

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



## NEWSLETTER

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# 50th Anniversary

#### **Happy Summer**

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to thank you for your support for your children and for the school this year.



We could not be more proud of the hard work, determination and resilience of our students. They have worked together, and in doing so, learnt to know and do more.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Mrs S Crawshaw - Headteacher

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth form College celebrated it's 50th anniversary on Saturday 24th June.

A Mass concelebrated by Canon Paul Douthwaite, Father Shaun Purdy, Father Jim Angus, Father Anthony Hogarth, Father Phil Marsh and Deacon Jeff Parkes was the centre of the day as staff, students, parents, alumni and guests gave thanks for the school. Read more on pages 18-22.





#### **April**



Our fantastic Ski Trip took place over the Easter Holidays. Scan the QR code to watch a video of pictures.







Year 10 Separate Scientists have been investigating the effect of a variable on reaction time. Some astonishingly quick reaction times on show. Well done to all.

Liz Million, an illustrator visited EMS to deliver a workshop with students. She worked with Year 7 students, teaching them how to draw fun cartoon characters focusing on character development, movement and facial expressions. We also had a special reward session drawing mythical Harry Potter characters with our student librarians. Students were in awe at her abilities and described their artwork as 'the best drawings I have ever done!'



Year 8 students in ICT have been creating their own comic books. Students have been learning how to structure a story across several panels and pose characters to enhance meaning. The big focus has been on creating a product for a particular purpose and students have excelled in this area.



A group of pupils from Year 7-10 visited Darlington Hippodrome to see Grease! Students went back stage afterwards to meet the director and main cast. Former EMS students Jessica Harrison & Carolyn Lithgo were both starring in the production.









Northumbria University spoke to Year 12 students about the UCAS process.



We hosted our first Key Stage 3 Awards Evening celebrating the fantastic achievements of students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.



A group of Year 7 students took part in an oracy workshop. The workshop, hosted by the Speakers Trust, helped students learn the art of what makes a good speech and what we can do to make the difference to our environment.



Year 12 had a very informative and productive visit to the UCAS exhibition at Teesside University. Ambitious students excited about their futures.



The Year 8 football team beat Dyke House 5-1 in the semi-final of the town cup. A big shout out to Zak who scored 4 of the goals.



Our U14's girl's football team competed in the semi-final of the Hartlepool Town Cup beating St Hilds 3-0. Well done girls!



May saw the conclusion of the Big Project with the final three teams going head to head in an evening in St. Anne's.

The team named 'Streetwise Vision' were crowned the winners of the 2022-23 competition. A fantastic amount of hard work from all the students.

We extend our thanks once again to Jacobs and all of the mentors from this years' competition.



A year on from playing in the National Finals at the Hawthorns, the Year 11 footballers qualified again and played this years final at the home of Stoke. A narrow 3-2 defeat and a fantastic performance from the lads. We are immensely proud of their achievements.







The library was a hub of activity with students enjoying colouring, wordsearches and crosswords all with a royal coronation theme.

Town Cup Final day was a memorable one for EMS this season with three of our teams brining home the silverware.

First up was the Year 8 boys who won their game 6-1 against High Tunstall with Zak crowned Player of the Match.

The KS3 girls were up next and faught back from 2-0 down to take the win 4-2 over a very good High Tunstall squad. Tilly picked up Player of the Match after her incredible hattrick.

The Year 11 boys put their disappointment of the week before to one side as they took to the field in their final. A 6-0 thumping of High Tunstall completed a hattrick of wins on the day with Kingston taking Player of the Match.

The Year 9 boys also played and were runners up in this years competition.

Four sets of town finalists in a seaons is phenomenal! Well done to everyone!













A group of students had an amazing trip to Keswick. Students excelled in the gorge, taking on the water jumps, slides and climbs. They embarked on a night walk, with some skimming, sight seeing and planet spotting before a spot of canyoning, lake polo, water races, rock climbing and archery the following day.

