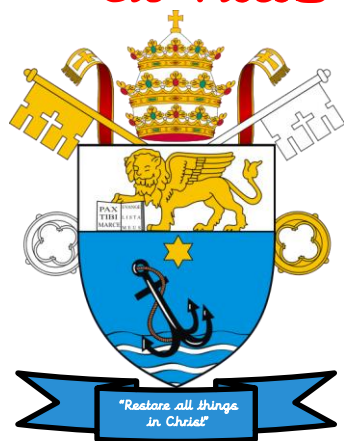


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Key Dates

7 Apr – Bonus Ball Draw
16 Apr - Back to School
16 Apr - YoKids
16 Apr - Reading Challenge Begins
17 Apr - Baby & Toddler Group
17 Apr - Bags2School Collection (8.30am)
18 Apr - First Holy Communion Prep (6.30pm)
19 Apr - House Champions Movie & Popcorn
20 Apr - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am)
20 Apr - Deadline to Claim Raffle Prizes
20 Apr - Social Media Deadline - no longer use children's names in comments
22 Apr - School Grounds Tidy Up
23 Apr - Family Learning: Smart Art
23 Apr - YoKids
23 Apr-4 May - Big Pedal Challenge
24 Apr - Baby & Toddler Group
26 Apr - Yr 6 Assembly (9.15am)
26 Apr - Phonics Screening Check Meeting (2.45pm)
26 Apr - Football @ Pulse
27 Apr - Yr 4 Mass @ Church (9.30am)
30 Apr - Family Learning: Smart Art
30 Apr - YoKids
1 May - Baby & Toddler Group
1 May - Parent Voice Meeting (2.30pm)
2 May - First Holy Communion Prep (6.30pm)
3 May - RE Day (Bishop Elect)
4 May - RE Day (Mysteries of the Rosary)
4 May - Yr 6 & 1 Mass @ School (9.30am)
7 May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
7 May - Car Boot Sale (8.30am)
8-11 May - Yr 5 Water Park Residential
9 May - Yr 4 Assembly (9.15am)
10 May - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am)
13 May - Harvey & Adam Baptism (12.30pm)
14-18 May - Yr 6 SATs
14 May - Family Learning: Smart Art
14 May - YoKids
15 May - Baby & Toddler Group
15 May - Library Visit (Reception & Yr 1)
16 May - First Holy Communion Prep (6.30pm)
17 May - Yr 5 Assembly (9.15am)
17 May - Library Visit (Yr 2)
18 May - Yr 3 Mass @ Church (9.30am)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Mon -YoKids (Rec-Y2)
-School Council 12.30-1
Tues -Maths Intervention (Y6 Group x 2)
-Lego (Y3&4) 12-12.30
-Chatterbooks (Y5&6 Group)
-Eco-Committee 12.30-1
Wed -Football (Y3-6)
-Band (Y4-6)
-Drama (Y3&4) 12.30-1
Thurs -Netball (Y4-6)
-Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1
-Maths Intervention (Y6 Group)
Fri -Instrument (Y4) 12-12.30
-Instrument (Y6) 12.30-1

School Lunch Menu Week 1

VIPs

Reception – Jaiden-James
Year 4 – Noah
Year 5 – Scarlett
Year 6 – Riley
Family members are welcome to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm.

Mr McGoldrick's Marvellous Merit
Theo (Year 1)

House Champions

This **week's** house champions are **St George's**
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St P= 4, St A=1, St G=5, St D=1

Attendance

Reception	98.15
Year 1	100.0
Year 2	91.28
Year 3	94.05
Year 4	87.11
Year 5	92.19
Year 6	92.31
Whole School	93.45

21-25 May - Yr 2 SATs 21 May - Family Learning: Smart Art 21 May - Parents' Evening 22 May - Baby & Toddler Group 23 May - Parents' Evening 24 May - Yr 3 Assembly 24 May - Reading Challenge Ends 25 May - Reading Challenge Deadline 25 May - Yr 3 May Procession to Church 25 May - Half-term Begins Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike-out = cancelled		
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We wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Reflection for Sunday's Gospel

This week we celebrate the greatest feast of all the year; the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus' resurrection validates all he ever said and did. It is the positive proof of who he is: our God. It is the proof too of his love for us. This feast marks a new beginning – not just for Jesus but also for all who truly follow him.

Prayer

Dear Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.

Department for Education (DfE)

On 12th February the DfE wrote to school to inform us we are a 'coasting school' and asked for a response to show what actions the school are taking to help improve standards at St Pius X. On Wednesday 28th March we received this email in response to our response:

I write to thank you for your quick response to our 'coasting school' letter dated 12 February 2018, and the clarity and detail in which you have responded.

Having reviewed the documents, you appear to have measures and support in place to address the coasting performance. We will continue to monitor the school outcomes and offer support through the Strategic School Improvement Fund, where appropriate.

