

# St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

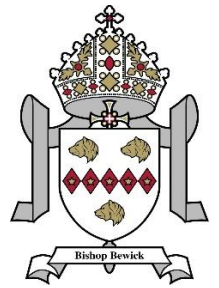
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Iona Star – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

St Columba's Families,

We have had another great week at St. Columba's and we hope that you are all looking forward to a lovely weekend ahead. We have welcomed more children into our school family so a special welcome to our new Nursery starters!

Below, you will find key messages and information from this week. Also attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide for helping to keep your child safe online – this week's focus is on live streaming.

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

Take care,

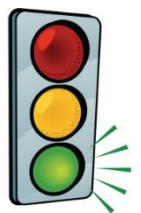
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## Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **95.2%** This means that we are in the **amber** zone and **did not meet** our target set by the Department for Education.

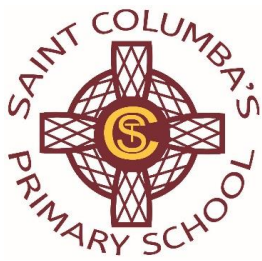
However, we can announce that **Year 4** are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **99%**. Congratulations!



## 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: <http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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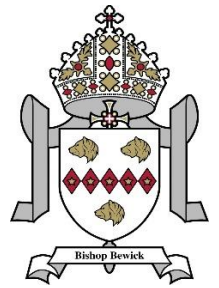
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## Admissions to Reception Class for September 2024

For any Nursery parents who are applying for St. Columba's as their child's Reception school place, you are welcome to attend an admissions meeting in the school hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am (straight after morning drop off). Here, we will take you through the admissions process and be able to answer any questions that you may have. We hope to see you there!

## High Borrans Residential – Year 6



All Year 6 children should have brought home a pack of information for High Borrans. This residential visit will go ahead from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to send the medical forms and permissions back as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss payment plans, please contact Mrs Wallace in the school office who will be more than happy to help you.

## CAFOD Lunch – Year 6

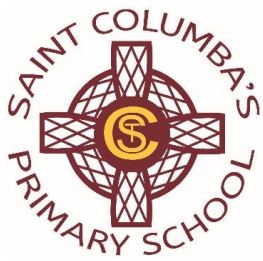
Just a reminder that Year 6 will be holding a special CAFOD assembly for parents in the school hall at 2pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Parents will then be invited into the classroom for a soup lunch, prepared by the children. All donations will go to CAFOD who aim to support projects overseas and tackle international poverty. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Safeguarding at St. Columba's

Ensuring that children feel safe and secure at school is our key priority. For updated information on our Safeguarding procedures within school, please see our website: <https://www.stcolumbasprimary.co.uk/parent-hub/safeguarding/>

If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or deputies: Mrs S Foster, Miss R Quinn, Mrs N Maddison, Mrs C Harman.



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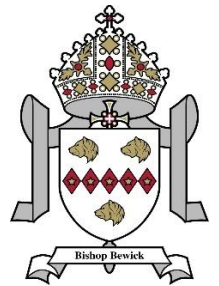
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## PTA News and Events

St Columba's PTA are always looking for volunteers to help run events and fundraise for school – please see Mrs Rowan (in Reception classroom) for more information.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Disco

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 'Break the Rules' non-uniform day before we break up for half term

More information on both events will follow soon.



## Diary Dates

*Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am*

Reception and Year 6 family members are welcome to attend an assembly in the school hall to meet their child's 'Buddy'

Please could we ask that a maximum of 2 family members attend for each child – this is due to limited space in our school hall. Tea and coffee will be provided after the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Curriculum Evenings:* Please save the date to attend a 'meet and greet' with your child's teacher and to hear key dates and information about the upcoming year. All curriculum evenings will start at 3.40pm and will be held in your child's classroom.

Nursery and Reception – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Year 3 and Year 4 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (Year 6 will go ahead for parents even though children are in High Borran's)

Year 5 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

*Parents' Evenings:* Please save the date to attend appointments with your child's teacher to hear about their academic achievements and progress. Appointments will be available to book closer to the date, via SchoolCloud.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.45 – 6.00pm)