We celebrated the hard work and commitment of our Year 7 students and put on a disco for them.

It was a fantastic night and lovely to see many of them having fun with their friends.









The Under 13 Girls Cricket Team played exceptionally well in a competition in Sedgefield winning two of their three games. Well done girls!



Year 10 student who have been attending reading interventions have been working hard and made huge progress. We are super proud of them and awarded them certificates and a free breakfast.



Year 7 Scientists who were today using UV indicator and the pH scale to test and identify the pH of a range of substances. Great lab work!



Year 10 students graduated from the Scholar's Programme in an online graduation event from the Cambridge University. They worked really hard on a mini-dissertation to do with liminal spaces & the work of the authors Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett. Fantastic, Well done!



Year 9 students took part in the Shine campus visit to the University of York. They learned about the huge number of courses and living on campus. All the students enjoyed the day.

Careers Newsletters can viewed on the website along with lots of other useful guidance https://ems.bhcet.org.uk/careers







The Under 15 girls cricket team placed 2nd in the group stage of the Chance to Compete festival qualifying for the final. A superb performance captained by Tilly.



Students celebrated the feast of the Pentecost



EMS6 student Lewis wrote and recorded a speech about the importance of Laudato Si in our school community and also within our local community. Scan the QR code to watch.

A group of students also visited Carmel College to be part of the diocesan event linked to Laudato Si.





**EMS Mathletes** - Students from Year 7 to 10 took part in the National UK Maths Challenge. Pictured are the Bronze, Silver and Gold certificate winners. The competition promotes a love of problem solving and lateral thinking in mathematics. Well done to everyone who took part!



Gianna held a cake sale to raise awareness for her mental health group raising £230. Huge well done!





Year 13 had a gap in their exam schedule to have a leavers' liturgy. One of the last times they'll all be together before they leave EMS6. Each student was given a small gift of a little bag of happiness with various small tokens each with their own special meaning.

Year 13 have been fantastic students and outstanding ambassadors for the college. We will miss them and know they'll go on to do wonderful things in life.







A selection of our Year 9 Sports Leaders were in action at a Primary School athletics event. EMS Sport Leaders have given our feeder primaries opportunities to compete in Cricket, Athletics, Skipping and Tennis this term. Phenomenal effort everyone!



A selection of Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Biology Challenge 2023 where they competed against 43,685 students from across the country. We are delighted to share that two of our students achieved a Silver certificate (top 15%), 23 students achieved a bronze certificate (top 30%), 10 students were highly commended (top 45%), and 24 students were commended (top 60%). We are very proud of you. A big well done to all who took part.



Year 10 & 12 Geography students visited The Theatre Royal, Newcastle to watch 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' which details the plight of Syrian refugees on their journey to safety.

Our students showed great maturity given the difficult content matter. Well done geographers!

Three students participated in the regional competition 'Mother tongue, other tongue' to write a poem in a second language. Hashir wrote in Urdu and Alizéa in French. Nylah who wrote in Hindi, had her work selected to appear in a regional anthology of poetry.







Our Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze group, practiced their tent building and Country code in preparation for their upcoming expedition. Great work!



Congratulations to Lennon and Jack who represented the Hartlepool Schools Athletics team. Great performances by both boys. Jack progressed to represent the county in the 800m.



Our Year 12 Physicists have been practising using Vernier callipers to measure small stretches in wires in order to determine the Young's modulus of the wire. Great work all.

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Some Year 10 students took part in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge were they competed against 13,625 students. We had 6 students achieve a gold certificate (top 10% of the country), 11 silver (top 20%) and 13 bronze (top 40%). A big well done to all who took part.



These girls can! Fantastic sport leadership from EMS Netball ambassadors working with Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's students. Great to see girls inspiring girls through sport. Well done to all.





Scan the QR code to watch our Corpus Christi Reflection







A group of Year 7 & 8 students had a fantastic morning taking part in a trampoline festival hosted by Aeronauts Trampoline Club. All students were excellent ambassadors for the school. Thank you to our Year 9 leaders who supported our younger students.







