



**'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel.'**

### Attendance

We would just like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for the amazing attendance figures we have been having in recent days and weeks. We sit with an average of 97.2% so far this academic year, with figures of 99% on certain days throughout this week, which is incredible.

We would love to see these figures continue through to the end of this term. We know this is definitely the season for sniffs and common colds, but we should endeavour to get our children into school, so they do not miss out on vital educational opportunities and building those foundations for the many years to come. Mr Craig understands that children can become poorly and sickness results in missed days however we would ask you try your very best to have children in school throughout this winter period.

Many thanks,  
Team Stella

### Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Last week was anti-bullying week. To coincide with what children discussed and learned, please find more information on cyberbullying and how to approach these matters with your children at home:

[Cyberbullying facts and advice | Internet Matters](#)

Here is a link to the pledges we made in school to commit to our efforts in making sure no child or person is the victim of bullying.

[Anti-Bullying Week 2024 – St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Blaydon](#)



### Whole School Mass

We will be holding a whole school Mass on Thursday 5th December at 9.05 a.m. for Advent.

All are welcome to attend.



### Year 1 Assembly

The children from Year 1 will be presenting their Assembly to parents on Tuesday 26th November at 9.05 a.m. in the school hall.

All are welcome to attend.



Class Assembly



**This week Pope Francis reminds us,**

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others, leading us on our journey towards eternal life."



### Year of Prayer - Wednesday 20th November 2024

On Wednesday we take time out of our busy week to reflect on the gifts God has given each of us. A huge thank you to Niamh and Freddie from Year 6 for hosting the broadcast along with Miss Wilson. **Please click on the praying hands** to hear it for yourself.



## Celebrating as a community

We were visited in school by our Trust CEO, Mr Hurn, on Thursday. Mr Hurn presented us with a plaque to celebrate our recent Ofsted achievements. The children were thrilled to see him. They were telling Mr Hurn about our recent 'well done' cookies which we had with our lunch. For more pictures, please see our latest web post [Celebrating our achievements – St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Blaydon](#)



## Attendance

During celebration assembly on Friday, we have been celebrating whole class attendance and each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Attendance Trophy, well done to **Year 2** Class who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: 18th November 2024	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Reception	89.68
Year 1	97.40
Year 2	<b>98.96</b>
Year 3	98.92
Year 4	97.41
Year 5	96.67
Year 6	95.93

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## ADMISSIONS 2025

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## Spotlight Celebration

Martha in year 4 has passed her Rookie Lifeguard Bronze challenge in which she has demonstrated the skills and stamina to rescue people who are in difficulty in the water!



Ivy was very pleased to pass her primary Acro at dance. She has lessons at the Elaine Pygall School of Dancing and started Acro at the start of the school year.



A big Well Done to Zach who got player of the match at rugby on Sunday and then headed to bag his 8th Wainwright, Binsey.



Henry in Year 2 has passed his Stage 3 swimming and earned his 10 badge this week! Go Henry!



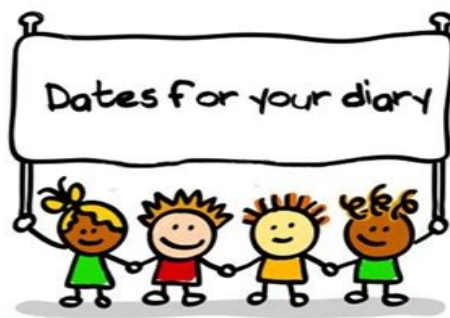
Congratulations to Owen in Year 1 for achieving his Yellow belt grade in karate. Well done.

Don't forget to send your images to Miss Green at [hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com](mailto:hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com)

## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 26th November  
Thursday 5th December  
Friday 6th December  
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Monday 9th December  
Tuesday 10th December  
Wednesday 11th December  
  
Thursday 12th December  
Friday 13th December  
Thursday 19th December  
Friday 20th December

Year 1 Assembly 9.05 a.m. in the school Hall  
Whole school Mass for Advent  
Choir Concert - 3.45 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.  
School Christmas lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Reception Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC  
Keystage 1 Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC  
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Nursery Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC  
Keystage 2 Christmas Performance in church - times TBC  
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Christmas Mass 9.05 a.m.  
Christmas Pantomime for Years 1 - 6 at the Tyne Theatre



Please note that if any of these dates change we highlight the new date in **Red**.

