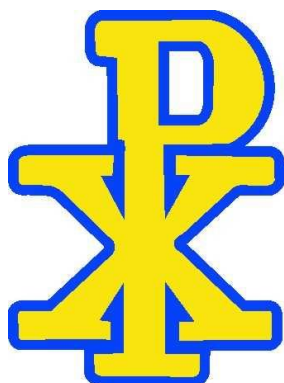


# St Pius X Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 4 May 2018

## Key Dates

7 May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
 7 May - Car Boot Sale (8.30am)  
 8-11 May - Yr 5 Water Park Residential  
 8 May - Baby & Toddler Group  
 9 May - KickOff4 Dementia Assembly  
 10 May - Yr 4 Assembly (9.00am)  
 10 May - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am)  
 11 May - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am)  
 13 May - Harvey & Adam Baptism (12.30pm)  
 14-18 May - Yr 6 SATs  
 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)  
 21-25 May - Yr 2 SATs  
 21 May - Parents' Evening  
 22 May - Baby & Toddler Group  
 23 May - Parents' Evening  
 23 May - St Bernard's to visit Yr 6  
 24 May - Yr 3 Assembly  
 24 May - Reading Challenge Ends  
 25 May - Sports' Day  
 25 May - Reading Challenge Deadline  
 25 May - Yr 3 May Procession to Church  
 25 May - Half-term Begins  
 5 June - Baby & Toddler Group  
 5 June - Kwik Cricket Girls Yr 5 & 6  
 6 June - Dig for Victory Assembly  
 6 June - Kwik Cricket Mixed Yr 5 & 6  
 7 June - Yr 2 Assembly  
 8 June - Yr 6 Mass @ Church  
 8 June - Meet the Dig for Victory Leader  
 8 June - Family Learning Talk  
 11-15 June - Phonics Screening Check  
 12 June - Baby & Toddler  
 12 June - Yr 5 & 6 Drug & Alcohol talk  
 14 June - 5-a-side competition  
 16 June - Messy Church  
 19 June - Baby & Toddler Group  
 21 June - Yr 4 Trip (Manchester)

## 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 – Sean  
 Year 4 – Lucas  
 Year 6 – Ella  
 Family members are welcome to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm.

## Mr McGoldrick's Marvellous Merit

Kenya (Year 1)

## House Champions

This week's house champions are St Patrick's  
 St P = 3, St A = 0, St G = 0, St D = 0

## Attendance

Reception	94.81
Year 1	98.42
Year 2	89.05
Year 3	100.0
Year 4	92.59
Year 5	92.51
Year 6	97.92
Whole School	94.93

<p>21 June – First Confessions</p> <p>22 June – Reserve Sports' Day</p> <p>22 June – Year 5 Mass @ St Mary's Church</p> <p>26 June - Baby &amp; Toddler Group</p> <p>28 June - Come &amp; Learn</p> <p>29 June - Whole School Mass @ School (9.30am)</p> <p>29 June - First Holy Communion Mass</p> <p>Red = added or altered since previous newsletter</p> <p><del>Strike-out</del> = cancelled</p>		
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### Reflection for Sunday's Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear, "The command I give you is this: that you love one another." John 15:17. "You are my friends if you do what I command you," Jesus says. Do is an active verb. Jesus isn't talking about having friends, but about being a friend. Friendship is the most inclusive way we love. It stretches us beyond our intimate relationships into wider circles. Minimally, love challenges us to tolerate one another. More fully, love challenges us to talk to one another and learn from each other's experience. Most fully, love challenges us to encounter one another and open our minds and hearts to experience and faith beyond our own. The good thing is that we have a life time to learn this love and lots of chances a day to choose it.

### Prayer

Dear Father, help us to love and be compassionate to one another. Amen

### Year 6 Transition Days to St Bernard's

The Year 6 transition days will take place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Further details to follow.

### Move Up Day

Please note we will be holding a Move up Day on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Children will move up to their new classroom and spend the day with their new teacher.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested please follow the link below to view the paperwork. You can nominate yourself or someone else.

<http://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/information/vacancies>

### Big Pedal

As part of the Big Pedal fortnight we have been sending photographs to the organisers, Active Cumbria. They liked one of our photographs so much that we were awarded a £100 Brightkids voucher. We have left Mr Marshall in charge of spending it.

The event has been so successful we have decided to continue it for the foreseeable future.

### First Holy Communion

It is lovely to see so many children preparing for their First Holy Communion this year. This is the largest number of candidates we have had for many years. Fr Manny, our Parish Priest, is keen for Catholic pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6 to make their First Holy Communion. Therefore, there will be a **one-off** 'mopping up' programme for pupils who wish to receive this sacrament. This will only be offered to pupils at St Pius. It will involve three sessions during school time:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm: pupil preparation session,

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm: parent session,

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm - pupil preparation session.

Children will make their First Confession on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** following Mass at Church and their First Holy Communion in **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** during the 9.30am Mass at School. For more information please contact Mr McGoldrick.

### Woodland Trust - Green Tree School

We were recently awarded the Woodland Trust Green Tree School Silver Award. However, after a lot of hard work, driven by Mr Marshall, we have now been awarded the Gold Award. We are extremely pleased.



### Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please remember to book an appointment at the School Office.

### Dig for Victory

We are keen to improve our school grounds and get our children and families involved. We are hoping to run a weekly 'Dig for Victory' programme. There will be a chance to meet the Dig for Victory Leader on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, from 2.30pm, prior to the Friday Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm. There will be a taster session for the 'Dig for Victory' on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm-4pm**. Depending on the response to this, we could make it into a weekly event.

### Phonics Screening Check Meeting

It was disappointing that no one turned up the meeting on Thursday. Letters and information packs will be sent home next week.

### Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of the Lord

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note: Whole school Mass will take place on the Thursday instead of the Friday.

### Year 4 Assembly

Due to 'The Ascension of the Lord' being a Holy Day of Obligation, Year 4 assembly has been forward to an earlier time of 9am.

### Bonus Ball

Please remember that half of the money raised each month will go towards the Friends of St Pius X fundraising pot and the other half to the winner. If an unassigned number is drawn, half of the money raised will be rolled over to next month's draw.

Bonus Balls can be purchased for the June draw from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Good luck for tomorrow's draw... it could be you!

### Sports' Day

**Reminder:** This year's Sports' Day will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Infants will take place in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. The reserve dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### Preparation for First Holy Communion

**Reminder:** Preparation for First Holy Communion will continue. All sessions are held at St Mary's Parish Centre starting at 6pm. The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

Children will make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### Letters sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word (Whole School)
- Furness Voices (Year 4)
- Parent Governor (Whole School)