GCSE Art and Design exhibition.
Parents and students flocked to the event to champion all the amazing artistry on display.

Photography, mixed media, digital illustration, fine art and ceramics showcased students journeys.

Well done year 11. You have made the Art department very proud.







A fantastic day celebrating with Year 11 students. Shirt signing, hoodies & music in the sunshine, then Liturgy, ice cream & a guard of honour from Year 7 & 8 students as they left.

A brilliant send off for a wonderful group of young people.





Representatives from The Catenian
Association visited us to award Lewis and
Finlay with their certificates and trophy from
their performances in the Public Speaking
competition. Finlay was runner up in the KS3
age group with Lewis winning the post 16
group. Fantastic!



Another superb performance from our U13 girls cricket team with an impressive 81-16 win. Fantastic skill, determination and team work show by all. Well done girls!

#### **GET INTO SPORT**

Our PE Department have a large range of enrichment activites and to get involved with. Look out for the new timetable in September







Brilliant day at the inaugural BHCET Trust Athletics event. Students took part with grit and determination. Lots of medals gained with the school placing third overall. Huge well done to the U15 boys and U13 girls coming runners up in their categories. Well done everyone!



A group of year 8 students and student librarians visited the Dormans Museum in Middlesbrough. They were able to participate in a Titanic Exhibition, visit the Archives and enjoy a picnic at Albert Park. All students and staff had a wonderful day!







Mrs Sweeting and the Tree Planting Group were named Green Community Champions at the Hartlepool Heroes Awards. Incredible. Well done!



Congratulations to Zak and Jack who represented Cleveland County at the Northern Schools' Inter County Athletics Championships at Gateshead International Stadium. Jack competed in the 800m in a time of 2:19.9 and Zak in the high jump at a height of 1.41m. Great achievement.



Our student librarians had opportunity to visit Tees Archives. They took part in a talk on career advice for getting into archives and conservation. They really enjoyed looking at documentation that the public doesn't normally get to see and learned about Hartlepool throughout the ages.



We celebrated the Feast Day of The Most Sacred Heart. EMS presented Sacred Heart Primary with a signed card from former students, flowers and a fantastic design by Mr Carless.



Another fine performance form the U13 girls Cricket team to remain undefeated this season.

Fantastic individual performance from both Emilys and Freya, taking wickets and batting extremely well. Great work everyone!



Congratulations to Abisha was was selected as the winner of the Year 8 Shine passport competition. She was rewarded with a certificate and a £25 Amazon gift voucher. Well done Abisha!







Year 7 and Year 8 girls attended the School Games Rounders Tournament. The girl's finished in second position overall. A huge well done to those who attended and represented the school in a very professional and competitive manner.



#### THANK A TEACHER

Staff Member Miss Jackson

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Thank you for everything you do for my daughter. Not only supporting and encouraging her with her Maths but thank you for being the teacher she can turn to when she needs support.

Thank you to all of our staff at The English Martyrs Catholic School & Sixth Form College

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Staff Member Mrs French, Mr Blackwood, Mr McLintock

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To all of the above teaching staff, I can't tell you enough how
grateful I am for all your help and encouragement you have
given to my daughter over the past two years. You have all
gone above and beyond. Thank you very much.

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Year 7 Scientists have been investigating how the size of seeds affects their dispersal distance away from their parent plant. Great work.



Samaira took it upon herself to make brownies for her whole form class to start the 50th celebrations. Well done!



You ignited a passion for English that previously wasn't there-developing my daughters knowledge and skills of the subject massively, whilst supporting her to constantly improve. She's loved her lessons. Thanks so much.

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ould like to thank Mr Hutchinson for all his help with settling
hy son into his first year at EMS. He always responds to any
query and goes out of his way to resolve any issues,

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We celebrated Thank a Teacher Day. Scan the QR code to see what our students had to say about some of our fabulous staff members.







