



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

## Parent Code of Conduct

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please click on the image for a link to our Parent Code of Conduct. Mr Craig shared this with you all via Arbor earlier this week and we feel it is important to share on all platforms.

We share this code of conduct annually with all parents and carers to remind ourselves of the importance of relationships built upon mutual respect for one another. These are values we teach here to our children at St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas, it is only fitting that these values are shared among our community as we interact with one another on a daily basis.

Many thanks for your continued support in providing a safe, warm and supportive school environment.

Mr Craig



## Gateshead West Uniform Scheme

You will know from previous emails that this is a great scheme for recycling school uniform and other items that are needed in school such as fancy dress outfits and sports kits. If you are unable to attend one of their markets (next one is 26th May at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at St Cuthberts community hall in Blaydon) they will be hosting a table top pop up sale on our sports days.

They will provide several boxes of sized up uniform for parents to purchase via a donation box or use a QR code.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information about the scheme.

## Meningitis UK

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the non uniform day. We raised a fantastic amount of £170. Jessica Bellamy popped into our school assembly today to receive the money and to tell us more about the charity and her exciting trek to the peak of Kilimanjaro.



## Happy Retirement, Theresa!

We are sad to share that our wonderful School Business Manager, Theresa Costello, will be retiring at the end of this half term. She will be truly missed by everyone here at school.

Theresa has always been the kind of person who approaches every challenge with positivity, a can-do attitude, and a warm smile. Her unwavering support and dedication have made a lasting impact—not just on the school, but on all of us who've had the pleasure of working with her. She has been an incredible support to me personally, as well as to Miss Green and the wider team.

As she steps into this exciting new chapter, we wish her all the very best. First on the agenda: a well-earned holiday and welcoming her new puppy—we're all looking forward to meeting the newest member of her family! From all of us here at St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas, thank you, Theresa, and all the best for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

## Half term holidays

School will close at 3.15 p.m. **on Friday 23th May** for the half term break.  
We will re-open on **Tuesday 3rd June** from 8.30 a.m. for a 8.45 a.m. registration



“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others.” St Augustine

## Safeguarding Reminder

Safeguarding the children in our care is one of the school's main responsibilities, one that St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas take very seriously.

As you are already aware from previous updates, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Craig. You can speak to him by phone, make an appointment via the school office, or catch him when he's outside greeting/saying goodbye to children, if you ever have a concern. If you are unable to speak to Mr Craig, you can speak to any other member of staff about your concern (s).

The school has an updated Safeguarding policy, that can be found on the school website, or paper copies can be requested from the school office.

All staff receive annual safeguarding refresher training, as well as other training throughout the year on key areas, including record keeping and reporting. Our school also has a termly visit from our Safeguarding Consultant, who completes an audit of the school's safeguarding and identifies any future improvements or training needs.

### Why do parents need to know this information?

- To reassure you that we take keeping our children safe in school very seriously at St. Mary and St. Thomas Aquinas.
- It's good to remind parents/carers of the key members of staff, in case new parents did not know who they were.
- To highlight the continual work that the school puts into keeping our children safe in school.

Additional information can be found on our website:

## 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 6 who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: Monday 19th May 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Reception	97.96
Year 1	86.67
Year 2	99.11
Year 3	99.08
Year 4	97.24
Year 5	94.76
Year 6	100

## Year 1 & 2 Gardening Club Reminder

Please note that the last gardening club session for the current group will be on Tuesday 3rd June. Letters will soon be out for the next gardening sessions.



## Can you help?

Nursery would like your help. If you have any toys that your children no longer use and would like to pass on, we would be so happy to take them off your hands. Ideally we are looking for some K'nex construction toys, some outdoor construction toys and some Lego. Thank you



## Make up & Jewellery

Can we please remind parents and carers about our uniform policy. We do not allow children to wear jewellery, make-up, false nails / nail varnish etc.

## Bikeability - Learn to Ride

We will be holding a learn to ride one day session in October. This is for children who can NOT ride a bike on 2 wheels and will be in Year 3 - 6 from September.

The course will last for one day and has limited spaces.

If you would like to reserve a place could you please email Miss Green on [hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com](mailto:hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com)

## Sports Days

Please see our timetable for our annual Sports Day events.

### Monday 7th July - Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Gates will open at 1 p.m. for the event to start at 1.15 p.m.

### Tuesday 8th July - Key stage 2 Sports Day

Gates will open at 1 p.m. for the event to start at 1.15 p.m.



