



Message from our Head Teacher:

Thank you all for a lovely start to the Summer term. We are very fortunate to have such supportive parents and great pupils. SATs week approaches next week so please keep our hardworking Year 6's in your prayers and thoughts. They are welcome in early from 8am for an extra breakfast and relaxation before each test and we will have a celebration of their hard work on Friday!

We have finally begun the last part of the Academisation process which will result in us joining all other Catholic schools in this part of the Diocese in the Bishop Wilkinson Trust on September 1st. We have been working closely with the Trust for many years, but will now be officially part of the BWCET family.

Ms Bircham

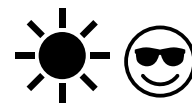
Catholic Life

Next Thursday is the feast of the Ascension. We have been preparing for this in school through our celebrations of the word.

A reminder that a link to the Wednesday Word is added to our Facebook page each week. The newsletters are child friendly and something that families can read together.

Sun cream and Hats

Dare I say it but we have had some warm days in school so please provide caps / sunhats with names in and sun cream with your child's name and class labelled. We are unable to apply the sun cream for your child but can supervise them applying it. Please have a practice at home so that pupils can avoid their eyes and not apply too much.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board. There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, just a commitment and enthusiasm. The term of office for all governors is four years. Please contact Ms Bircham for more information.

Contact us

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Our values learnt from St Joseph are:

Work hard
Love
Learn

Date:	Event
May	
11 th	SATs week Year 6
22 nd	Gateshead Fun Run – KS2
22 nd	School closes for half term 3pm
June	
1 st	School re-opens
2 nd	Sports Day (all day)
1 st – 12 th	Year 4 multiplication check fortnight
8 th	Year 1 Phonics Test week
12 th	Year 5 /6 Adventure Day
22 nd	School closed for occasional day
Week of 29 th	SEND Reviews week
30 th	Year 6 Transition visit STM
July	
1 st	Year 6 Transition visit STM
2 nd	Year 5 Trust Celebration of Sport
13 th	Reports sent out today
16 th	Year 6 leavers' assembly in school 2pm
17 th	Year 6 Leavers' mass in church 10am School closes for Summer 3pm
2nd September	School reopens to pupils



TERM DATES 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM		
Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Autumn One	Monday 1st September 2025 <i>Children return Tuesday 2nd Sept</i>	Friday 24 th October 2025 <i>Monday 20th October school closed</i>
Half Term	Monday 27 th October 2025	Friday 31 st October 2025
Autumn Two	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2024	Friday 2 nd January 2026

SPRING TERM		
Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Spring One	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th February 2026
Spring Two	Monday 2 nd March 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Easter Holiday	Friday 3 rd April 2026	Friday 17 th April 2026

SUMMER TERM		
Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Summer One	Monday 20 th April 2026 <i>Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday</i>	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 th May 2026 <i>Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday</i>	Friday 29 th May 2026
Summer Two	Monday 1 st June 2026 <i>Mon 22nd June School closed</i>	Friday 17 th July 2026
Summer Holiday	Monday 20 th July 2026	Proposed date of return Tuesday 1 st September 2026

Public Holidays:	
Christmas Day	Monday 25 th December 2025
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 th December 2025
New Year's Day	Monday 1 st January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday 24 th August 2026

The number of term days shown is 194.
Four days within the above school terms are to be used for Professional Development (PD) days when pupils will not attend.

The new school year will begin on Monday 1st September 2025 for staff and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 for pupils.