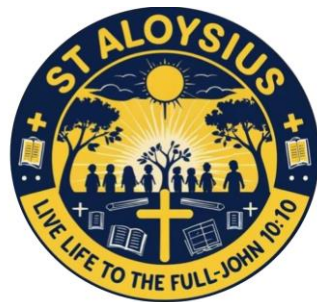


Key Stage

Newsletter



Key Stage 1 Year 1 & Year 2



Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, our Key Stage 1 children have continued to work extremely hard and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. They have shown great curiosity in their learning and a real enthusiasm for discovering new ideas. It is wonderful to see the progress they are making across the curriculum and even more special to see them living out our Mission Statement each day by truly living life to the full.

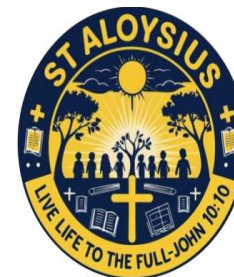
We have flourished through a wide range of exciting experiences this term. The children enjoyed meeting Peter Rabbit and adding their own paint fingerprints, welcomed a special visit from Bishop Stephen and fully embraced the joy of World Book Day by dressing up and celebrating their love of reading. Their creativity has shone through and they have engaged in every opportunity with such enthusiasm.

As we approached Holy Week, the children took part in respectful Class Celebrations of the Word, decorated Easter eggs alongside parents and participated thoughtfully in our Lenten Walk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited to see how the children will continue to grow and thrive next half term

Warm regards,

Mrs Storey
Key Stage 1 Lead



Key Dates

WB Monday 28th May – MADD Stem Week

Thursday 21st May – Sponsored Bounce for St. Oswalds

Thursday 21st May (PM) - Y1 NS/PS Visit to Hebburn Hub Library

Friday 22nd May – School closes for Half Term (Normal Time)

Reminders

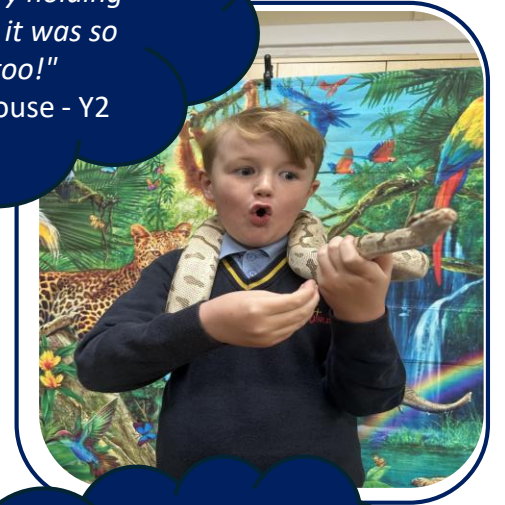
We would just like to remind you to try to support your child with their reading by encouraging your child to have **five entries** in their reading record.

As the weather is beginning to get warmer, please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle, suncream and a hat.

If your child has grapes for their home snack, please ensure that they are cut lengthways (in half or quarters) before they come into school.



"It was so scary holding the snake but it was so exciting too!"
Tobias Porthouse - Y2



"We had lots of fun at the library. We made masks after reading *The Bumble Bear*" - Emilia McDowell Y1





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN KS1...



A Message from Deputy Head Boy and Girl:

Hello everyone!

We've had a fantastic Spring term at school, learning new things, participating in extracurricular activities and most importantly having lots of fun. We were so lucky to help with Peter Rabbit! Everyone has worked hard and enjoyed their activities, and we can't wait for more exciting times ahead!

Deputy Head Girl and Boy:
Neve Falconer & Ethan Naylor



A Visit from Bishop Stephen

KS1 were very lucky to welcome a visit from Bishop Stephen this half term. The children spent time with him asking thoughtful questions and joining in prayer. They showed great respect and curiosity throughout.

Peter Rabbit Arrives!

We were delighted to receive our very own Peter Rabbit sculpture, ready to be painted for St Oswald's 'Tales on the Tyne' trail this summer. Every child has contributed to its design and painting, and we are excited to reveal the finished piece.

World Book Day

World Book Day in KS1 was a real delight, and it was wonderful to see the children arrive in their fantastic costumes—we loved every single one! The excitement for reading was clear from the start of the day. Our activities were linked to 'Bookwarts', where the children worked hard to earn house points through a range of engaging reading missions. These included comprehension tasks, creative writing and art activities inspired by their favourite stories. The children also enjoyed spending time with their Reading Buddies from other year groups, sharing books and ideas together. It was a truly exciting and memorable day!



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Music Festival

A group of Year 2 children confidently took to the stage at Customs House in South Shields to perform in the South Tyneside Music Festival. Alongside other local schools, they appeared in the vibrant production of *The North Wind and the Sun*. The Year 2 pupils also delighted the audience with the song *Colours of the Wind* from *Pocahontas*. Their performance was outstanding and made everyone very proud.

Class Celebration of the Word

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parents and guardians for joining your child's Celebration of the Word. Each celebration was carefully planned by the children with their class teacher, and it has been such a beautiful moment to share with you. We have loved seeing how prayerful, thoughtful, and loving your children are.

Mass at Church

Year 1 and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed participating in Mass a few weeks ago alongside Year 4. The children listened carefully to Father Simon, joined in with prayers and sang beautifully. They represented the school wonderfully and were valued members of the Parish family.

Easter Egg Decoration

We would like to say a huge thank you to our families for supporting their children in decorating Easter eggs for our annual competition. The designs were fantastic, and the children had great fun taking part. Winners have now been announced and prizes awarded.

A Visit from Emma Exotic

We were incredibly lucky to welcome the wonderful Emma Exotic back for another visit this year. This experience linked closely to the children's English units, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and *Owl Babies*, helping to inspire their innovated writing. Emma brought a fascinating range of animals, including hedgehogs, snakes, giant African land snails and rabbits. The children had the opportunity to hold and feed the animals, as well as learn many interesting facts about them. It was a truly engaging and memorable experience, sparking curiosity and supporting the children's creativity in their writing.