## Year 4 Multiplication

The assessment window for the Year 4 multiplication check opens on Monday 2nd June. Please ensure your child/children continue to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars in order to maintain the fantastic progress they've made so far!



If you are looking for somewhere to take the children over the half term holidays, here is a list of places with offers on for children.

### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### **IKEA**

Kids meals from 95p daily from 11am

### **ASK ITALIAN**

Kids under 10 eat for £1

### **LAS IGUANAS** - via app

Kids under 12 eat FREE

### **BEEFEATER**

2 Kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **MORRISONS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, with a £5 spend

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### **BREWERS FAYRE**

2 Kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **PREMIER INN & TRAVEL LODGE**

2 Kids eat FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **BREWDOG**

2 Kids eat FREE with 1 adult - 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May

### **TGI Fridays** - via app

Kids eat FREE with any adult meal

### **BURGER KING** - via app

Kids eat FREE with every adult meal - 26<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE on Sundays with £10 spend

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat FREE all day Mon-Fri

## Spotlight Celebration



How fantastic to have one of our own, Logan Dalziel performing in a lead role in a theatrical show. Logan recently completed a four show playing Zack Mooneyham in 'School of Rock.' He performed to over 750 people over the time and earned rave reviews from all who attended.

What a brilliant achievement



We would love to see more achievements, works of art or an event that you are proud of. Please send them to [hgreen@stmb.bwcet.com](mailto:hgreen@stmb.bwcet.com)

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Dixie Hood won the winter race series at Silksworth ski slope for 2025, she will be racing at chill factory in Manchester next month.



Tiggy and Ava were in their musical theatre summer show performance last weekend. They had a fab time.



Lucy got player of the week in Wildcats this week. Well done Lucy.



Tiggy's special friend Poppy went to watch her during her swimming lesson. They both had hot chocolate as a treat afterwards.



Henry made an African mask at the park. He has enjoyed drawing them all week and he is excited to make one in art!

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# GRASS ROOTS

## SUMMER SPORT & ACTIVITY WEEKS

**OPTION 1:** Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
(St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) £75

**OPTION 2:** Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025  
(St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School) £75

**OPTION 3:** Tues 26<sup>th</sup> August - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
(St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School) £60

**TIME:** 9:30am – 3:30pm



### COURSE DETAILS:

The week will involve various sports; including football, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, tennis, hockey etc and will involve fun based activities such as water games/fights, crash mat tournaments and tug of war competitions.

The course will be taken by qualified coaches/teachers.

All of our coaching staff have been through a recent police clearance.

Children should be between the ages of 5 (4 is fine if in reception) and 11 (Yr 6).

### YOU WILL NEED:

- A Packed lunch
- Change for the tuck shop
- A change of clothes in case we play water games!
- To be collected promptly at 3:30pm



### BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book onto this course, please visit [www.grassrootssports.co.uk](http://www.grassrootssports.co.uk) where you can pay by debit/credit card.

Individual days are priced at £25 per day and can be booked via email ([indivdays@grassrootssports.co.uk](mailto:indivdays@grassrootssports.co.uk)).

If you are unable to pay online, please contact us directly on **07703 533 556** (Keith) or **07725 128 717** (Sarah).



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**11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August**

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THE LAST DAY

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May Half Term

Monday 2nd June	Inset Day
4th - 6th June	Year 5 attending YMT retreat
Thursday 5th June	Year 6 Mass in Church at 9.05 a.m.
Friday 6th June	Pentecost Parade
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 Mass
Friday 13th June	Year 3 Liturgy followed by coffee and chat
Saturday 14th June	First Holy Communion Day
Tuesday 17th June	Year 2 Assembly
Thursday 19th June	Year 4 leading - Whole School Mass
Friday 20th June	Year 6 Liturgy followed by coffee and chat
Wednesday 25th June	Year 6 Team Building
Thursday 26th June	Year 1 Mass
Friday 27th June	Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium
Friday 27th June	Year 6 attending Primary Festival
Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 Transition Day
2nd July - 4th July	Year 6 attending Robinwood Residential
Thursday 3rd July	Year 3 Mass
Thursday 3rd July	BWCET Celebration of Sport - Year 5
Monday 7th July	Keystage 1 Sports Day
Tuesday 8th July	Keystage 2 Sports Day
Thursday 10th July	Year 2 Mass
Friday 11th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass - Whole School Attending
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 4 p.m.

### Monday 21st July - Friday 29th August - Summer Holidays

The start of the Autumn term 2025 is Monday 1st September 2025 (This is an inset day)  
(First Day back for children will be Tuesday 2nd September)

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

