



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

Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5 class have taken part in their very first school based residential at the YMT in Allensford.

They've taken a few day away to reflect spiritually, develop team building skills and enjoy a wonderful time together.

A huge thank you to Miss Steel, Mr Reay, Mr Innerdale and Mr Patterson for giving up their time to take our children on such a fantastic trip.

We can't wait to hear all about it!



Football Update

Our Girl's Football Team were amazing yesterday at the 7-a-side Ryton League. The team came 2nd in the league and now progress to the champions final against the top two teams of all three leagues.

All the players were exceptional. We couldn't be more proud of their achievements.



Future dates

Tuesday 17th Year 2 will be presenting their assembly at 9.05 a.m. in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 19th Year 4 will be leading Mass for the whole school. 9.10 a.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.

Friday 20th Year 6 liturgy will be in the school hall from 2.30 p.m. followed by coffee and chat with the staff.

Class Photographs

You will have received a proof copy of the children's class photograph (year 5 will get there's on Monday). If you wish to purchase the photograph could you please return the proof copy with payment to the school office by Friday 15th June a.m.



"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." Pope Francis

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. We have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school these are Miss Hudson (Deputy Headteacher/ Year 5 class teacher), Mrs Bennison (Assistant Headteacher/ Year 6 class teacher and Mrs Costello (School Business Manager). If you are unable to speak to Mr Craig, you can speak to these members of staff or 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 **5** who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: Monday 2nd June 2025	
Year group	Attendance percentage
<i>Reception</i>	90.86
<i>Year 1</i>	95.24
<i>Year 2</i>	96.88
<i>Year 3</i>	97.24
<i>Year 4</i>	97.70
<i>Year 5</i>	99.52
<i>Year 6</i>	97.62

Church Information for the next few weeks

- There will be a First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, 12th June, 6.00 p.m. in church;
- Boys' ties are available from Fr. Rose - £7 - cash on collection or with a bank card via father's phone. Sashes will be ready for you on the day;
- First Holy Communion Day: Saturday, 14th June at 11.00 a.m., followed by the photographs and First Communion Breakfast in school;
- Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday, 22nd June - please gather at 10.00 a.m. in the back walled garden in First Communion clothes;
- Parish Summer Fayre - Sunday, 22nd June at 2.00 p. m. in the walled garden. Everyone welcome. It's always a fantastic day of fun, with weather over the last twelve years to match! Proceeds will be going towards the new church roof - current estimates range from just over £151k to £500k, depending on the type of slate we are permitted to use! If you have any items for the fayre, they can be left at the back of church or in the entrance porch to the meeting room, down the steps to the left of the main church doors.

Thank you, Father Rose.

Trips on Arbor

We have a couple of school trips that have just gone onto Arbor for Year 5 and Year 6 children. Please can parents please log on to Arbor to allow your child consent to attend these visits.

On Friday 27th June, Year 6 will be attending the Youth Ministry Village as part of the primary school festival for all of the Year 6 children in Gateshead. This will be a great opportunity for them to meet other Year 6 children from the borough.

Children from Year 5 will be attending the Bishop Wilkinson Celebration of sport event on Thursday 3rd July. Could parents please log onto Arbor to give there consent for your child to attend the trip. We are also asking for a donation of £1 towards the special t. shirt which has been designed for the day.

Please contact the school office if you require an assistance with Arbor.

School Uniform

It is that time of year again when parents are starting to think about school uniform for the next academic year.

Parents can order online from Tots to Teams. Orders can be delivered to school or your home address.

It is best to start ordering early as they can not guarantee orders arriving on time during the summer holidays.

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.

Closing date to reserve a place is Tuesday 1st July.

If you would like to reserve a place could you please email Miss Green on hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Please note that Year 3 will NOT be swimming on Friday 13th June due to the class liturgy.

Lessons will resume on Friday 20th June.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Children's Cancer Run at school Wednesday 11th June

On Wednesday 11th June, the whole school will be taking part in a fun run around the school grounds to raise money for Children's Cancer North. We are lucky enough to be visited by some of the Children's Cancer North team who will lead warmups and spend the day with us.

The children are invited to come into school wearing their PE kits. If your child is in KS1 or Reception, they will get changed into their PE kits when they get into school. Wednesday part-time nursery children are welcome to come in for the full day wearing sportswear.

All children will need a bottle of water and sun cream already applied.

The children will have the opportunity to buy merchandise before the event – (please see a price list below). If your child would like to buy merchandise, they will need the money with them that day - if possible, please try and send the correct change - thank you.