Our annual A Level exhibition has once again celebrated the future generation of artists and designers with students progressing to higher education institutions. Putting their talents in the spotlight, over 30 students showcased their works from a wide range of courses at the exhibition including art and design, photography, 3D design and graphic design.

Congratulations to all involved and best wishes going forward.















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A Mass concelebrated by Canon Paul Douthwaite, Father Shaun Purdy, Father Jim Angus, Father Anthony Hogarth, Father Phil Marsh and Deacon Jeff Parkes was the centre of the day as staff, students, parents, alumni and guests gave thanks for the school.

Former Heads David Relton, Joe Hughes, Mike Lee joined with serving Headteacher Sara Crawshaw to celebrate the school's rich legacy and shared vision of academic, pastoral and spiritual formation of each child.

Parishioners generously supported preparations for the day. Students worked with parishioners to arrange the stunning flower displays and collaborated to form a majestic choir and band. Student leaders facilitated tours and performed musical solos and ensembles throughout the day.

Former student and now Head of Computer Science, Bernadette Malcolmson, served for the 25th Anniversary of the school back in 1998 alongside Fr Shaun Purdy when both were in Year 9.

"Today was a beautiful celebration and it was fantastic to see so many faces that have made such a significant impact on our community over the years" she told us.



"Now, here in 2023, I reflect on having worked with 4 head teachers, 3 tutor groups, hundreds of fantastic students and shared in 2 significant anniversaries, proud to have played my part in giving just a little something back to the school that gave me so much as a child."

The school has been generously gifted a large crucifix that now hangs in the entrance to the School. Canon Paul Douthwaite and parishioners of St Cuthbert's, Hartlepool kindly donated the crucifix to the school to mark the school's 50th Anniversary. The beautiful cross has rich provenance and significance for the parish and is a treasured gift to the school.

Mrs Crawshaw, Headteacher, said: "Today has been a wonderful celebration of our community. English Martyrs School means so much to so many people. The generosity of spirit, sharing of talents and joyful atmosphere made this an important day in our history. Thank you to all who were involved and to all of those who sent their prayers and good wishes."

















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Be The Light - New School Hymn 2023

As part of our 50th Celebrations, we have a new school hymn and here it is being beautifully p...

As part of our 50th Celebrations, we have a new school hymn. Scan the QR code to watch it being beautifully performed by Jasmine and Finley.



Year 7 pupils visited York Castle Museum and York Dungeons. Students learnt about toys, fashion, crime and punishment, wandered through a Victorian street and discovered what life was like in the World Wars. Students had a fantastic time.



Staff and students celebrated Canon Paul's Silver Jubilee Mass at St Joseph's Church. We performed a special rendition of 'Maria of the Lord', a hymn that had previously been written for Canon Paul. We are so grateful for his service to our community.



To celebrate the Tall Ships returning to Hartlepool, our Library created displays and activities to mark the event.



Final cricket game of the season for our U13 girls, fantastic performances, skill and team work shown throughout. A superb first season. Well done girls.



Superb sports leadership shown by our Year 8/9 students and excellent participation from all as they helped at St Teresa's Spors Day.











We were delighted to welcome back former student EMS6 student, Tony Harrington to be our Guest of Honour at this years' Sports Awards.

Tony began his refereeing career in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance at the age of 14, after completing a refereeing course at The English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. An award that is still offered at school to this day.

After four years as an assistant referee in the English Football League, and four years as a National League referee, Tony was appointed to the English Football League referees list for the 2012-13 season.

In 2016 Tony was then promoted to a Select Group 2 referee. Tony has refereed twice at Wembley.

On 22nd May 2021 he took charge of the FA Trophy Final, followed eight days later by returning to officiate the 2012 EFL League One play-off final. Tony officiated his first Premier League game on 16 December 2021.



