

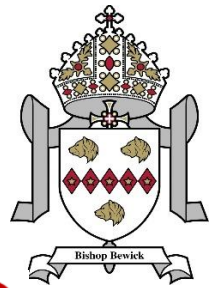
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Iona Star – 20th September 2024

St Columba's Families,

We hope you've had a good week! We've enjoyed showing parents around new classrooms – thank you to all parents who attended our 'Welcome Evenings'.

On Monday, nine members of staff took part in pediatric first aid training; they practiced bandages, slings, CPR and use of a defibrillator. We plan to share some of this work with the children through our St John's Ambulance curriculum later in the year.

Yesterday, we also completed our first fire drill in our new building – the children were all extremely calm and sensible. We exited the building in a great time, well done everyone.

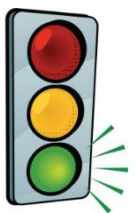
This morning, we shared our first 'Good Work' assembly of the new school year – well done to all of our children who received a certificate!

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a guide for both parents and school staff – this week's focus is on reviewing parental controls.

If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

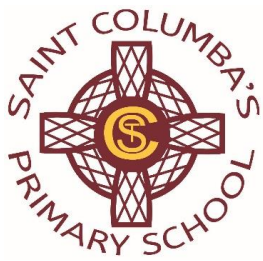
Take care,
Miss Quinn

Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been 94.8%. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

We are delighted to announce that Reception are the winners of our attendance trophy with an amazing overall attendance of 98.4%. Congratulations!



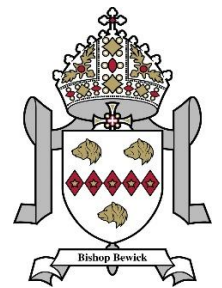
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Parental Feedback

We are aware that this has been a time of transition for our school community – into new classrooms, with new teachers and a new building!

We are always keen to hear parent feedback and would also encourage you to talk to us if you feel as though things are working well or need to be changed/improved.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement as we settle into our new building; it is greatly appreciated by all staff.



A Message From our Mini Vinnies

For sale. Tasty Treats! Mini Vinnies will be selling Fairtrade Tiffin, every afternoon next week. The money made will be shared between Macmillan Nurses and Muhouroni. Please bring in 50p for a tiffin treat and support these good causes.

Parent Governor

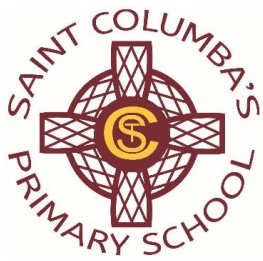
We welcome our new parent governor, Hayley Revell, to our local governing committee at St Columba's. We are glad to have you as part of our team! If any parents wish to discuss anything with Hayley, please contact the school office and we will share your contact information.



Reminders

A polite reminder about school procedures:

- Pupils are not permitted to wear trainers to school on any day that is not their PE day.
- Earrings are not permitted to be worn in school, other than flat plastic retainers
- Water bottles must contain only water, no juice or fizzy drinks please
- School bags and items brought into school are kept to a minimum as coat pegs are now located within the classrooms



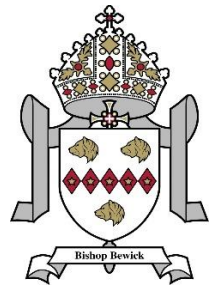
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X (Twitter)

You can follow us by searching for the handle: @stcolumbasrc

Staff will only approve family members that we can connect to a current pupil within school. If we are unsure of your identity, we may send a message to clarify this.

Pupil permissions for social media usage and image sharing have been sent out via text with a link to Microsoft Forms. Please complete this as soon as possible.




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Cashpot for Schools

If any parents or family members shop at Asda, we have signed up to cashpot for schools so please be sure to nominate us on your Asda app to help raise funds for our school PTA.

Download the app, select our school and shop in store or online.

Thank you!

PTA – Volunteers Needed!

The PTA are looking to recruit willing family members to help with events across school.

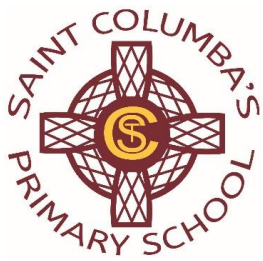
Some further events have been added to our diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

If you feel that you could contribute even a small amount of your time, please contact the school office or ask to speak to Mrs Rowan at the Reception class door.



Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to join our staff team. If you or anyone you know is interested, you can download an application pack from the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust website: VACANCIES | Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust or speak to the school office.



