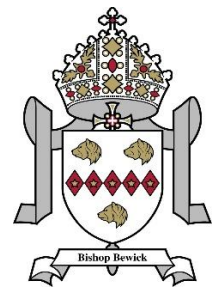


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Iona Star – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

St Columba's Families,

This week, we have been collecting for the poppy appeal. Thank you to everyone who gave a donation and thank you to Sam for visiting in his combat uniform to tell us about the importance of the appeal and Remembrance Day.

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide for helping to keep your child safe online – this week's focus is on 'Five Nights at Freddy's'.

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,

Miss Quinn



Whole School Assembly – Remembrance Day

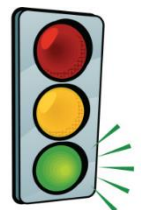


Poppy Appeal

## Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **94.2%**. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are unfortunately not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

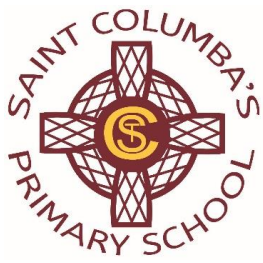
We are delighted to announce that Year 3 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **98%**. Congratulations!



## 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/>



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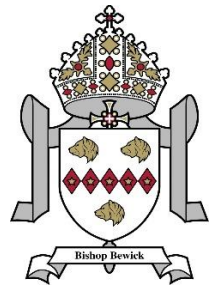
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## Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day



We will celebrate the start of anti-bullying week on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November with 'Odd Sock Day'. Children all across the UK will wear odd socks to show – “celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness!” We can't wait to see your best odd socks – staff and parents are encouraged to take part too!

## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

To raise money for Children in Need, we are asking children to come to school and 'show their spots'! This means they can wear non-uniform and, ideally, something spotty to show support! We will be collecting voluntary donations of £1 for the charity.

We will also be selling Pudsey bear badges, pens and wristbands at break time. Each item is £1 and all proceeds go to support the work of Children in Need across the UK.



## Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

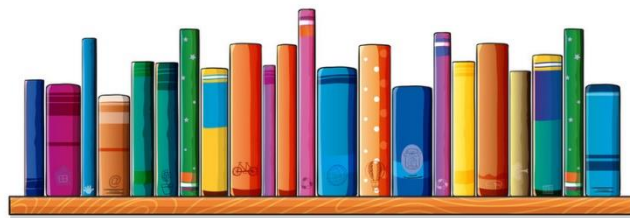
From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the Scholastic Book Fayre will be visiting school. Each evening, at 3.30pm, the book fair will be set up in the school hall so that children and parents can visit. It will also be open on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** for parents' evening.

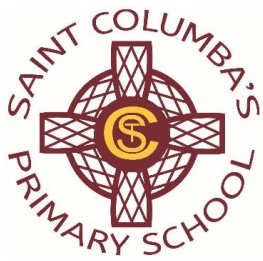
*“A Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into your pupils' hands, all while raising Rewards to spend on free books and essential resources for your school.”*

Books are priced from as little as £2.99. Parents can pay using a debit or credit card and QR codes will be available at the book fair and on pupils' wishlists.

Parents can also pay for vouchers in advance if they do not wish for their children to handle cash. This can be done by clicking the link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, they will receive a free book token of £5 to spend at the school book fair.





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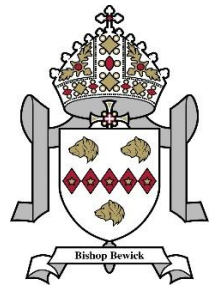
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## Pupil Premium



If you feel that your child may qualify for free school meals and pupil premium funding, please contact the school office and we can help you to make an application. Applications can also be made on the North Tyneside website: [https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/?p\\_ID=531227&p\\_subjectCategory=4](https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/?p_ID=531227&p_subjectCategory=4)

Families may be eligible for free school meals and free breakfast club. Registering for pupil premium also gives school extra funding to spend on resources, activities and experiences for pupils.



## St. Columba's Wildlife Plea

We are always accepting donations of food for the squirrels and the birds in our school grounds. The Nursery children always love watching the wildlife out of their classroom window! Any donations can be given to Miss O'Connor. Thank you.

## St. Columba's School Website

Our School Website is currently undergoing maintenance. If you need any information in the meantime, or are finding anything difficult to find, please contact us and we will be more than happy to help.

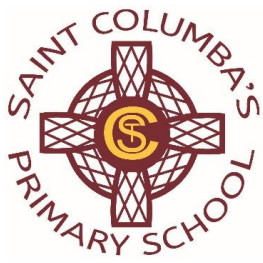
## Diary Dates

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day

**\*New\*** - Friday 17th November – Children in Need (see above)

**\*New\*** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 24th November at 9.10am – Year 3 Class Assembly



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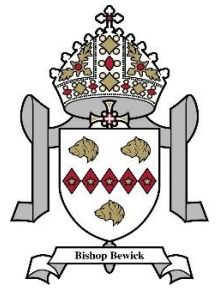
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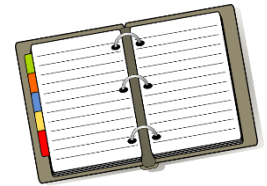
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*Parents' Evenings:* Please save the date to attend appointments with your child's teacher to hear about their academic achievements and progress. Appointments will be available to book closer to the date, via SchoolCloud.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.45 – 6.00pm), with the exception of Year 3 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.45 – 6.00pm)



## Christmas Performances

Please see the list of dates for class performances for Christmas. All will be held in the school hall and will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes.



- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 2 Performance
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Reception Performance
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – Nursery Performance
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 4 Performance
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 3 Performance
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 5 Performance
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 1 Performance
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 6 Performance