Awards are given for a variety of reasons; sporting talent, teamwork, hard work, progress, excellence, leadership and significant sporting achievements. Students also received recognition for competitive individual and team achievements at school, regional or national level. Mr Gray, Assistant Headteacher said: "It was an absolute pleasure to be part of the Sports Awards this year. The accomplishments from our students this year have been incredible and they all deserved their awards. On behalf of EMS, I would like to thank Tony for spending the evening with us."







Groups of students from Year 7-9 attended the Hartlepool Schools Relay Competition. Some fantastic performances and results with Year 7 finishing joint winners with High Tunstall, Year 8 overall winners and Year 9 in second place. Excellent effort from everyone. Well done!



Our Year 11 and Year 10 Improtech teams had a match to finsih the season. A very close and competitive game as you'd expect from these two Elite groups but age and experience prevailed with the Year 11s winning 2-1. Well done gents.







Our Year 7 students have been producing some fantastic artwork in their lessons.

Keep up the hard work.



Well done to Miss Dunn and the students of the Dungeon's and Dragons group who meet every week in 2.10 to experience an adventure of monsters and magic! New adventurers are always welcome, see Miss Dunn if you are up to the task!



We nominated two of our students for School's Physicist of the Year in both the Year 10 and Year 12 category. A huge well done to both Civ and Ryan who received their award from Durham University.

We are extremely proud of you.



Congratulations to our 3 Initial Teacher Trainees who have now gained their Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). While Mr Casey will remain in our RE department we wish goodbye and good luck to Miss Duffy and Mr Readman who will continue to change the life chances of young people across the North East.



Year 8 Geographers visited
Tynemouth Aquarium. They explored
the aquarium which was followed by
an Eco Workshop and seal show.
Then a coastal walk along Tynemouth
/ King Edwards's Bay, enjoyed the
park and had ice cream to finish off
a fantastic trip! Fabulous.



### July





We held a summer book fayre in the library! The school is working with Usborne and the more books ordered by students, the more free books the school will get. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to get some summer reading material for over the holidays.







DJ Karl Frampton lead workshop for some of our SEND pupils across KS3 and KS4. DJ Karl introduced them to a new way of mixing and exploring music. The pupils had a hand on experience of using the mixing deck as well as the creative freedom to mix up some banging tunes! They all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and are looking forward to welcoming DJ Karl back soon to create their own song and video.

Year 12 have been on a Biology Field Trip. Students have been working hard to investigate life on rocky shore transect lines and used random quadrat sampling to estimate the population of lugworms on the beach.

Great work all!



### July









On the second day of the Biology Field Trip, Students revisited a transect line where they had previously started some mark-release-recapture work to estimate the population of snails. Students then worked on the CPAC award to complete Assessed Practical 12 'Investigating the effect of an environmental factor on the distribution of a plant species'.

Fantastic effort everyone!



Some of our students helped with Sacred Heart's Sports Day today. One parent stated "I would like to express that the pupils of EMS represented themselves to a very high standard and they interacted well with the children."

Well done to those pictured - fantastic!

Students took part in a Road Safety workshop. Thank you to Cleveland Fire Brigade



for their thought-provoking message of how to keep safe this Summer.



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EMS 50th Celebration Event Highlights
Highlights of our 50th Celebration on 24th June 2023

Here's a fantastic highlights video of our 50th Celebration in June. Scan the QR code to watch it.



Year 10 were given cookies in form time to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication and for being fantastic ambassadors for the school.



competition. Final Result:

1st John Boste, 2nd: John Ingram, 3rd: Anne Line, 4th: Thomas More, 5th: Margaret Clitherow



The sixth form students of the future had their first experience of Sixth Form as we invited them to attend Taster Days. Students enjoyed a wide variety of subjects. We look forward to welcoming them in September!





### July









As part of our Celebrations for marking the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, we have been receiving donations for the foodbank. Our Faith in Action group delivered the items for distribution at St. Aidan's kitchen on Monday. Thank you for your generous support.

