



St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

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Iona Star – 24th January 2025

St Columba's Families,

We hope that you have had a good week! Thank you to all parents and family members who joined us this morning to support Year 1's class assembly – we hope that you enjoyed it.

On Monday, all classes in KS2 discussed the 80th anniversary of The Holocaust to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

On Wednesday, many classes took part in activities to explore Chinese New Year – a special thank you to Ms Wu for the decorations that we were able to put up around school.

Below, you will find key information and dates for the upcoming term. New dates are added in yellow for ease. Also attached to the Iona Star is a guide for staff and parents, this week the focus is on supporting children to develop 'Emotional Literacy' and express their thoughts and feelings clearly.

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, or if there is anything that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Miss Quinn

Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **92.4** %. We are in the **amber zone** and we are not quite meeting our targets set by the Department for Education (96%).

We are, however, delighted to announce that Year 4 winners of our attendance trophy with an attendance of 98% this week. Congratulations

Maths in Action Workshops

Next week, family members are welcome to stay for the first lesson of the day on the mornings listed below to take part in a Maths lesson with their child. Due to space, this is limited to one family member per child.

Y5/6 – Monday 3rd February at 9.15am

Y1/2 – Tuesday 4th February at 9.15am

Y3/4 – Wednesday 5th February at 9.15am

We look forward to seeing you there!

Northumbria Police Visits

On Wednesday, Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in workshops delivered by Northumbria Police to highlight the issue of County Lines.

Northumbria Police have highlighted that this is a rising issue for children and young people in our local area. Please click the link to find out more information: [County lines | Northumbria Police](#)

Mini Vinnies – Helping our Local Habitat

Some of our Year 4 Mini Vinnies stayed after school to make some tasty suet cakes for the birds and other wildlife in our school gardens. They are full of delicious meal worms, suet, fruit and seeds. Hopefully, these will help our birds to survive through the frosty winter months.



Ten Ten Parent Newsletter

Ten:Ten
Resources

You can access the latest parental newsletter from Ten Ten which shares the key messages, prayers and opportunities for worship at home by clicking this link <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Diary Dates for Parents – Spring 2024

(new dates added in yellow)

Friday 31st January – Year 1 class assembly at 9.15am. Family members are welcome to the school hall.

Maths in Action Workshops. Family members are welcome to attend on the mornings listed below to take part in a Maths lesson with their child. Due to space, this is limited to one family member per child.

Y5/6 – **Monday 3rd February** at 9.15am

Y1/2 – **Tuesday 4th February** at 9.15am

Y3/4 – **Wednesday 5th February** at 9.15am

Wednesday 5th February – Northumbria Police will be visiting children in Y5/6 to deliver a session on 'County Lines'

Stay and Play. Family members are welcome to attend on the mornings listed below to take part in a morning session with their child. Due to space, this is limited to one family member per child.

Nursery – **Wednesday 12th February** at 9.15am

Reception – **Thursday 13th February** at 9.15am

Monday 10th February – Living Eggs experience will be visiting St Columba's. The school community will be able to watch eggs hatch into live baby chicks over the following two weeks.

Monday 10th February – Internet Safety Workshops will be delivered for all classes from BigFoot Arts. These sessions will remind children about staying safe online and using devices appropriately.

Tuesday 11th February – Reception class are being visited by dental students to complete a 'Brush Up!' session about oral hygiene.

Thursday 13th February – Bishop Stephen is visiting St Columba's school, as well as the other two Catholic primaries of our parish family.

Saturday 15th February – Fr David has requested that all children taking part in the Sacramental Preparation for their First Holy Communion attend Mass at St Columba's on this date.

Tuesday 18th February – North Tyneside Dance Festival. Year 1 parents will be welcome attend. Further information to follow.

Friday 21st February – Reception class assembly at 9.15am. Family members are welcome to the school hall.

Friday 21st February – School closes for half term

Monday 3rd March – School reopens following half term

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day. More information to follow.

WB Monday 17th March – Assessment week. Year 2 – Year 6 will take part in internal assessments during this week within their classrooms.

Thursday 20th March – National Child Height Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6

Wednesday 26th March – SEND parent review meetings with Mrs Harman. These appointments will be available to book via SchoolCloud two weeks before the date.

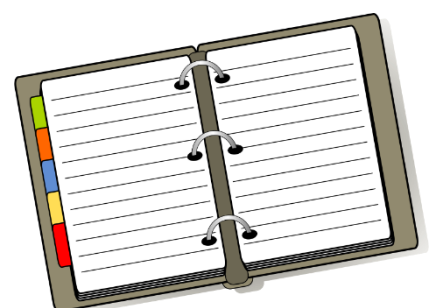
Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April – Parents evening appointments will be available from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. These appointments will be available to book via SchoolCloud two weeks before the date.

Thursday 3rd April – Children in Year 4 will attend Mass at St Columba's and then make their Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 9th April – Whole school Mass at 2.15pm in the hall. Family members are welcome, please book a space with the school office

Thursday 10th April – school closes to pupils for the Easter holidays

Friday 11th April – Staff training day



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

