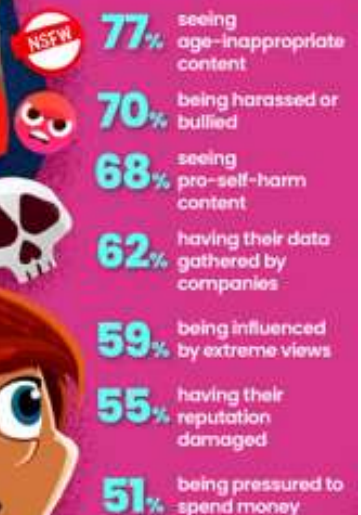
68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024


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Recommended Reads

This week taken from 'No Shelf Control' a monthly book newsletter available here: <https://misterbodd.wordpress.com/no-shelf-control/>



It's 1 year since the coronation, so here are...

9 Books about... Kings



There is apparently something very important happening to do with the monarchy soon. So why not have a royally good time and read one of these books about kings (some real and some fictional)!

1. The King's Pants
Nicholas Allan
2. The King's Hats
Sheila May Bird & Mark Beech
3. King of the Swamp
Catherine Emmett & Ben Mantle
4. The New King
Roger Hargreaves
5. Amazing Facts: King Charles III
Hannah Wilson and Chris Dickason
6. The King Who Banned the Dark
Emily Haworth-Booth
7. The Cat and the King
Nick Sharatt
8. King of the Sky
Nicola Davies & Laura Carlin
9. Winnie the Pooh Meets the King
Jane Riordan & Andrew Grey



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