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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

The half term break has arrived. Whilst many parents, children and staff have commented on how quickly this half term has gone, the amount of things going on in school in such a short space has been impressive. The break is well-earned and I hope it is well spent with families and friends. We will return to school on Monday the 3rd of June, where the exciting times in school continue ; with Sports Day, a Summer Fayre, Transition events, and trips and experiences to look forward to, we certainly can't wait

Best wishes,

David and Sam

First Holy Communion

Next Saturday, 8 of our pupils will be making their First Holy Communion, please keep them in your thoughts as they celebrate this special occasion with their families. Following the Service on 1st June, school will be open for the children who have made their communion, their families and parishioners. This will be a chance for tea/coffee/juice and a slice of cake.



Clubs



Our new after school club offer will go live on Arbor this afternoon. Again, these clubs will be bookable via Arbor. Arts and Crafts and football are remaining with the addition of 'Creative Kitchen' cooking club, Hockey and Badminton.

Year 6 Trip

Our Year 6 end of year trip has been booked! The children will be going on an exciting adventure to Xscape (Castleford) to take part in sledging and bowling as well as having some food and time in the arcades. We are delighted that FOSPA have contributed a significant amount of money to this trip, meaning the contribution request from parents is £18. This will go live on Arbor after the half term. Thanks again FOSPA!



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

Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
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
Thursday 13 th June	Year 5 @ St. Leonard's	9:40am—2:30pm	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	Confirmed Year 6 Leavers Trip	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
Friday 5 th July	Durham Johnston Transition Visit	All day	No
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	--
Monday 15 th July	BWCET Sports Event—Year 5 (details to follow)	9:30am—2:30pm	TBC
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	66.25%
1 / 2	88.18%
3 / 4	90.28%
5 / 6	89.86%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 86.48%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.63%	

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	389	340	340	413
Running total	4925	4178	4305	4414

Stars of the week

- Amelie** **Year R** For a positive attitude all week.
- Lily S-K** **Year 1 / 2** For being kind, honest and helpful.
- Finn** **Year 3 / 4** For showing great enthusiasm towards writing.
- Emilija** **Year 5 / 6** For an engaging story with fantastic vocabulary.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	Oliver R
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)	Louisa
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

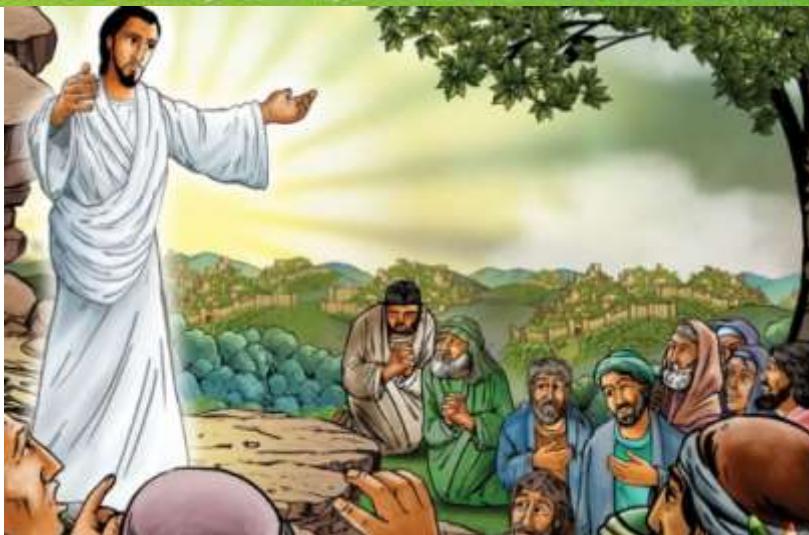
Reception	What are the pairs of numbers that go together to make 10?
Year 1 / 2	Who was Queen Elizabeth I?
Year 3 / 4	What does philosophy mean?
Year 5 / 6	How are volcanoes formed?
General	What are British Values?

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee. They came to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them after he had risen to new life. When they saw him they bowed down before him, though some hesitated. Then Jesus spoke to them. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," he said. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to keep all the commandments I have given you. And remember: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 26th May 2024 Cf. Matthew 28:16-20 (Trinity Sunday, Year B)



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your **friendship** and for all our **friends**. Help us to choose our **friends** wisely and to become better **friends** to them. Amen.

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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/>



Twice Upon a Time

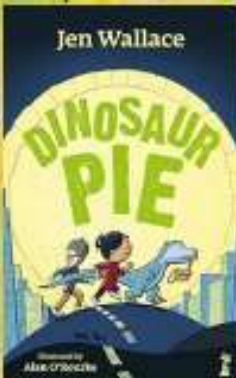
Michelle Harrison & Natalie Smillie
Simon & Schuster Children 9+

An enchanting blend of mystery and magic that transports readers into the intriguing world of the Morrow twins, Merry and Spike. With their unique ability to stop time, they unravel the secrets of Fox House, embarking on a thrilling adventure that kept me captivated until the very end. Harrison's rich storytelling and clever plot twists make this a must-read for fans of mysteries with a magical twist.

Agents of S.U.I.T

John Patrick Green, Christopher Hastings and Pat Lewis
Macmillan Children 6+

The second book focusing on different agents from the world of 'The Investigators'. Another brilliant graphic novel that will be well loved by children of all ages. This book follows Bongo and Marsha, the super badger spies. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts... they've got to complete this mission without all of the fancy tech and gizmos that they've become used to.



Dinosaur Pie

Jen Wallace & Alan O'Rourke
Little Island 6+

This is a delightful chapter book that combines laughter and heart in a charming story about a boy with ADHD who unexpectedly turns into a dinosaur after eating a pie his mum bought him... Readers aged 6 and up will be captivated by Rory's misadventures as he navigates life as a dinosaur, from his struggles with communication to his newfound obsession with sausages.

A Sprinkle of Happiness

Lucy Rowland & David Litchfield
Scholastic 5+

A heart-warming tale that beautifully illustrates the power of kindness. We follow a boy and his grandmother as they nurture a tiny sunflower seed into a towering plant that spreads joy throughout their community. Despite a setback when the sunflower is blown down by a storm, the story focusses on resilience and new beginnings. This book is delightful for all ages.



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10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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