



Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evenings last week. As always, the turnout was fantastic, and it was a wonderful opportunity to share how well the children have settled into their new classes this year. If you were unable to attend either session, please contact your child's class teacher after half term to arrange an appointment at a convenient date and time.

Deadline for Secondary School Applications

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2025. When completing the form, it is strongly recommended that you choose more than one preference in case you are unsuccessful in securing your first choice.

Reception class applications for 2025 and 2026

We still have two spaces available in our current Reception class.

If you know of anyone looking for a place for their child in this academic year, please ask them to contact the school office on 0191 285 2437.

Reception applications for **September 2026** are now open. To make an application, please follow the link [HERE](#). The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

Book Fair

Many thanks to Miss Gray and the Year 6 children for their hard work running the Book Fair earlier this month. As always, the Fair was a huge success, raising over £800! We will receive a percentage of this, which will be used to buy new books for our school library. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.

Golden Ticket Draw

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the Golden Ticket draw after school last Friday. We raised just under £150, which is a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to everyone who helped out and to all who joined in the fun - your support is greatly appreciated.

PE days after half term

Children will continue to have PE on the same days next half term:

Reception: Monday & Thursday (Can children please come to school in their PE kit after half term)

Year 1: Monday & Friday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 4: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Monday & Friday

PTO for dates for diaries



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

October

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term holidays

November

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens for children

Monday 3rd November – Year 5 trip to the Centre for Life

Wednesday 5th November – Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for all classes in school (Details to follow)

Friday 7th November – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Thursday 13th November – PTA AGM in school 8:45am (Details to follow)

Wednesday 12th November – Year 1 trip to Asda

Thursday 13th November – PTA AGM in school 8:45am (Details to follow)

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Friday 14th November – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Tuesday 18th November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

Tuesday 18th November – Year 6 Borrowdale Residential meeting for parents 5:45pm (Online)

Wednesday 19th November – Year 4 Youth Village meeting for parents 5pm (in-school)

Friday 28th November - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9am

Sunday 30th November – School Choir singing Carols in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall after 10:30am Mass

December

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 5 Carols at St Mary's Cathedral with other Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair in school from 3pm

Tuesday 9th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 10th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 12th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Monday 15th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch day

PTO



Wednesday 17th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

Friday 19th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 19th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other important dates:

Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATs week (Please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

