

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

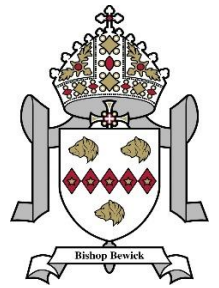
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Iona Star – 14th June 2024

St Columba's Families,

This week, you may have noticed the work starting on the school field for our temporary modular building. We will keep you updated with the progress; the children have been very excited watching the works begin!

We shared wonderful Good Work Assembly this morning, with lots of lovely work and attitudes to celebrate – it's great to see the children embracing our BELONG values. We are proud of you all.

Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Great North Museum and had a terrifying encounter with a tyrannosaurus rex! They were disappointed they couldn't bring a dinosaur bone home with them!

Year 4 joined Fr David and the parishoners from Our Lady and St Columba for Mass on Thursday morning. They enjoyed taking part in the Mass and wanted to say a special thank you for the cakes and juice afterwards!

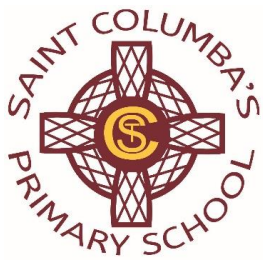
Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide – this week's focus is on fair play and friendly competition.

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



Year 3 narrowly escaping the jaws of a T-Rex!



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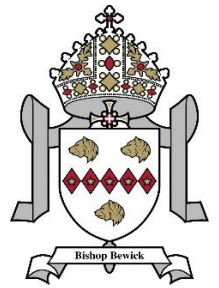
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Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **89.3%**. This means that we are in the red zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

However, we are delighted to announce that Year 5 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **96.3%**. Congratulations!

Mrs Sue Wise

Many parents may remember Mrs Sue Wise who previously worked as the Year One classteacher at St Columba's for many years.

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Wise passed away last week, following an illness. She made a huge difference to many families in her time as a teacher here; we ask you to keep her family and friends in your prayers.



Parent Governor



Thank you to Miss Hayley Revell who has applied for the role of parent governor at St Columba's. We are glad to welcome you onto our Local Governing Body. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you!

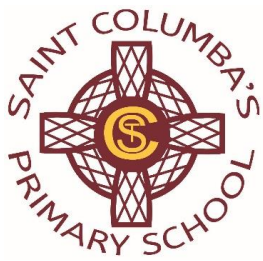
Mini Vinnie Raffle – Refugee Week

Every afternoon next week, Mini Vinnies will be selling raffle tickets to support the 'Walking with...' charity in Wallsend. There are amazing prizes to be won include teddies, sports equipment, sweets and treats.

Tickets are available for one week only!

20p a ticket and £1 for a strip of 5.





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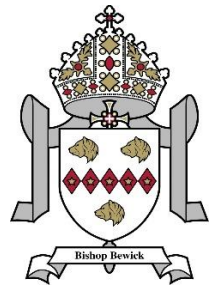
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Staffing Changes for September 2024

Below, you can see staffing changes for the coming academic year.

We welcome Miss Barnett, who has taught Year 6 this year, officially into our school family for September. We also welcome Miss Wilson who has taught throughout our school this year. Welcome to both members of staff!

Miss Shackford will be leaving St Columba's in July and will start her new role at West Jesmond Primary School in September. You will be missed, Miss Shackford, and we wish you the very best of luck!

Staffing roles for September 2024:

Year 6 – Mrs Maddison I

Year 5 – Miss Barnett

Mrs Carr will continue to support in Year 5 and Year 6.

Year 4 – Mrs Watson

Year 3 – Miss Wilson

Mrs Weir will continue to support in Year 3 and Year 4.

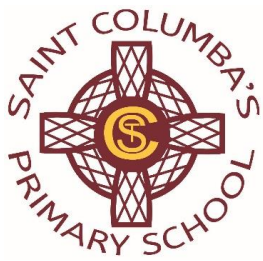
Year 2 – Mrs Whitelaw, supported by Mrs Maddison 2

Year 1 – Mr Gillie/Mrs Harman, supported by Mrs Laidlaw

Reception – Mrs Harris, supported by Mrs Rowan

Nursery – Miss O'Connor, supported by Mrs Bensley





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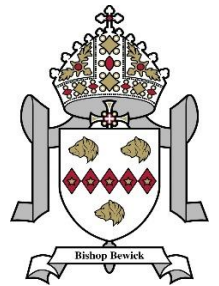
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Breakfast and Afterschool Club – Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Ridley who was appointed Club Supervisor and started her new role on Monday. We welcome Mrs Barton who was appointed Club Assistant. Mrs Barton knows our school well, as both her older children attended St Columba's – welcome back Mrs Barton, we are lucky to have you!

D-Day Poetry Competition



Well done to all children who wrote a special poem to commemorate D-Day celebrations last week. There were some amazing, emotive poems that gave the staff goosebumps. Amazing work everyone! A special thank you to Mrs Johnson who supplied us with links to the resources and competition; she is a Year 3 parent who works for Walking With the Wounded.