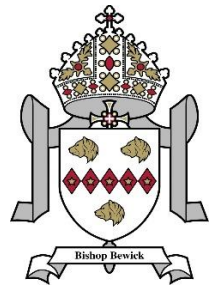
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Admissions

Admissions are now open for any child due to start Reception in September 2025 or due to transition to secondary school in September 2025.

If you live in North Tyneside apply online at my.northtyneside.gov.uk. Alternatively you can complete a paper application form.

Application deadlines:

31 October 2024 for high school applications

13 January 2025 for primary school applications



Full details of the council's admission procedures, and how to apply, are available at my.northtyneside.gov.uk and in 'The Essential Guide to North Tyneside Schools' brochure

Diary Dates

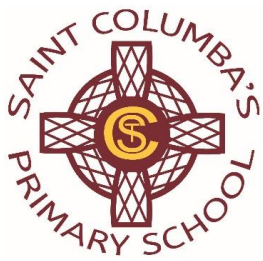
New - Monday 23rd September – High Borrans Drop in session from 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 30th – Wednesday 2nd October – Year 5 and Year 6 residential to High Borrans.

Friday 4th October – Year 6 assembly and CAFOD lunch. Year 6 family members are welcome to come to the school hall for assembly at 2pm and then share a soup lunch. Due to restrictions in the classroom, only one family member per child please.

Thursday 10th October – World Mental Health Day. Wear something yellow to school to support YoungMinds. 'Because We Stand Brighter Together'.

Friday 11th October – Year 4 assembly. Family members are welcome in the school hall for 9.15am



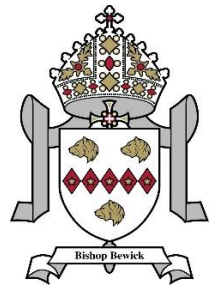
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Friday 18th October – Year 6 and Reception Buddy assembly. Parents of both classes are invited to the school hall for 9.15am

Thursday 24th October – Year 4 to be visited by North Tyneside Fire and Rescue education team.

Thursday 24th October – Halloween Disco, more information to follow

New **Friday 25th October** – Break the rules day! More information to follow via PTA

Friday 25th October – Year 5 assembly. Family members are welcome in the school hall for 9.15am

Friday 25th October – School closes to staff and pupils for October half term

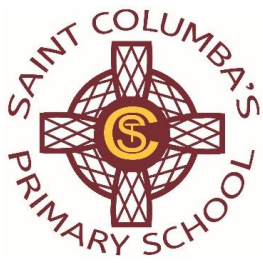
Monday 4th November – School reopens to staff and pupils

WB Monday 11th November – SEND parent review meetings. Parents will be invited to book an appointment with Mrs Harman and their class teacher via SchoolCloud two weeks before this date.

WB Monday 11th November – Internal school assessment week. All pupils in KS2 will complete assessments.

Friday 15th November – Children in Need. Wear your spots to school!

Friday 15th November – Year 3 assembly. Family members are welcome in the school hall for 9.15am



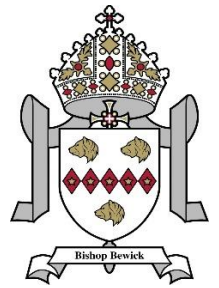
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Monday 25th November and Wednesday 27th November – Parents Evenings. All parents will be invited to book an appointment with their class teacher via SchoolCloud two weeks before this date. Appointments are in person, for 10 minutes and will be available from 3.45pm onwards.

Christmas Performances – further information to follow

Nursery – Monday 9th December at 10am

Reception – Monday 9th December at 2pm

Year 1 – Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

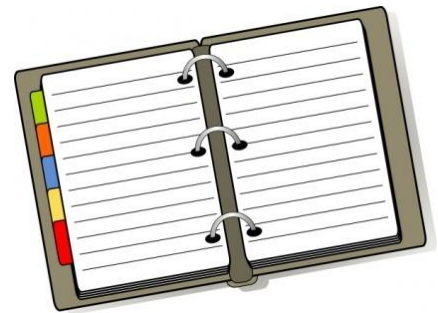
Year 2 – Friday 6th December at 2pm

Year 3 – Friday 13th December at 2pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 10th December at 2pm

Year 5 – Thursday 12th December at 2pm

Year 6 – Monday 16th December at 2pm



WB Monday 16th December – further information to follow

Family members will be invited into school to make a Christingle with their children and take part in a liturgy with their creations.

Friday 20th December – School closes to staff and pupils for the Christmas break.