



St John Boste
Catholic Primary School

NEWS AND UPDATES

8th MAY 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We are now just about halfway through the first half term of our summer term, and on the verge of our children taking some important assessments. Over the next few weeks our Year 6 children will complete their Key Stage 2 SATs tests, Year 1 will have their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will have their Multiplication Table Check. The children have been working very hard and we know they will do themselves and our school proud.

There are of course lots of other things happening this term, so this newsletter should give you plenty of information about upcoming events.

Mr Morris



KEY STAGE 2 SATS TESTS

Our Year 6 class will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs tests next week, from Monday to Thursday. The children have been working very hard with Mrs Butler to prepare for these important assessments to show all of the knowledge they have gained throughout their time in primary school.

Our Year 6 children can arrive at school at 8.15am for a lovely breakfast to help to prepare for each day.

We know the children are going to be fabulous, and hope you will keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

MRS LOFTUS

Mrs Loftus will begin her maternity leave at the end of this half term as she takes some very well-earned special time away from school.

Mrs Arkley will be joining our staff team from June to cover Mrs Loftus in her absence.

We wish Mrs and Mr Loftus all the very best as they start their new family together over the coming year.



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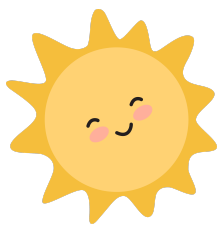
WARM WEATHER ADVICE

We have seen a few glimpses of the sunshine recently, so I just wanted to give you a few reminders as the warm weather becomes a bit more frequent.

Please could children come to school with once a day sunscreen already applied. Because of allergies that some children have and having had incidents where children have ended up with sunscreen in their eyes, we ask that children do not bring sunscreen in to apply in school. We recommend that children wear at least SPF 50 to offer the best protection against the sun's harmful rays.

Children should also bring a hat or cap to school to protect their heads, and can also bring sunglasses.

Finally, children should bring a full water bottle with them to school every day, which they will also be refill from the taps in every class as required.



YEAR 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our Year 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th June.

Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust welcome donations of pre-loved First Holy Communion dresses that could support a pupil on one of our Trust schools in future years. Any donations can be made to school.

If you would like any support with getting any First Holy Communion clothes, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will be more than happy to help.



HEALTH WEEK 2026



Our annual St John Boste Health Week will take place from Monday 15th to Thursday 18th June 2026. This year the activities the children will be taking part in include wheelchair basketball, yoga, martial arts, African drumming and healthy smoothie making. Children should wear suitable sports clothes and shoes each day.

Health week will also include our sports days, annual Miner's Lamp race and for the very first time, a colour run! Sports Day for Nursery and Reception class will take place on Tuesday 16th June at 2:00pm, and Sports Day for Years 1 to 6 will take place on Wednesday 17th June from approximately 9:15am.



The Miner's Lamp race will take place on Wednesday 17th June at 1:00pm and will be followed by our colour run (more information to follow closer to the date.)

ST JOHN BOSTE DIARY DATES

MAY 2026

- 11th May to 14th – May Year 6 SATs
- 13th May – Year 3 Road Safety Session
- 15th May – School photographer in school, non St John Boste siblings from 8:30am
- 15th May – Year 6 SATs reward trip to Hollywood Bowling
- 20th May – Year 3 Road Safety Session
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 22nd May – Year 6 Class Mass, 10am, Church, all welcome
- Half term 25th May – 29th May

JUNE 2026

- School reopens 1st June
- 5th June – World Environment Day
- W.c 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Check and Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 10th June – Year 4 Celebration of the Word, 2.50pm, in school, all welcome
- 11th June – Year 3 Personal Safety session with the school nursing team
- 11th June – Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Beamish Museum, information to follow
- 12th June – Year 4 Class Mass, 10am, in church, all welcome
- W.c 15th June – Health Week (sports clothing and sporting activities all week)
- 16th June – Reception and Nursery Sports Day, 2pm (weather permitting)
- 17th June – Sports Day (morning – weather permitting)
- 17th June – Miner's Lamp and Colour Run (afternoon, weather permitting)
- 19th June – INSET Day, school closed
- 24th June – 5.30pm Year 6 Production, information to follow
- 25th June – 5.30pm Year 6 Production, information to follow
- 27th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion
- 30th June – Year 6 transition day at St Robert of Newminster
- 30th June – Moving Up Day. Children meet their new class teacher ready for September

JULY 2026

- 1st July – Year 6 transition day at St Robert of Newminster
- 1st July – Year 5 Celebration of the Word, 2.50pm in school, all welcome
- 2nd July – Year 6 transition day at St Robert of Newminster
- 2nd July – Year 5 Celebration of Sport, form to be returned by 13th May
- 3rd July – Year 3 Class Mass, 10am, in church, all welcome
- 6th July – 10th July – Year 6 Residential to Derwent Hill
- 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Party, 6pm–8pm in school
- 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass, 10am, whole school in church, all welcome



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