Afterschool Club – Pricing

From September, the Local Governing Body have decided that there will be a change to the pricing structure for Afterschool Club. This is to cover the rising costs of staffing, utilities and food. The decision has not been taken lightly; governors have thoroughly researched other provision in the area and we believe the following prices remain competitive.

For children using the club up to 4.30pm the cost will remain at £6.00

For children using the club beyond 4.30pm the cost will increase to £8.00

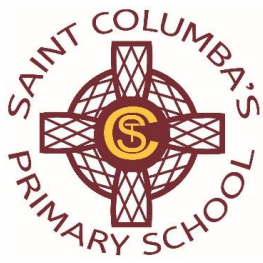
From September, there will be two options available to select when booking your space for the club. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Dogs On School Premises

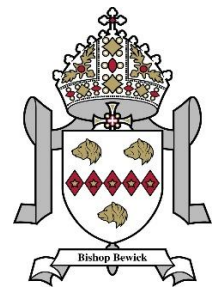


Please could we kindly remind family members that dogs are not permitted on school premises at any time. This decision was made for health and safety reasons, as well as the wellbeing of all pupils and the need for them to feel safe on school premises. Thank you for your support with this.



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Bikes and Scooters

Could we also remind family members that children are not permitted to ride bikes and scooters once they are through the school gates. Again, this is for health and safety reasons. Particularly at pick up and drop off time, the paths can be quite congested. We will also remind children of this during assembly on Monday morning. Thank you.



School Meals

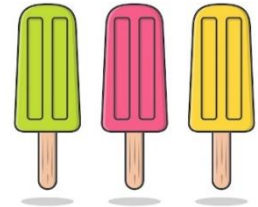


Can we please remind parents that school meal accounts need to be topped up at the start of the week.

Currently, there are a number of families who are in arrears with school meals. This directly affects the school budget as the missing money has to come from our account.

Frozen Fridays!

Just a reminder that these will be on sale, outside of school, every Friday. All proceeds will be added to the PTA funds which benefit the whole school community. Thank you for your support!



TenTen Parental Newsletter

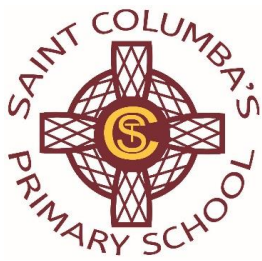
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Resources

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

Feeding Families – Support is Available

If you need any support, please email familysupport@stcolumbasprimary.co.uk and we will be able to help you. Please be assured that all emails will be treated confidentially.





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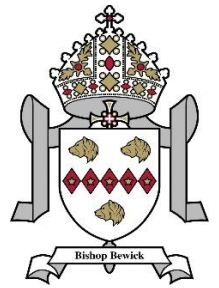
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Diary Dates – Summer Term

Please see below a list of dates for the Summer Term.

Change – Thursday 27th June – Year 4 Holy Communion celebration and Mass at St Columba's Church

Friday 28th June – Year 1 class assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Year 1 family members are welcome.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July – SEND parent review meetings. Appointments will be available to book two weeks before the two dates. Further information to follow.

Tuesday 2nd July – Nursery 'Stay and Play' at 9.15am. One family member per pupil can come and enjoy some time with the children in Nursery.

Tuesday 2nd July – KS2 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for Year 3 to Year 6. Family members are welcome.

Thursday 4th July – KS1 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for Reception to Year 2. Family members are welcome.

Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July – St Thomas More transition dates for Year 6 pupils.

Friday 5th July – Reports will be sent home to parents/carers.

Monday 8th July – 3.30pm to 5.00pm – Report drop in sessions for parents, no appointment time necessary.

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 day trip to Holy Island. More information to follow.

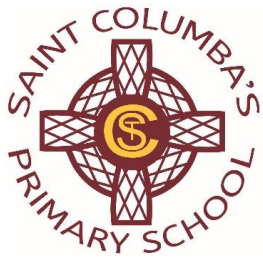
Thursday 11th July – North Tyneside Roman Catholic Family of Schools Year 6 Leaver's Mass at St Columba's Church – 1.30pm

Thursday 11th July – PTA Leaver's Disco.

EYFS and KS1 4.30 – 5.30pm KS2 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Friday 12th July – Reception and Year 6 Buddy assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Reception and Year 6 family members welcome

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 6pm in the school hall. Year 6 family members are welcome.



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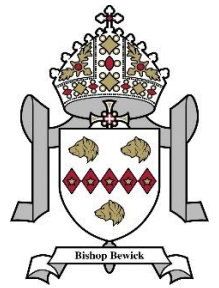
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Wednesday 17th July – Whole school mass with Fr David in the school hall. Family members are welcome – please book a space through the school office

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 vs teachers rounders match at 2pm. Year 6 family members are welcome.

Friday 19th July – school is closed to all pupils for staff training day

