

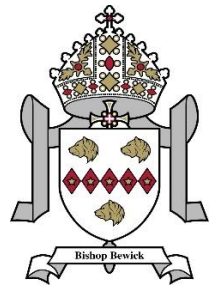
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Iona Star – 22nd November 2024

St Columba's Families,

A huge 'thank you' to parents and family members who attended our 'Stay and Write' lessons across the school this week. We are collecting feedback as to how you found these sessions, or if you were unable to attend, how we could improve this going forward. Please see the links below to offer this feedback.

Representatives from Year 5 attended a High Five family festival at St Thomas More where they participated in matches against other North Tyneside Catholic primary schools. Well done to the team!

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the cinema on Wednesday to see a free screening of the film 'If' which was being offered by as part of the Into Film Festival across the local area.

A reminder that choir are singing tomorrow at the Outdoor Market at Our Lady and St Columba parish church at 5.30pm – all St Columba's families are welcome to attend. There will be lots of stalls and Santa Claus will be making an appearance!

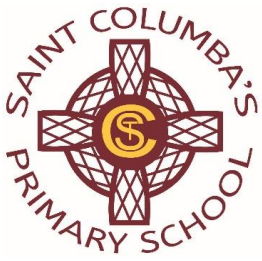
Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a guide for both parents and school staff – this week's focus is on helping children with 'Spending and Saving'.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care,
Miss Quinn





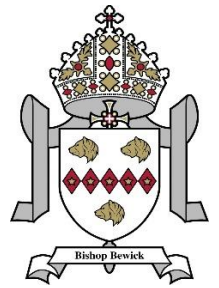
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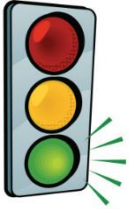
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Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been 94.6%. We are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education (96%).

We are, however, delighted to announce that Reception and Year 5 are joint winners of our attendance trophy with an attendance of 98% this week. Congratulations!

Keep an eye out on X (@stcolumbasrc) for Mrs Craggs' attendance updates!

School Pick Up and Drop Off

Please could we ask parents and family members to remain on the path as they exit the school grounds. Whilst we appreciate there is more space on the road, there are often cars coming into or leaving the staff car park or Eotheon Homes. Family members and children should remain within the fenced pathway to prevent accidents; there have been a few near misses this week. Thank you.



NUF Raffle

We have a pair of tickets which have been provided by our NUF coach, Craig. These tickets are to the Newcastle vs Leicester game on Saturday 14th December. If you would like a chance to win these tickets, Mrs Rowan is selling raffle tickets for £1. All proceeds will go towards the PTA fund. Please send any money in an envelope with your child's name on. The draw will take place on Thursday 12th December.



Stay and Write Feedback

Please leave your feedback using the links below:

Nursery - <https://forms.office.com/e/bdlj75lsIM>

Reception - <https://forms.office.com/e/xHegNvnXDL>

Year 1 - <https://forms.office.com/e/WGTnep246j>

Year 2 - <https://forms.office.com/e/WGTnep246j>

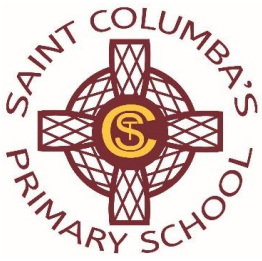
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Year 6 - <https://forms.office.com/e/QR5Xcruc9Y>





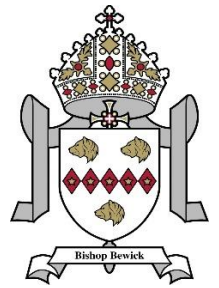
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Homework and SeeSaw

Families should have received an email informing them that family SeeSaw accounts do not show homework activities and cannot upload items other than through messages. This is because of the setup of the platform which assigns activities to individual children rather than their family members. Activities and uploads need to be completed through individual pupil accounts. Please ask at the school office if you need any help with this.



Outdoor Christmas Market



Our Lady and St Columba parish church will be holding their annual outdoor Christmas market on Saturday 23rd November at 5.30pm. Come along to browse the stalls, take part in the raffle or enjoy some refreshments. Our school choir will also be singing on the steps of church for the first part of the evening so please come along to show your support!

Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments for parents evening are now available to book on school cloud using this link:

[SchoolCloud - St Columba's Catholic Primary](#)

Parents will be given the opportunity to see their child's books, speak to the class teacher about how their child has settled since September and ask any questions needed.

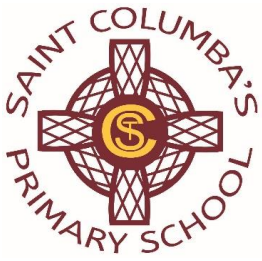
Please could we ask that all parents enter the school building via the main office door – someone will be there to greet you.



Ten Ten Parent Newsletter



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/>



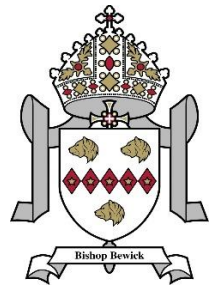
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Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd November – Outdoor Christmas market at Our Lady and St Columba parish church at 5.30pm. School choir will be asked to attend if possible.

Monday 25th November – White Ribbon Day. The start of 16 Days of action with North Tyneside are an opportunity to reflect on how we can all promote healthy, respectful and equitable relationships

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.

Wednesday 27th November – Reception – Year 6 trip to Customs House (South Shields) for the pantomime 'Mother Goose'.

Friday 29th November – Bring and Buy sale. Have a clear out before Christmas and bring in your old toys, books and games. There will also be stalls and games set up for the children to take part in. This will be during school time and is for children only.

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

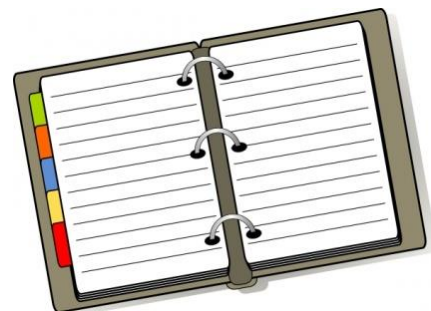
Year 2 – Friday 6th December at 2pm

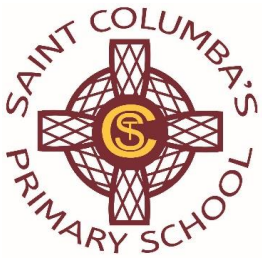
Year 3 – Friday 13th December at 2pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 10th December at 2pm

Year 5 – Thursday 12th December at 2pm

Year 6 – Monday 16th December at 2pm





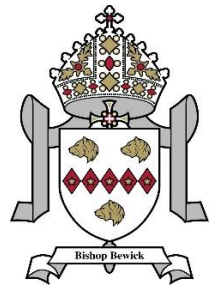
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Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Movie Night – Year 4 to Year 6. Further information to follow

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.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day!

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Movie Night – Year 1 to Year 3. Further information to follow

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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