

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

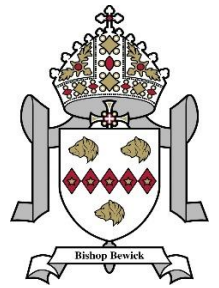
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Iona Star – 21st June 2024

St Columba's Families,

We've had another busy week at St Columba's!

Across the week, children have been completing work and activities around Refugee Week. This work links with our school pledge as a School of Sanctuary. The children have been putting themselves in the position of refugees and considering how difficult their experiences must be. Our Mini Vinnies will be delivering our food donations to Walking With in Wallsend next Friday to support refugees in our local community.

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in an assembly and live workshop with Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade. The children all learned about water safety, how to stay safe at the beach and about the symbols that can be found when visiting the coastline. We all particularly enjoyed seeing the rescue vehicle!

A special thank you to Mrs Iliadou who organised two sporting events for our children this week. Year 2 took part in an athletics family festival at St Thomas More – they represented the school spectacularly and came in second place! Our Y3/4 football team entered the Phillip Reilly Cup and made it through to the semi-final, coming third overall. Well done to both teams!

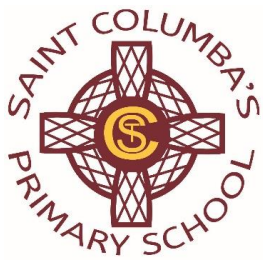
Year 5 attended Mass at Our Lady and St Columba parish yesterday and enjoyed taking part in the service.

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide – this week's focus is on promoting physical wellbeing.

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





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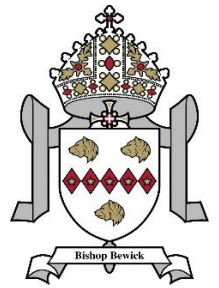
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Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **92.4%**. This means that we are in the amber 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 **98.6%**. Congratulations!

NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe!

Over the next week, school staff will be delivering assemblies and classroom sessions from the NSPCC resources: Speak Out, Stay Safe!

Speak Out Stay Safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5 to 11 years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.



If you have any queries about this, please contact the school office.

Afterschool Club – Pricing

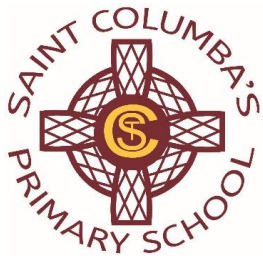
From September, the Local Governing Body have decided that there will be a change to the pricing structure for Afterschool Club. This is to cover the rising costs of staffing costs, utilities and food. The decision has not been taken lightly; governors have thoroughly researched other provision in the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

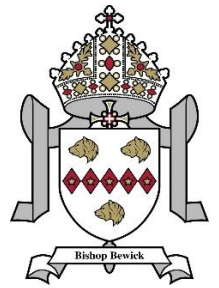
From September, there will be two options available to select when booking your space for the club. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.





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A Message from YMCA Holiday Camp

Why not book a space on our Summer Holiday Camp? ☀️☀️

For children aged 6-12 years, our camp is filled with fun activities, games, and adventures.

We'll give children a Summer full of fun to help build confidence, friendships and lasting memories

To book:

- ★ For paid spaces: bit.ly/register4ymca
- ★ For Free School Meal spaces: easeinto.northtyneside.gov.uk
- ★ For funded spaces: community@ymcanorthtyneside.org



FREE* funded spots available
to enable everyone to take part.
Get in touch.

YMCA | Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

Summer Holiday Camp 2024

22nd July - 25th July	29th July - 1st August	5th August - 8th August	12th August-15th August	19th August-22nd August
Week 1 On the Sea 	Week 2 Under cover Spy's 	Week 3 Time Travellers 	Week 4 Nature Adventures 	Week 5 Marvellous Mysterious Magic 
Come along on our adventure of embracing under the sea.	Our spies go undercover to carry out top secret missions.	We will be travelling back through time and stepping into the Egyptian times.	Come along on an exciting adventure.	Making magical memories this summer.

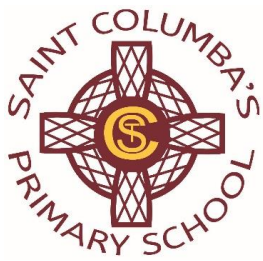
Ages: 6 - 12 years old
Time: 9am - 4pm
£17.50 daily or £60 weekly*

AT YMCA HOLIDAY CAMP, EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE
Each week children will get the chance to take part in games, crafts, free play, beach and local trips as we nurture their body, mind, spirit.

Summer Holiday Camp at
YMCA North Tyneside
Church Way
North Shields NE29 0AB
0191 257 5434

Funded spaces may be available so all can join; get in touch at community@ymcanorthtyneside.org

Book online at: ymcanorthtyneside.org/programmes



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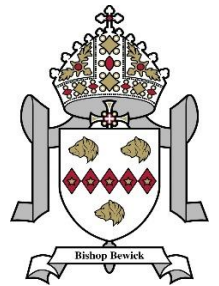
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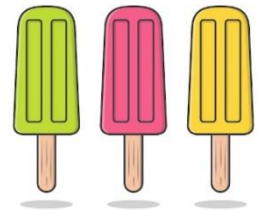
Bikes and Scooters



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.

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

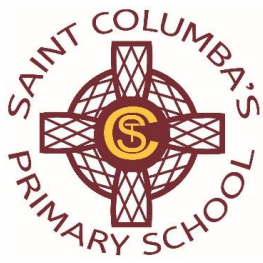
You can access the latest parental newsletter from Ten Ten which shares the key messages, prayers and opportunities for worship at home by clicking this link

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

Feeding Families – Support is Available

We know that many families are struggling financially with the cost of living crisis at the moment. As a school, we have joined up with 'Feeding Families'. It means that we will be able to offer emergency food boxes and support packages from school. 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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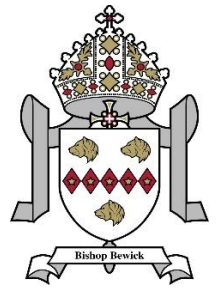
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Diary Dates – Summer Term

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.

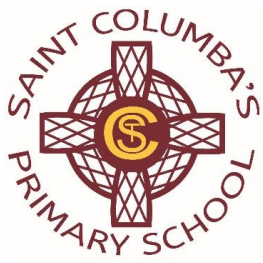
Thursday 11th July – North Tyneside Roman Catholic Family of Schools Year 6 Leaver's Mass at St Columba's Church – 1.30pm

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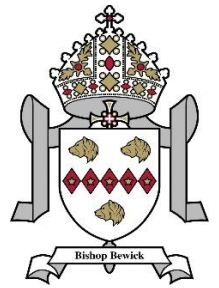
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Wednesday 17th July – Whole school mass with Fr David in the school hall. Family members are welcome – please book a space through the school office

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

