



St. Mary's Newsletter

19th April 2024

Stars of the week

YR Olivia R for being ready to learn everyday.

Dexter for having wonderful respectful manners.

Y1 Hanna G for always being polite and respectful.

Joshua for excellent effort writing a rhyming countdown poem.

Y2 Daniel for being a super role model by showing an excellent attitude all week.

Davi for showing great perseverance during his sewing task in DT.

Y3 Ollie for excellent effort in Maths.

Thomas for excellent work in P.E.

Y4 Mac T for practicing and improving your times table knowledge.

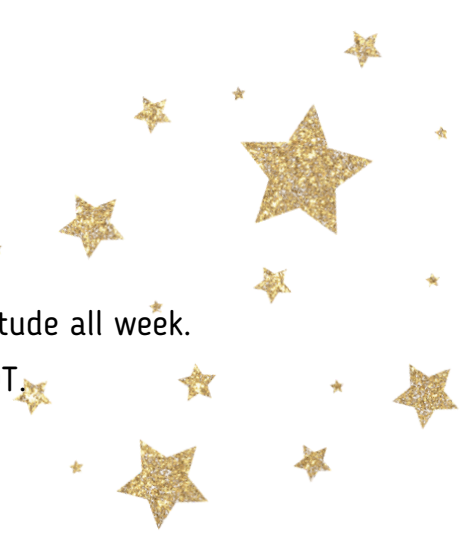
Matthew T for producing an excellent story board of The ILLIAD story in History.

Y5 Kacper for working very hard with your handwriting.

Lucy for great effort and creativity with your storyboard of the Greek siege of Troy.

Y6 Florence a great attitude shown towards her learning all week. She has been focused and resilient.

Gabby for showing great determination and a desire to improve all aspects of her work.



REMINDER!

Starting from the 10th June, all Year 1 children and a small number of Year 2 children will complete the phonics screening check. So you can support your child at home, we will soon be sending home specific sounds for your child to work on.

This should be a fun activity. We do not tell the children they are being 'tested'.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the book donations we have received already. Please continue to send in any books (in good condition) that you would like to donate to our school library.

Question of the week:

YR Where did the paper dolls go in our book this week?

Y1 Where did Ramses II rule?

Y2 What would life be like in Consett in the Victorian era?

Y3 What are the features of a legend?

Y4 How did the Greeks take control of Troy?

Y5 What sub-group of the Greek Army did Achilles command?

Y6 How can you calculate the volume of a cuboid?

Dates for your diary are on the following page



Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time	Details
Mon 15 Apr return after Easter			
Y6 trip to Nissan	Mon 29 Apr	All day	Children only
Y4 Youth Village residential	1 - 3 May		Children only
Y6 SATs week	13-16 May		Children only
Y5 trip to Centre for Life	Wed 15 May	All day	Children only
Fri 24 May break up for Spring 1/2 term - Mon 3 June return after Easter			
Y1 trip to Beamish	Wed 12 Jun	All day	Children only
INSET day	Fri 21 June	All day	School closed to children
Y6 @ Youth Village	Mon 24 June	All day	Children only
Sports week	24 - 28 June		Children only
Whole school sports day	Fri 28 June	2.00-3.30	All parents welcome
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Mon 1 July	All day	Children only
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Whole school moving up day	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Y6 residential to Kingswood	3 - 5 July		Children only
Y5 taster day at St Bede's	Fri 5 July	All day	Children only
Y5 Trust Athletics	Mon 15 July	All day	Details to follow
Fri 19 July break up for Summer holidays			

Attendance Emails

All parents within Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust will receive an attendance email each half term. Parents will continue to receive these when their child transitions to St Bede's. These emails are worded by the Trust and we must send them out inline with Trust policy. They are intended to keep parents updated about their child's attendance percentage. They are not intended to lay blame or point the finger at individual parents. Research shows that high attendance gives children the best possible start in life. The more time children spend in school, the more they develop social skills and friendships and enjoy school more. Many children can really struggle to return to school following a period of absence. See below for ways in which you can support your child attend school as much as possible:

- Book family holidays during school holidays rather than term time
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment
- Arrive at school on time so your child doesn't feel embarrassed about walking into class late
- Ensure your child has a good understanding of why attendance is important
- Explain that facing up to difficulties can be a good thing and will help them as they get older
- Talk to your child and try to figure out the reasons why they do not want to attend
- Establish a good a bed time routine so that your child does not start the school day tired
- Talk about school and school staff in a positive way in front of your child
- If appointments are needed for health reasons, try to make them after school

If your child continues to struggle, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance to see if they have noticed any signs of distress once they are in school. Often, minor adjustments and regular check-ins with a trusted member of staff can be enough to make them feel secure. If difficulties continue, the class teacher may ask the SENCO for advice. Alternatively, you can seek further more specialist support through Consett Family Hub. We have information leaflets about the essential services that the Family Hub provides in the school entrance.