If you feel we could offer support in any other way please contact me.

This demonstrates the school in moving in the right direction. The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication. THANK YOU!!!

VIPs

Please note: children are chosen at random to be VIPs. They are not selected for a particular reason. It is an opportunity to celebrate each child, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Children will get a chance to be a VIP once during the academic year. Current VIPs will carry over until after the Easter holidays due to breaking up on a Thursday.

Attendance

Apologies - last week's top attenders were Year 3, not Reception. Well done to this week's Top Attenders: Year 1.

Reading Challenge

We are setting children a challenge to read **six** books by **six** different authors over a period of **six** weeks. The challenge starts on **Monday 16th April - Friday 25th May**. Children are asked to keep a record of the books they read and complete a book review for each book read. Children are free to present their completed challenge in their own format. Children should bring in their record and book reviews into school on **Friday 25th May**. All entrants will receive 20 Dojo points. One entrant will receive an extra 60 Dojo points by 'pulling a name out of the hat'.

Bapitism

Harvey (Year 4) and Adam (Year 5) have decided to be baptised Catholic. They will be baptised on **Sunday 13th May at 12.30pm** at St Mary's church. It would be lovely to see families from St Pius X at church to support both children.

Egg Competition

The 'egg'cellent entries were judged by Fr Manny. The winners were announced and presented with their prize in Monday's assembly. The winners were:

Nursery - Daley

Reception - Sebastien

Year 1 - Cienna

Year 2 - Scarlett

Year 3 - Deaton

Year 4 - Shona-Lei

Year 5 - Laicie

Year 6 - Ella (& Harrison)

House Champions

After Easter, on **Thursday 19th April at 9.15am**, our house champions for the Spring term, St George's, will be treated to a movie and popcorn in the school hall. Lucky things!!!

Top Dojo Scorers

Our top Dojo scorers for the Spring term from each class will be treated to an afternoon at Lazer-Zone on **Friday 20th April**. The top Dojo scorers were:

Reception - Sebastian

Year 1 - Cienna

Year 2 - Charlotte

Year 3 - Harrison

Year 4 - Izzabella

Year 5 - Molly

Year 6 - Kadie

South Cumbria Music Festival

Olivia (Y5) & Keaton (Y6) are part of a Junior Brass Band, who took part in the South Cumbria Music Festival on Sunday 18th March. Their band took 1st place - awarded the Ulverston Rotary Shield. Mr Stoneham (music teacher) said, "The children played a really good and active part. They regularly turn up for practice and play at home and it showed with a fantastic crowd pleasing performance."

Lotto Bonus Ball

Please note: to secure your number/s, **advance payment** must be made. Goodwill will no longer be accepted because we are struggling to chase some of the money owed, even after the draw. To secure your number please make your payment to Miss Tracy Matthews before **Saturday 7th April**. Numbers currently available are: 4, 9, 10, 34, 35, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 55, 56 and 58. Don't miss out - how would you feel if your number came up? If an unassigned number is drawn, half of the money raised will be rolled over to next month's draw.

Baby & Toddler Group

We recently ran a poll on our official Facebook page. The vast majority (72%) of responses showed an interest in a baby and toddler group. Therefore, we have decided to run a weekly (term time only) baby and toddler group in our school hall on Tuesday's from **9.15am-11am**, starting on **Tuesday 17th April 2018**. Spread the word! There will be a charge of £1 per session to cover costs. This will be a non-profit group. The group will be run by volunteers, who hold DBS clearance specifically obtained for the group, in line with the schools Safeguarding procedures. The group will be reviewed at the end of the Summer term.

Big Maths Online

Pupils in Years 1 & 2 have been selected to trial Big Maths Online. Individual letters, with login details, have been sent home with the pupils. We use Big Maths to support and deliver mathematics teaching and learning in school. This will be a good opportunity to reinforce what pupils have learnt at school, at home.

Race Night

Following the success of the recent parish race night, St Pius X will be running a race night on **Friday 28th September 2018 from 6.30pm**. Add the date to your diaries! This is guaranteed to be a fun event. Tickets for the event are £5, with pie and peas included. You can sponsor a horse and jockey for £5. We are looking for the following support:

- Horse and jockey sponsorship (£5 per horse and jockey),
- Companies to sponsor each race (£25 per race),
- Donations of bottles of wine (9 needed),
- Donations of boxes of chocolates (9 needed),
- Donations of raffle prizes and
- A bottle of spirit (for roll the coin).

Please contact the School Office or Angela Gallagher for further details.

Parent Voice Meeting

Our next Parent Voice Meeting will be held on **Thursday 1st May at 2.30pm**. If you would like anything adding to the agenda please let us know.

Summer Uniform

More information can be found on our website: <http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/uniform>.

