



Friday 21st February 2025

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

Parent Governor Election

I can confirm that, following the election process for our vacant parent governor position, Jo Wraith has received the most votes in what was an exceptionally close contest.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jo, Gary Howe, Claire Huitson, Jennifer Parker and Joanne Parker for standing for election - their willingness to support and challenge our school is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to cast their vote over the past couple of weeks. The Governing Body looks forward to working alongside Jo in the near future as we continue our commitment to providing the very best education and care for all the children in our school.

New Pictorial Lunch Menus

On our school website, you can view the new pictorial menus that the children get to choose their lunch from each morning by going to the 'Parents' tab and then selecting 'School Lunch Menus'. Alternatively, you can follow the link [HERE](#).

We operate on a 3-week cycle and when we return after the half term break, we will be starting from **Week 2**.

PTA Cake Sale

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and everyone who supported the Cake Sale last Friday, especially those who generously donated or baked cakes. It was a tremendous success, raising an amazing £326.40 - an incredible achievement!

KS1 & KS2 PTA Discos – change of date

The date for the Reception/KS1 disco has changed from the one published in my previous newsletter. It will now take place on Friday 21st March. The KS2 disco will remain on Friday 14th March, as originally scheduled. On the day of their disco, children may come to school in non-uniform, whether they are attending the disco or not. However, year groups who are not having their disco that day are expected to wear their school uniform (or PE kit) as usual.

Children's Cancer Run 2025 – Save the Date

This year, the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, will take place on Sunday 18th May. In previous years, when we have entered as a school, it has been a fantastic way to make a positive impact as a school community while also having lots of fun.

I will share more details about the event, including how to sign up as part of our St Oswald's team, when we return after half term.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Morning Mass

In my previous newsletter, I shared information about the Children's Liturgy Group, which takes place during Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church. It was stated that sessions would be held on the first Sunday of each month. However, there has been a slight change to these arrangements. During March and April, the Children's Liturgy sessions will instead take place on the second Sunday of the month to accommodate children participating in the First Holy Communion programme, who will be meeting on the first Sunday of these two months.

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Changes to PE days:

After half term, several classes will have PE on different days due to the fact that there will be a number of external coaches working with the children in school. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but unfortunately, it is unavoidable.

Children will have PE on the following days (classes whose days have changed are highlighted):

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Monday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Wednesday & Thursday

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Spring term (**recently added dates in red**):

February

Friday 21st February – Break up for the half term holidays

March

Monday 3rd March – School re-opens for the second half of the Spring term

Thursday 6th March – Year 5 Mini Spiritual Retreat at St Mary's High School (AM)

Friday 7th March – Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 14th March – KS2 PTA Disco 3pm

Friday 14th March – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Friday 21st March – Reception and KS1 PTA Disco 3pm (new date)

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day 2025

Friday 21st March – Year 6 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Monday 24th March – Year 6 trip to Safety Works

Wednesday 26th March – Year 4 Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic schools

April

Tuesday 1st April – Year 4 Dance Festival at the Whitley Bay Playhouse (details to follow)

Friday 4th April – PTA Golden Ticket Draw (details to follow)

Monday 7th April – Easter Egg competition in school

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Tuesday 8th April – Big Lent Walk (details to follow)

Tuesday 8th April – Parents' Evening (all classes)

Wednesday 9th April – Year 4 & Year 5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7pm **(Confirmed)**

Thursday 10th April – Parents' Evening (all classes)

Friday 11th April – Reception class Easter Story for parents in school 9am

Friday 11th April – Break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 28th April – School re-opens for the Summer term

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

