



## FAMILIES UPDATE WEEK 39

19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Last Sunday's Gospel is a fitting Gospel for the last week of the academic year. In the Gospel Jesus sends the Twelve on their mission to announce the nearness of the Kingdom.

What do you need for your mission? I think that we need a keen sense of God as the centre of our lives. If our lives are focused on the love of God and the love of our neighbour, it enables us to find true balance. This enables us to know what our mission, our life is about. With this balance, we are ready for mission.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." (St Catherine of Siena)

Are we ready to be who God calls us to be?

Thank you for your kindness and support during the academic year.

Wishing you a restful, restorative, and relaxing holiday with family and friends.

Yours sincerely

Daniel P. Murray  
Headmaster

### Arrangements for START of the NEW Academic Year

The first day of the Michaelmas Term and the new Academic Year is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. All pupils should be on site by 8.30am and so that they can be in their Form Class for a prompt start at 8.40am.

The Fox and Hounds Gate will close at **8.30am** and the Gretna Road will close at **8.35am**.

### School Office

In the first week of the school holidays (week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024) we will be holding our Year 6 Summer School and therefore the school office will be open. See table below for school office opening hours for the remainder of the summer break:

Week	Dates	School Office Opening Times
1	Week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
2	Week commencing 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
3	Week commencing 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm

4	Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
5	Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
6	Week commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 (With the exception of Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August)	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Uniform Sales

Our uniform suppliers can offer the opportunity to purchase uniform during the Summer School or during Week 6 of the summer holidays.

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History <i>(access via Student Reception)</i>
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History <i>(access via Student Reception)</i>
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History <i>(access via Student Reception)</i>
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History <i>(access via Student Reception)</i>
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History <i>(access via Student Reception)</i>

Thank you to parents/carers for your continuing support in ensuring the highest standards of school uniform. Before the start of the new academic year, we wish to remind all parents/carers and pupils of our uniform and appearance rules as set out in our Uniform Policy (available on our [website](#)).

Please ensure that any new items purchased for school are in keeping with the Uniform Policy.

- Ties are to be done up and worn from the neck to the waist.
- Socks are to be plain grey or black (white socks are not acceptable).
- Shoes are to be black leather, plain, formal, and polished. Laces and stitching are to be black.

Pupils who fail to wear uniform correctly will be dealt with according to the School's Behaviour Policy. All items provided by The School Outfit have been approved by the school and can be purchased from their [website](#).

### General Information

**Recycled Uniform:** If your son's uniform is too small for him, but is in reasonable condition, can you please consider donating it to school, so that we have a stock of uniform here? This will help to support other families.

**Smile's Summer Programme 2024:** Sport and Physical activity sessions and events for young people with additional needs. Please see [here](#) for information regarding booking and costings for activities which will run over the summer holidays.

**New Families Update:** Next academic year, we will be launching a new format for our Families Update. Watch this space!

**Bishop Bewick Newsletter:** The Bishop Bewick newsletter for summer can be found [here](#).

**Reading Newsletter:** Thank you for all your support this year with your son's reading. It has been great to hear so many boys enthusiastically discuss the books they have been reading. Please see [here](#) for the last reading newsletter for this academic year. While boys will not have a library book with them over the summer, they are able to access thousands of e-books and audiobooks [here](#).

**Form Tutor Cards:** All pupils and students have received a card from their form tutor this week. We do hope you enjoy reading them.

**Attendance:** There are changes to the Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued for irregular school attendance which come into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> August. The leaflet [here](#) from the Local Authority provides important information for parents and carers.

**Flu Immunisation Programme 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024: Years 7 – 11** - This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. The vaccine will help prevent them catching the flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect vulnerable friends and family by reducing the spread of flu. The intra-nasal flu vaccine is the most effective protection for your child against flu. The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **NB137900**


If you decide you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete a non-consent form. If in the past you have refused the intra-nasal flu due to porcine gelatin content, please complete the online IM consent form. If you have any queries regarding the online consent form or the Flu vaccine please contact the Northumbria Healthcare School Aged Immunisation Service on 0191 2828977 or <https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/>

## Careers Development

**Apprenticeship awareness:** take a look at the latest [newsletter](#) to find out more about apprenticeships.

## PSHE at Home

	Topic Area	Week 39 lesson title	PSHE at home Task
Years 7-12	Contextual Safeguarding	County Lines in the West End of Newcastle	Discuss with your son the Home Office graphic showing the kind of signals that may be shown by someone involved in County Lines activity...

			<p>County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:</p>  <p>For further discussion points, use the link below to visit the Northumbria Police parent and carer leaflet.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/media/4129/county-lines-v2-final-parent-and-carer-leaflet.pdf">https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/media/4129/county-lines-v2-final-parent-and-carer-leaflet.pdf</a></p>
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**Parish News**

**Newcastle City Centre (St Mary’s Cathedral, St Dominic’s, St Michael’s and St Andrews):** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

**Sponsored Walk:** Fr William and members of St Michael's Parish are taking part in a sponsored walk to raise funds for St Michael's. The walk will begin at St Andrew's Worswick Street (the site of the first Catholic public Catholic Chapel in Tyneside) proceed to St Mary's Cathedral ( which was carved out of St Andrew's parish ) ending with refreshments at St Michael's which itself was carved from the Cathedral parish. Approx 2miles, so it isn't exactly the Great North Run. If you cannot take part, please consider sponsoring someone who is.

Bishop Stephen will ordain Reverend Joseph O’Brien to the Priesthood this coming Saturday, 20th July at 11am in the Cathedral. There will be some non-allocating seating available for those who wish to attend. We keep Deacon Joseph in our prayers and wish him a happy and fulfilling ministry amongst the people of our Diocese. Please note that there will be no 10am Mass at the Cathedral this Saturday.

**All Saints Parish (St Bede’s and St George’s Churches):** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

**Fundraising for the Little Sisters of the Poor:** David and Teresa O’Neill raise funds for the Little Sisters at St Joseph’s Home by collecting & sorting used postage stamps (any period or country), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families. To date they have raised over £21,200 which helps the Sisters run St Joseph’s. If you are able to help, please contact David & Theresa O’Neill, 34 Morston Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7RZ, Tel: 0191 264 5771.

**St John Vianney’s, St Cuthbert’s Throckley and St Mark’s:** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

**Exploring Carmel:** Aged 18 -35? Exploring Carmel, starting on September 24<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Twelve sessions providing the opportunity to grow spiritually and deepen your relationship with God. Build relationships with others and explore the story and gifts of the Carmelite tradition. For information and registration go to <https://forms.office.com/e/g1eeJcMTiN> - #carmelite #carmelites #youngadultministry#carmel

Don't forget to book for the Youth 2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey August 23-26 <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024> Please see the poster at the back of church.

Would you like to be an Altar Server? If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to learn how more about the Mass and how to serve at the Altar. Please speak to Fr Damian or Fr Paul after Mass.

**English Martyrs, St Robert's and St Cuthbert's Kenton:** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter. Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities & transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted & free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities & excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

## Prayers

**Pray with the Pope:** The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions Brought to you by Apostleship of Prayer the first Friday of each month. You can access these prayers [here](#).

**Prayer for the Week:** This week's prayer is a prayer for the Summer from Xavier University.

*Take time to claim your strengths; they are gifts of God.  
Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.  
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.  
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.  
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.  
Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.  
Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.*

*Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord,  
and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.  
May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety.  
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.*

*Lord God,  
Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts,  
during these months of summer and vacation days.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.  
St Cuthbert, pray for us.*

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