New Lunch Menu

After Easter, there will be a new lunch menu. These have been added to our school website:

<http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/our-school/lunches>

Car Boot Sale

We will be holding a car boot sale on our school field on **Monday 7th May** (Bank Holiday Monday). Gates open at 8.30am (£5 per car) and browsers are welcome from 9am (20p entrance fee).

Swimming

After Easter, Year 4 pupils will be going swimming on a Monday morning. Remember to pack swimming kits! Year 3 will no longer go swimming.

Facebook

If you want to keep up to date with our posts, you need to follow a couple of very quick steps to ensure we stay in your news feed! On your mobile phone click the 3 line menu button at the bottom right hand corner, scroll to settings and select 'News Feed Preferences' then click 'Prioritise who to see first'... and then select our page! On a laptop or desktop, click the "Following" button at the top of our page and then select 'See first'. Please share!

Social Media

You may have noticed, when we publish photographs of children on their social media pages we don't include their name. We ask that when commenting on our posts that you don't use the children's name. This a safeguarding measure to ensure the safety of our pupils. If children's names are used in comments after **Friday 20th April** comments will be deleted.

National Curriculum Tests - Information for Parents

Parents of pupils in Years 2 & 6 please follow to link for more information about the upcoming SATs.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/694765/Information_for_parents_-_2018_national_curriculum_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2.pdf

Phonics Screening Check Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for Year 1 & Year 2 (children who did not meet the expected standard last year) parents on **Thursday 26th April at 2.45pm** to give you an overview of the Phonics Screening Check due to take place in May.

Spelling Update

We have decided to change the way we teach spelling. After Easter, we will no longer stream the children based on their spelling phase. Instead, we will be teaching spellings appropriate for the year group children are in. Children who were previously below their expected phase will be given intervention or extra words to learn at home. This means that homework may be from a different phase to what they brought home previously. For a small number of children, some homework may be repeated.

Corporal Acts of Mercy Volunteers

Thank you for your food donations. St Pius X Corporal Acts of Mercy Volunteers did a great job of sorting the donations for Barrow Food Bank. They have fulfilled their first act - Feed the Hungry. Keep up the good work!

School Trips

Please remember to keep paying off the amount due for school trips, via School Money. Are you struggling to log on to School Money? Please pop into the School Office and Mrs Steele will be able to assist you. Bring your bank details and login details with you.

U Dance

A message from Gill, our dance teacher:

Dear Year 3,

Wow you were awesome!!!

You looked so professional and remembered it all. From when you walked on to the very end it was like watching you on TV, so confident, big moves and brave. Beautiful explosions, rockets and moonwalking, well done!!!

It has been great visiting you and watching you.
 I hope you enjoyed the time at Forum 28 and also meeting and watching others.
 Best wishes,
 Gill

KickOff4

We are an official ticket purchase point for the KickOff4 Dementia event being held on **Saturday 26th May from 11am**. Ticket prices are: Family (2A & 4C) £10, Adult (16+) £5 and Children (5-15) £2.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

Reminder: After Easter, preparation for First Holy Communion will begin. All sessions are held at St Mary's Parish Centre starting at 6pm. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18th April,

Wednesday 2nd May,

Wednesday 16th May and

Wednesday 6th June.

Children will make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday June 10th**.

Easter Fair

Unclaimed raffle prizes: blue 321 (perfume and chocolates), blue 323 (necklace and earrings set), blue 351 (shower bag) and orange 499 (heart plaque). If prizes are not collected by the **Friday 20th April** they will be used in a future raffle.

Bags 2 School

Reminder: Blue Bags should be returned by **8.30am on Wednesday 18th April**.

<p>We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing • Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)# • Handbags • Hats • Bags • Scarves and ties • Jewellery • Lingerie • Socks • Belts • Soft toys • Household linen • Curtains • Towels • Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers) 	<p>We DO NOT accept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duvets and blankets • Pillows and cushions • Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) • Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing • School uniforms with and without logo • Corporate clothing and workwear • Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
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School Grounds

Reminder: We are looking for volunteers to help improve our school grounds. ***We don't have many volunteers yet.*** On **Sunday 22nd April from 1pm**, we require help to prepare our raised beds, take down an old shed, paint the band stand, carry out tip runs, move HMS St Pius (ship), litter pick and tidy up Lady Bird Lane. Refreshments will be provided. Please sign up at the School Office.

Family Learning: Smart Art

Reminder: Smart Art session starts on **Monday 23rd April at 2.15pm-4.15pm** for 5 weeks. This is a great and fun opportunity. Please get involved and sign up via the School Office. You will be given a raffle ticket for each session you attend. The lucky winner could receive a £25 Debenhams voucher.

Letters sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word (Whole School)
- Big Maths Online (Years 1 & 2)
- Learning Journey Easter Holiday Record (Reception)
- Cricket - Chance to Shine (selected Year 1 & 2 pupils)
- Madame Tussauds 2FOR1 Entry Voucher (Whole School)