

*St Mary's Catholic Primary School, South Moor*

# NEWSLETTER

## June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the school year!

It has been lovely to welcome Miss Stafford back following her maternity leave.

As we near the summer break, a reminder that if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so during the holidays. The end of term can be a lovely time for this, allowing earrings to be removed ready for the start of the new school year. We will be ensuring that our uniform policy is followed closely in September—it is always wonderful to see the children looking so smart on their return. If you have any concerns about uniform, or need additional items as your child grows, please do contact us; we are always happy to help.

If your child is unwell, please remember to ring the office before 9am so that absence codes can be correctly recorded. You are welcome to leave a voicemail before this time, and messages will be checked on arrival. Thank you, as always, for your support.

I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our families in supporting PACT House. Please do continue to contribute over the remaining weeks of term, as this can be a particularly challenging time of year for many families.

The children engaged brilliantly in our neurodiversity and mental health assemblies, and we were delighted by the positive response to our recent coffee and cake afternoon. We look forward to continuing these opportunities in the autumn term, when our external providers will be able to join us—date to follow.

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Meet the Teacher sessions. We will invite all parents into school again in the autumn term for our welcome meetings, where teachers will share key information about the new year groups. Transition is currently well underway, with a range of mini-events and full transition days taking place, alongside St Bede's programme. We have extended this provision to ensure all children have the best possible start in September.

Please check the dates below for the final events of the school year.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Anderson



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Catholic Primary School



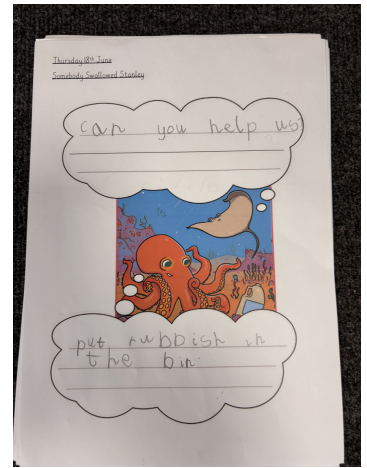
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## CLASS 1 NEWS

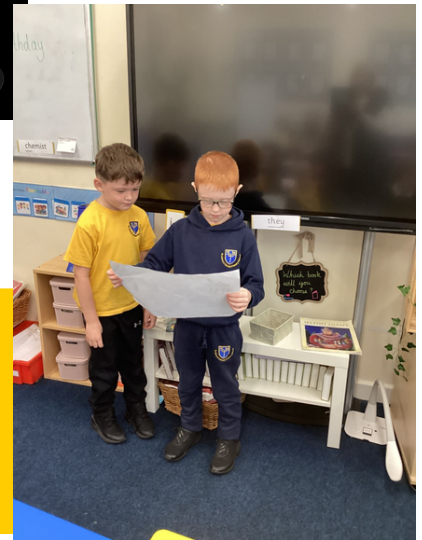
The children are really enjoying learning about rock pools, the ocean and creatures that live there.

They have also been thinking about ocean pollution and the harmful effects it can have.



## CLASS 2 NEWS

Children in Class 2 worked in pairs to write an alternative ending to our class text. We then presented our endings to the whole class. We had great fun listening to everyone's ideas.



## CLASS 3 NEWS

Class 3 have really enjoyed our PE lessons, which have focused on our throwing and catching skills, including a team game of dodgeball.

In science we have investigated magnetic forces and we used magnetic to test different materials to identify whether they were magnetic.

We have started our new text in English and we have enjoyed reading about The Sheep-Pig.



## **CLASS 4 NEWS**

**Class 4 have been very busy in all curriculum areas. We have been reading The Bad Beginning of A Series of Unfortunate Events and the children have written some fantastic descriptions of Count Olaf's house - I was so impressed by the ambitious vocabulary used. We are all looking forward to upcoming trips; Y5 are preparing a dance ready for our visit to Gateshead Stadium for the BWCET Celebration of Sport and Y6 similarly are rehearsing moves for their Primary Festival at YMT.**



## SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Day of Many Colours.**
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July: St Bede's transition days.**
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July: in school transition days.**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July (2 pm): Y6 Leavers' performance for parents and carers.**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July (6pm): Year 6 joint leavers' Mass: at St. Patrick's Church, Dipton.**
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July (2.15 pm) : Thanksgiving service in school, all welcome.**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day(1.30 pm), weather permitting.**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Whole school trip to the beach .**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (2pm): Summer singing celebration concert in school, all welcome.**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: last day of term. School closes at 1.30 pm.**

### RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2026– PORTAL CLOSED

**If your child is not allocated St Mary's but you would still like a place, please contact me — we can talk through the options.**

The Parent Portal is now closed, so you will need to contact Durham County Council School Places (Admissions), **who can send you a late-application form.**

### PAYMENT REMINDERS

As per Trust policy, the admin team have to ensure all payments are kept up to date.  
**Please support the office by paying in advance for lunches, clubs, trips and milk.**



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