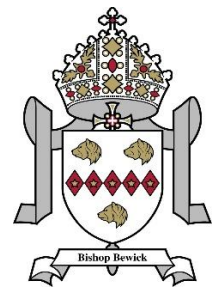


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Iona Star – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

St Columba's Families,

Welcome back after the half term break – we hope that you enjoyed your week, despite the weather!

Year 4 shared a wonderful class assembly this morning and had us all dancing! They shared important messages around our School of Sanctuary award. We are proud to have made the news with our this award – you can read the article here. <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/wallsend-primary-is-school-of-sanctuary/>.

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 sharing photos online.

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



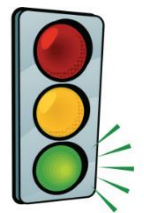
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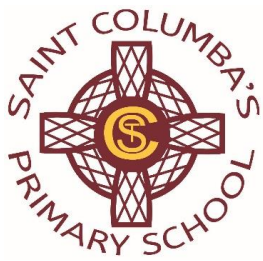
Year 4 Class Assembly

## 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 Reception are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **98.3%**. Congratulations!



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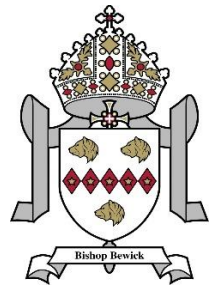
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## Ten:Ten Resources

### 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/>

### PTA Fund

Thank you so much for the events that you all supported before the half term. Money raised for our PTA fund are as follows:

Break the Rules - £202.50

Pumpkin Competition - £70.00

Halloween Disco - £250.00



This fund is used to pay for resources, educational visits and small treats for the whole school across the year, we are grateful for your generosity.



### 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!

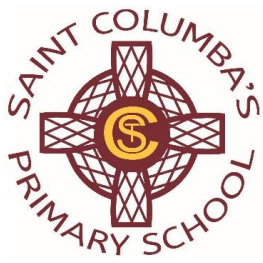
### Poppies for Sale

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, poppies will be on sale in school for Remembrance Sunday. Mrs Craggs' son, who is in the Air Cadets, will be coming in uniform to visit St Columba's and sell poppies for anyone who wants one. Please send any money into school in a named envelope or purse/wallet. Thank you



### Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 Class Assembly will take place in the school hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am. All family members are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards. We hope to see you there.



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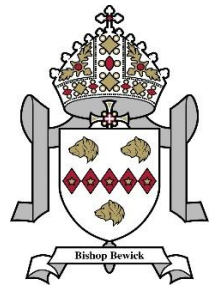
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## St Columba's Wildlife Plea

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.

## Breakfast Club – Change in Admission Cost

The cost of Breakfast Club is now £4. Families who are in receipt of income based free school meals (not universal free school meals) can still access the club for free. At present, After School Club is remaining at the same cost of £6, however, we have been advised by our local governing committee and advisors at the Trust to review this for January 2024.



## PE Days

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Reception - Thursday and Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Friday

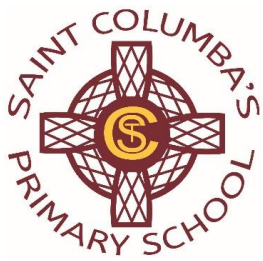
Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

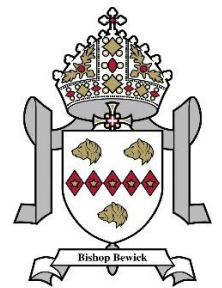
Year 6 - Thursday





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## Diary Dates

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations

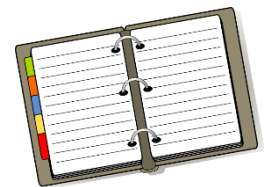
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**\*New\*** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am – Year 3 Class Assembly

*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