

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023

HAPPY FRIDAY!

We made it to the end of Summer Term 1! Well done to all of our pupils for their hardworking efforts during this term. A huge thank you to all of our amazing members of staff for making all of this possible.

We will all return to school on Monday 5th June at 8:45am.

**WELCOME TO
SUMMER TERM 1**

Starts: Monday
17th April

Ends: Friday 26th
May at 3:00pm

**Which class will
win the attendance
race this term?**

**Stay connected
with ParentMail**



ATTENDANCE

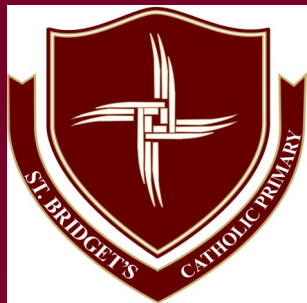
If your child is in Reception to Year 6 you will receive an attendance text message from school. This is to simply make you aware of your child's attendance of the academic year, up to today. After careful monitoring, the attendance across the school has improved, this must carry on.

For reference, your child's attendance will fall into one these categories.

●	100%	Upper Green
●	96-99.9%	Lower Green
●	94-95.9%	Upper Amber
●	90-93.9%	Lower Amber
●	Below 90%	Red

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office.

Next term, we must work on punctuality. School starts at 8:45am, so the expectation is that your child is in school for 8:45am. We have a number of children coming into school late, as a result they are missing crucial lesson time.



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Are you connected
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group?

Get in touch for
any support.



Turn your alerts
on!

Attendance Race!

Reception: 95.00% 2nd Place

Year 1: 92.86%

Year 2: 93.33% 3rd Place

Year 3: 93.33% 3rd Place

Year 4: 92.40%

Year 5: 92.86%

Year 6: 95.29% 1st Place

At St. Bridget's we strive for 100% attendance every week,
the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement.

100%



Stars of the Week



Nursery: Ava Donachy and Harvey Dunn

Reception: Nathanael Dixon

Year 1: Carson Hinde

Year 2: Maisie Fox

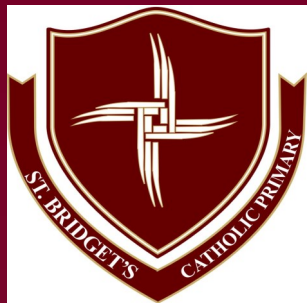
Year 3: Serena McCarron

Year 4: Nancy Gilmore

Year 5: Caleb Bridge

Year 6: Freya Barclay

Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!



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Dates for your diary...

Y5 and Y6 trip to Muncaster Castle on **Friday 9th June 2023**

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test will commence the week beginning **12th June 2023**.

Year 4 multiplications test will take place between **5th–16th June 2023**.

Y6 visit West Lakes Academy for a 'light' workshop on **Thursday 15th June 2023**.

Y6 Residential to Robinwood **Monday 19th June to Wednesday 21st June 2023**.

Sports Day on Friday 23rd June 2023

Nursery & Reception @ 10:15am

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 @ 1:30pm

Paralympic athlete visit to school on **Wednesday 28th June**

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Need to get in
touch?

Contact us on:
01946 820320

Or drop us an
email on;

admin@st-bridgets
-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

Take a look at our
website!

[https://www.st-bridgets-
pri.cumbria.sch.uk/](https://www.st-bridgets-pri.cumbria.sch.uk/)

ATTENDANCE RACE WINNER

This term, Year 4 have won the attendance race with 7 points – amazing results! Miss Mancebo will organise their prize when we arrive back after half term.



P.E. Dates for **NEXT** term

Monday - Reception and Year 1

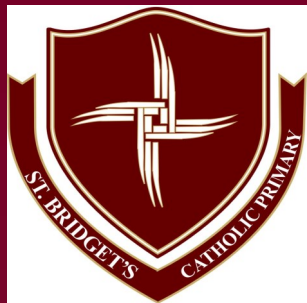
Tuesday - Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday - Year 4 and Year 5

Swimming on Wednesday for **Year 3 and Year 6**

Squash on Wednesday for Year 4





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Allergy Warning!

We are a kiwi and
nut free school due
to severe allergies,
please be mindful
of this.

On Wednesday 24th May, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a Pentathlon Competition at Penrith Leisure Centre. The overall result was amazing - Our school have achieved 1st Place! We are overjoyed with our superstar pupils who have represented our school.



School Uniform

The deadline for uniform orders with free delivery to school for September 2023 is **Friday 23rd June**.

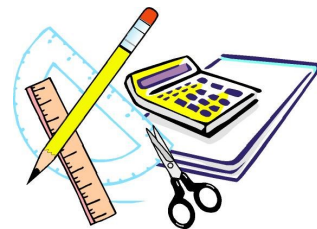
Please order uniform directly from One Identity.

<https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/st-bridgets-egremont/>

Thought of the Week...

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family."

- Kofi Annan



Curriculum in Action

Check out our website for all of our blog posts:

<https://www.st-bridgets-pri.cumbria.sch.uk/blog>



CLUBS AVAILABLE TO BOOK NEXT TERM (SUMMER 2)



Please see information below regarding new clubs next term.