# SmartLaw

Young Citizens Bar Mock Trial Competition. Coming September 2023!



30 lucky Year 10 students were able to spend two days at Oxford University. They were able to visit multiple colleges and see some of the amazing history at Oxford. They also were able to take a walking tour of Oxford and visit the Natural History Museum, where they got to see some dead and preserved specimens. We look forward to continuing our partnership with St Catherine's college.





A brilliant day of STEM activites as 60 of our year 7 students, working in small groups, designed, budgeted, presented and pitched their ideas for the perfect chocolate box. In the afternoon, Year 9 girls took part in a females in STEM session. They worked in groups to construct a hat according to a brief and that had to withstand a number of tasks. Well done!



Students have worked hard to create their own prayer resources and will be ambassadors for EMS next year and beyond. Great work!

next academic year.



# July





Staff and students enjoyed a lovely evening at the Stadium of Light for the Y13 Leavers Dinner. We wish them well and thank them for their hard work and contribution to The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College during their time with us. We wish them a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing them on results day!





Phenomenal three days of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Congratulations to the 68 students, who have shown determination, skill and resilience to conquer their Bronze award. Learning skills for life along the way. Huge well done! Be super proud of your achievements!!





Class of 2023



Year 11 Prom

### Miss School, Miss Out!

EMS students more who ATTEND more achieve more!



#### Pupils with greater than 96% attendance:

85% achieved 9-4 in English and Maths

56% achieved 9-5 in English and Maths 53.82
was the total
Attainment 8
Score

#### Pupils with less than 96% attendance:

64% achieved 9-4 in English and Maths 38% achieved 9-5 in English and Maths

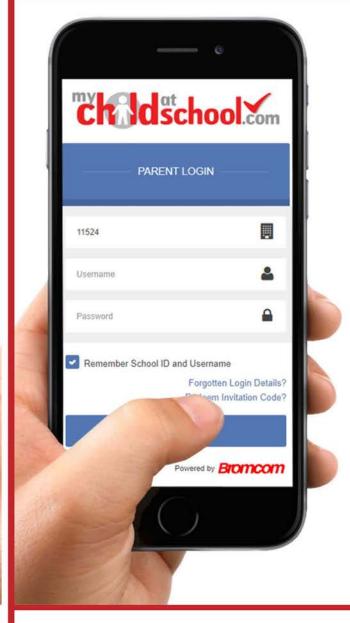
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#### Pupils with less than 90% attendance:

50% achieved 9-4 in English and Maths

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was the total
Attainment 8
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# How to access all information and keep in touch.



As a parent, **everything** you need will now be in a single app called My Child at School (MCAS).

As well as being accessible on your mobile devices, MCAS is also accessible via a web browser meaning it can be viewed on a laptop or computer.

Unlike the apps we have used in the past, MCAS is live. The information updates in realtime. As soon as you sign in, you have all the information at your fingertips.

Dinner money, trips and other purchases is also encorporated within the single platform.

If your child is from one of our feeder primaries, the app will continue to work as normal.

If you have never had MCAS before, we will send you any information you need.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact us and we will be able to get you up and running in no time.

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# Holidays 2023-24

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Key
School Holidays
PD Days
Public Bank Holidays

The other two statutory PD days will be deployed throughout the year as twilight sessions for staff

# Key Dates

A Level Results – Thursday 17th August 2023 (From 8.00am in the Sixth Form Building)

GCSE Results – Thursday 24th August 2023 (From 8.30am in the Sixth Form Building)

**Sixth Form Enrolment** – Open drop in Thursday 24th & Friday 25th August 2023. If you would like an appointment on a different date, please email ems6@ems.bhcet.org.uk

Students Return to School – Tuesday 5th September arrive for 8.40 for Form Time

# Reporting Absence

Maximising your child's attendance is paramount to their education. If your child will be absent, please contact the Attendance team on 01429 273790 (option 1) **as early as possible** or message us using the app.

Attend Today - Achieve Tomorrow