



St Anne's Newsletter 13.01.23

This week our overall attendance was **94.9%**. Please make every effort to ensure your child gets to school every day and **on time** to help us achieve our target. Well done to Year 1 and Year 6 for their great attendance this week!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 / 5	Year 6
Attendance	95%	98%	95%	88%	93%	99%



STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception – Faith

For trying so hard in her challenges this week.

Year 1 – Beth

For a fantastic story map in English.

Year 2 – Beau

For excellent Maths work and great effort.

Year 3 – Ava-Rae

For excellent attitude and effort in her Maths lessons.

Year 4 – Lincoln

For his positive attitude and kindness towards his friends.

Year 5 – Connor

For his hard work in Maths.

Year 6 – Annabella

For consistently showing good behaviour in school.

PARENT PAY BALANCES

Parents are reminded to login to their ParentPay account and clear any negative balances as soon as possible.

NEU Strike

We have included a letter regarding the strike to this newsletter.

INFORMATION

School Clubs

School clubs will begin next week. All clubs are now available to book on ParentPay.

			Cost
Monday	Booster	Year 6	Free
Monday	Homework Club	Reception to Year 5	4 weeks £8
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Year 1 to Year 6	4 weeks £8
Wednesday	Dance Club	Year 3 to Year 6	4 weeks £8
Thursday	Story Workshops	Reception to Year 2	4 weeks £8

Please note that we are unable to offer a place on any clubs this term to those that have outstanding balances from the last term.

Term Dates

We have included a copy of the term dates for 2023 – 2024 to this newsletter.

Scribble Bots

Year 6 have a visit from Gateshead Libraries on Tuesday 24th January. They have kindly agreed to complete a Scribble Bot workshop looking at circuits and motors. They will also help invent a new product for their DT topic of Electrical Circuits.

Maths Investigation Day

On Friday 27th January, children across school will be taking part in a Maths investigation morning in which they will be applying their knowledge and skills from their current Math topic to solve a range of interactive and real life mathematical problems.



WEDUC PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

We are now live with Weduc. We will use this for all parental engagement and communication. We have issued enrolment messages for all parents and carers to register. It is very important that you do so, as we will be moving away from Groupcall (text messaging) and ParentPay in April. Please contact the office if you are unable to register.

Newsfeed

To access the newsfeed click on read or share news and ideas in the newsfeed. Here you will see things that are going on in school, important information and updates.

Absences

Pupil absences can be reported by accessing the parent portal, selecting your child, and then clicking report an absence.

Calendar

All events are added to Weduc and you will receive reminders via the app when events are taking place, so you never have to miss anything. To access it you can click on the calendar icon or click view upcoming events in your calendar.

Forms

Holiday requests are to be made via Weduc also. To do this, you click on complete and submit forms, select your child, click available forms and then select leave of absence request and then complete the form and click submit. There is also a form available to change your contact details.

Messages

You can also message the office directly by clicking on the mail icon in the centre at the bottom of the app. You can then select a new message and search for Office Mailbox. You then add a subject and add the information and then click the send icon. Please note, absences must be reported via the absences module as detailed above.

The Hub

The hub contains useful information and links that open directly in the App, such as the website, Numbots and Timetables Rock stars. More resources will be added soon, including Reading Plus, uniform, newsletters, parents evening bookings, key policies and more.

Notices

We will be using notices to illustrate important messages that will ping to your device.



EVENTS

All of these events have been added to Weduc and our website.

Date	Class	Event
Wednesday 25 th January 2023	Year 4/5	Swimming
Wednesday 25 th January 2023	Toddler Group	Toddler group continues
Thursday 16 th February 2023	Reception, Year 1 and 2	Curriculum coffee morning presentation of work - More details to follow
Friday 17 th February 2023	KS1	Mass at Church – 10am
Friday 17 th February 2023	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Curriculum coffee morning presentation of work more details to follow
HALF TERM		
Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2023		
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	Whole School	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 3 rd March 2023	EYFS, 1 and 2	2.15pm Lent Liturgy (all welcome)
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Whole School	Parents Evening. 1pm to 6pm. (more information to follow).
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Year 3	2.15pm Lent Liturgy (all welcome)
Friday 10 th March 2023	Whole School	2.00pm Mother's Day Event
Friday 17 th March 2023	Whole School	2.00pm Mother's Day Event
Friday 17 th March 2023	Whole School	Red Nose Day. All day- (more information to follow).
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 6	Mass at Church -10am
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 4/5	2.15pm Lent Liturgy (all welcome)
Tuesday 28 th March	KS2	Dance festival – time to be confirmed
Friday 31 st March 2023	Year 6	2.00pm Lent Liturgy- Stations of the Cross (all welcome)
Friday 31 st March 2023	Whole School	School break up for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm
Monday 17 th April 2023	Whole School	First day back after Easter Holidays – 8:50am





Term Dates 2023 – 2024

		Days
AUTUMN TERM	Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October	
School Holiday	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October (Inset day Monday 4 th September)	34
AUTUMN TERM	Monday 30th October to Friday 22nd December	
School Holiday	Monday 25 th December to Friday 5 th January	40
SPRING TERM	Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February	
School Holiday	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February (Inset day Monday 8 th January)	24
SPRING TERM	Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March	
School Holiday	Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April (Easter Weekend 29 th March to 1 st April)	29
SUMMER TERM	Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May (May Day Bank Holiday will be taken 6 th May)	
School Holiday	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May (Spring Bank Holiday will be taken 27 th May)	29
SUMMER TERM	Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July (Inset day Monday 10 th June)	
	Total	190

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	Monday 25 th December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 th December 2023
New Year's Day	Monday 1 st January 2024
Good Friday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 th August 2024

The new school year will begin on Monday 2nd September 2024 (it is likely this will be an INSET day).



Trust Letter Notification of Industrial Action

20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware from the recent media coverage, National Education Union (NEU) have balloted their members with regards to taking industrial action over concerns relating to pay.

The planned strike dates that may affect our schools are as follows:

- 1st February 2023
- 28th February 2023
- 15th & 16th March 2023

The action is not against our school nor the Trust itself but is part of national industrial action organised by NEU.

There is no requirement for NEU to inform us of which members of staff will take action, as there is no obligation on members of the union to obey a strike call. However, in the interests of our children's safety and welfare I am requesting that staff colleagues advise me whether they intend to attend work on the planned strike days. If we have a high number of staff taking action it could possibly lead to either partial or full closure of the school.

Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust is not allowed to close any of its schools in sympathy with the strike. However, our main concern is the welfare and safety of our students. The decision to close is never taken lightly but in the instance where a significant number of staff elect to take lawful industrial action, we may have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our students.

Therefore, this letter is being sent to you to give you an early warning that the Trust, Governors and I will need to consider in due course the action we will have to take, once we know how many staff are intending to take part in the strike.

We will continue to keep you informed via the school's website and by letter for those who do not have access to this site.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued support.