Mondays – Play Practise with Mrs Taylor and Miss Stephenson– 3pm to 4pm – Year 3, 4 ,5 and 6 (Please note, if your child needs to attend, this will be communicated to you).

Tuesdays – Netball Club with Mrs Parr – 3pm to 4pm – Year 4, 5 and 6 (12 places available).

Thursdays – Play Practise with Mrs Taylor and Miss Stephenson – 3pm to 4pm – Year 3, 4 ,5 and 6 (Please note, if your child needs to attend, this will be communicated to you).

Thursdays – Construction Club with Mrs Robson – 3pm to 4pm – Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Thursdays – Computing Club with Miss McKendrey – 3pm to 4pm – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (10 places available) Please note when booking your child on to computing, they must attend every week.

All of the clubs above are FREE OF CHARGE!

Gymnastics Club will now change to Outdoor Sports Club on Mondays (Y1 – Y6), Football on Tuesdays (Y1 – Y6) and Multi Skills on Wednesdays (YR – Y6) will still take place as normal like previous terms, all will be £3.00.

All clubs are available to book and pay for on ParentMail.





First-Day Calling Procedure

At St. Bridget's, we prioritise Safeguarding. It is vital that we know where children are, if they aren't in school.

We ask that all Parents/Carers inform us by 8:45am (Tel: 01946 820320) if their child is going to be absent, providing us with a valid reason. For every day your child is absent, we require an update.

For medical appointments, we ask that Parents/Carers provide us with a copy of the appointment letter in advance.

If any of your contact details change, you **MUST** inform us as soon as possible, that way we have up-to-date information.

Please see below our 'First-Day Calling Procedure' which outlines the steps that will take place if we are **NOT** informed of your child's absence from school.

Morning	Afternoon	Steps to be taken:
9:00am	1:15pm	Registers closed and saved.
		Late children checked against registers, if recorded separately.
		Absence calls listened to/attendance emails checked.
By 9:30am	By 1:30pm	First day call to first name on contact list within half an hour of school start time asking for response.
By 9:45am	By 1:45pm	If no response ring down contact list until reply is received, ensuring where possible that someone from outside of the family home has been contacted (within 45 minutes of school start time).
By 10:00am	By 2:00pm	Alert HT/DSL that this child is absent and no contact has been made within an hour of school start time.
		If no reply send second text and email to first and second contacts on list.
		Home visit made if possible/appropriate by school or other agency involved.
		Contact Police and the Local Authority Children Missing from Education Officer if all other stages have been completed and there is still no contact regarding the absent child. This should be done using the 101 number, asking for a welfare check to be carried out.



Forthcoming Events

Summer Term 2023



APRIL			
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	26 th	pm	Police visiting Early Years children in school
Thursday	27 th	am	STRIKE DAY – school closed
MAY			
Monday	1 st		BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd		STRIKE DAY – school closed
Friday	5 th	All Day	King Charles' Coronation Celebrations – non uniform
			YEAR 6 TESTS
Monday	8 th		BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	9 th	am	Paper 1: Grammar and Punctuation and Paper 2: Spelling
Wednesday	10 th	am	Reading Paper
Thursday	11 th	am	Paper 1: Arithmetic and Paper 2: Reasoning
Friday	12 th	am	Paper 3: Reasoning
			YEAR 2 TESTS
Monday	15 th	am	Paper 1: Reading
Tuesday	16 th	am	Paper 1: Arithmetic
Wednesday	17 th	am	Paper 2: Reading
Thursday	18 th	am	Paper 2: Reasoning (maths)
Monday	22 nd		KIDZFIT Workshops – whole school
Friday	26 th	3pm	HALF TERM
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June			
Mon – Fri	5 th -16 th	-	YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES TEST
Mon – Fri	12 th -16 th	-	YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST
Thursday	15 th	9.35am	Y6 visit West Lakes Academy for a 'light' workshop
Mon – Wed	19 th – 21 st		YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO ROBIN WOOD
Friday	23 rd	10:15am 1:30pm	SPORTS DAY EYFS (Nursery & Reception) @ 10:15am KS1 & KS2 (Y1 – Y6) @ 1:30pm
Wednesday	28 th	am	Paralympic athlete visit to school
July			
Wednesday	5 th	All day	Year 6 Taster Day @ West Lakes Academy
Wednesday	5 th	Half day	'Move Up Day' – all classes move to their new class for half a day
Thursday	6 th	All day	Nursery Trip to The La'al Ratty
Tuesday	11 th	6pm	JUNIOR SHOW – Oliver!
Wednesday	12 th	6pm	JUNIOR SHOW – Oliver!
Friday	14 th	1:30pm-4pm	SUMMER FAIR
Monday	17 th	9am – 4pm	Junior Trip to Walby Farm Park (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)
Tuesday	18 th	9am – 3pm	Nursery fun day in school – ice cream van, bouncy castle etc.
Tuesday	18 th	9am – 3pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lowther Castle
Tuesday	18 th	2pm	Leavers' Assembly in school for Year 6 parents
Wednesday	19 th	1:15pm	Finish school for summer

Further details of each event will be given, as necessary.

Details of Sporting Events this term will be sent to the individuals/classes involved.

New academic year starts on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former educator of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brandon O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a keen insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and what strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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