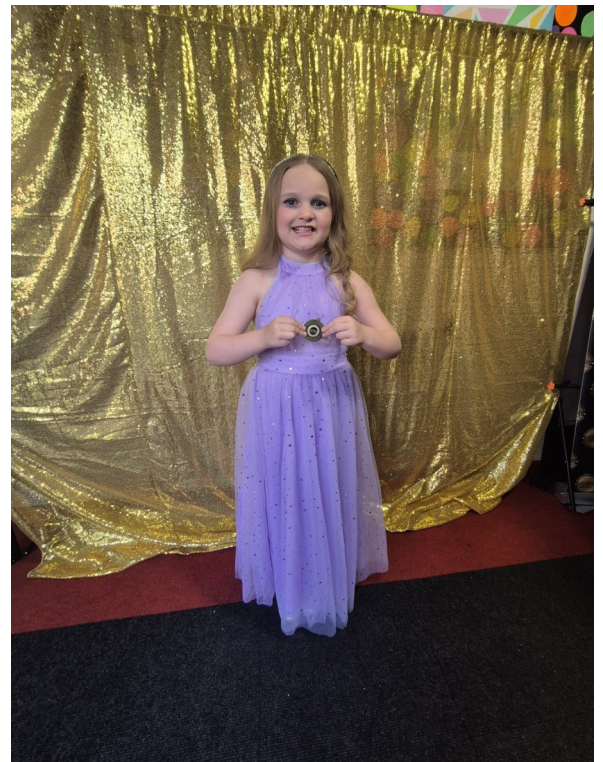
Thank you for your continued support,
Team Stella



MERCHANDISE LIST AND PRICING

Item	Price
Ballpoint Pen	£1.00
Neck Buffs Colours: Black & orange / Orange & white	£5.00
Pencil	£1.00
Slap Wrist Band Colours: Orange / Blue / Purple / Teal	£2.00
Stacking Crayons	£2.00
Water Bottle	£5.00
Children's Cancer North White Cotton T-Shirts	£5.00
Bubbles	£1.00

Spotlight Celebration



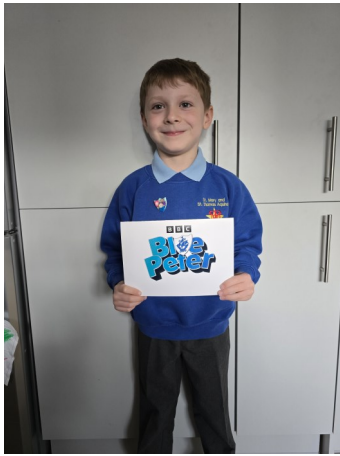
Zoe competed at the 2025 Scottish Open Karate Championship. This event hosted over 1100 entries from 7 different countries. Zoe achieved medals in team kata and team kumite, also doing well in her individual events.

We are so proud of her.

Darcey competed in Kendal dance festival over half term. Darcey did her first vocal section and came 3rd. What a little star she was.

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

Spotlight Celebration



Harry from Year 2 has received his very own Blue Peter badge.
He sent a drawing to the programme of his favourite scene from his love of reading book.



Carys French from Year 5 came second in her recent Irish dancing competition.
Well done Carys.



Dixie won the Race Series in Skiing just before the half term break

Aila took part in Kendal dance festival over the holidays.

She danced 12 times and received 6 gold medals, 4 silver and 2 bronze. She also received highest classical trio score and most promising junior.



She was also star of week in dancing and passed all exams !



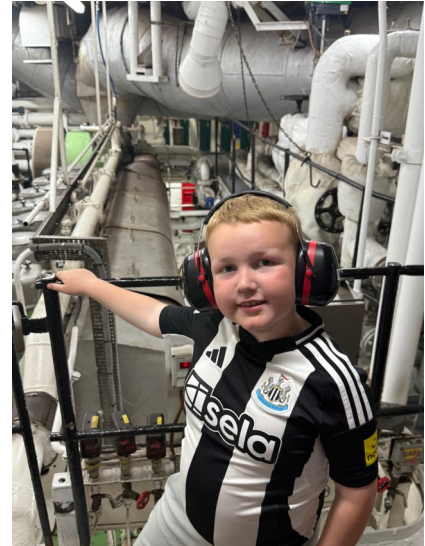
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Spotlight Celebration

Elena (Year 2) spent 3 days at a dance competition in Kendal and did fantastically well, receiving 4 medals.



Luca (Reception) did great and received the Player of the Week trophy at his football club.



Sophia and Freya competed in a Recreational Gymnastics competition over half term. In the 8 - 9 years category, Freya won a silver medal and in the 10-12 category competition, Sophia won a gold medal!

Blake and Fearne visited the engine room and on bridge of ship.



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Dates for Your Diary

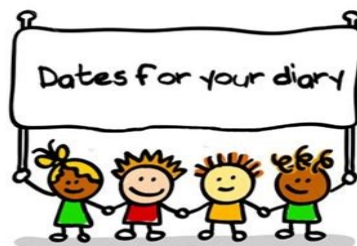
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 Mass
Friday 13th June	Year 3 Liturgy followed by coffee and chat
Saturday 14th June	First Holy Communion Day
Tuesday 17th June	Year 2 Assembly
Thursday 19th June	Year 4 leading - Whole School Mass
Friday 20th June	Year 6 Liturgy followed by coffee and chat
Wednesday 25th June	Year 6 Team Building at St Thomas More
Thursday 26th June	Year 1 Mass
Friday 27th June	Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium
Friday 27th June	Year 6 attending Primary Festival at YMT
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
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**.



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