

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																
30 Nov – Youth Sunday Event 1.30-5.30pm 30 Nov – Youth Sunday Mass 5.30pm 2 Dec – Friends of St Pius X Meeting 2pm 3 Dec – Baby & Toddler Group 3 Dec – Fire Brigade to visit Y2 4 Dec – Barrow Market Stall 4 Dec – Choir at Barrow Market 9.30am 4 Dec – Nursery & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm 4 Dec – Nursery & KS1 Nativity 6pm 5 Dec – Assembly Y1 9.15am 5 Dec – KS2 Nativity Performance 2-3pm 5 Dec – KS2 Nativity Performance 6-7pm 6 Dec – Y6 Taster Day at Furness College 6 Dec – Y5 Residential Final Payment day 6 Dec – Y5&6 Mass @ School 6 Dec – FOSPX Light Up and Shine Brolly Parade 5pm 9 Dec – Sacramental Group Christmas Party 10 Dec – Baby & Toddler Group 11 Dec – Christmas Lunch 11 Dec – Christmas Fayre 12 Dec – Assembly Rec 9.15am 13 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day 13 Dec – Mass @ Church Y4 13 Dec – Christmas Family Night 6.30pm	Mon -School Council 12.20-12.50 -Barrow Community Sports (Rec-Y2) PAID Tues -Art & Craft (Rec-Y4) 20 max. -Lego League (Y5&6 Group) 12.20-12.50 -Choir (Y3-6) 12.20-12.50 -Orchestra (Y5 Group) 12.30-1 -Brass (Y3 &4) -Maths (Y6 Group x 2) -Reading (Y6 Group) Wed -Laudato Si’ Club (Rec-Y6) 12.20-12.50 -Homework (Y3-Y6) 12.20-12.50 -Netball (Y3-6) -Film Club (Rec-Y6) Thurs -Football (Y3-6) -Lego League (Y5&6 Group) Fri -Barrow Community Sports (Rec-Y6) PAID Red = added or altered since previous newsletter Strike out = cancelled	Rec – Lincoln Y1 – Isla Y2 – Danika Y3 – Brogan Y4 – Jack Y5 – Preston Y6 – Caitlin Marvellous Merit Farron (Y6) Weekly Attendance <table><tr><td>Reception</td><td>90.95</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>85.42</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>86.79</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>85.83</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>89.58</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>91.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>92.5</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>89.57</td></tr></table>	Reception	90.95	Year 1	85.42	Year 2	86.79	Year 3	85.83	Year 4	89.58	Year 5	91.0	Year 6	92.5	Whole School	89.57
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Sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word
- Flu Vaccine Letter (those that had the nasal spray)

School App

You can download the School Jotter App from Google Play Store (Android users) <https://bit.ly/2GRPx3U> or Apple App Store (iOS users) <https://apple.co/2oGDD64>. We are no longer using the old app (OurSchoolApp).

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is to decorate an umbrella for our 'Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade' on 6th December (see below for more details) – this must include battery operate lights, tinsel and baubles. Children who turn up to the event with their decorated umbrella will receive 5 ClassDojo points and a Merit Certificate (the following week) for completing the challenge.

Red Wednesday

Thank you for supporting #RedWednesday. The amount raised for Aid to the Church in Need was £94.93

'Restore all things in Christ'

November

Thank you for supporting November. It has to be said, we look ridiculous with our moustaches. So far we have raised £256. Please follow the link to donate: <https://moteam.co/st-pius-x?mc=1>.

Youth Sunday – The Feast of Christ the King

HUGE apologies. We advertised the wrong date. Youth Sunday was actually last weekend and the activity afternoon and Youth Mass took place last Saturday.

Furness College Taster Day

On Friday 6th December, Year 6 will be visiting Furness College for a Taster Day from 9.30am to 3pm. Children will either need to bring a packed lunch or order a packed lunch via Lunchshop.

Parent Voice Minutes

Thank you to those who attended the recent Parent Voice meeting. Minutes can be found at: <https://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/parents/parent-voice>.

Morning Routine

Following feedback from parents at the recent Parent Voice meeting, Reception and Year 1 will begin to line up on the top playground (not the football pitch) from Monday. Please help teachers by assisting pupils to line up at the correct place.

Section 48 Report

Our Section 48 report is now available to read at: <https://stpiusx.schooljotter2.com/information/important-links-2>.

Netball, Film and Football Club

There will be no netball, film or football club next week due to Christmas productions.

Christmas Post Box (Pius Post)

Our school post box is now in position in the school hall. Pupils should clearly write the names and classes on the front of each card, for example 'Joe (Year 4)' and post them into the post box. Remember to include surnames if there is more than one child with the same forename in the class. Our School Council (RotaKids) will then sort and deliver the cards. Children should not hand Christmas cards out in class.

RotaKids

Our School Council has signed up to be part of the rotary family. Furness Peninsula Rotary Club visited them recently to explain the roles and responsibilities of RotaKids. We are in the process of setting up St Pius X RotaKids, who plan to support the school and a variety of local, national and international charities. The new St Pius X RotaKids logo is below.



Food Bank Vouchers

As Christmas is fast approaching, please remember the school is able to authorise food bank vouchers to struggling families. Please pop and see Mr McGoldrick or the School Office staff – both will be happy to assist. Don't struggle this Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are encouraging everyone to get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper on **Friday 13 December 2019** to raise funds for our local Children's Ward (Bay Hospital Charity).

Official Christmas Card

The winner of the Official St Pius X Christmas Challenge was Sofia (Y5). Congratulations.

Nursery Places

Reminder: Due to popular demand we're extending the number of nursery places we offer. We're currently full with 24 pupils but have decided to extend our admissions number to offer 32 places as of January. As a result, we now have 3 places available from January. Please contact the School Office on 01229828406 to enquire about a place for your child.

Christmas Productions

Reminder: Tickets are available from the School Office for all performances of the Christmas Productions for £1 each. Dates and times can be seen in the 'Key Dates' section of this newsletter.

There is No App To Replace Your Lap

Reminder: We are aiming to promote reading at St Pius X, especially adults taking the time to read to their children. Staff will record themselves reading to younger family members and friend's children and post these videos on our Facebook page. Parents are encouraged to read to their child/ren and share their video on our Facebook page, using the hashtag #ThereIsNoAppToReplaceYourLap. This is a project that will last for the foreseeable future. Post as many videos as you like. Happy reading!

Guitar Club

Reminder: One of our Foundation Governors, Mrs White, has offered to start a guitar club in January on Monday's from 3.15pm-4.15pm. The club is open to pupils in Year 5, with a maximum of six in the group. Children will have to provide their own guitars. If your child is interested and you are thinking of purchasing a guitar for them, Mrs White would recommend getting one with nylon strings. Please let the School Office know if your children would like to join the club – if we have more than six children interested we will select names out of a hat.

School Trips

Reminder: School trips for next year are now set up on Lunchshop. You can pay as little and as often as you like. Final payment is due by 29th May.

Barrow Community Sports Club

Reminder: We have reintroduced the Friday afterschool club. This is a paid club, costing £5 per week, until 4.30pm. Please contact the School Office or Mr Thompson via ClassDojo for more details.

Laudato Si' Group No Single Use Plastic Challenge

Reminder: Every Monday, every week, we challenge children to bring a packed lunch, which uses no single use plastics. The Laudato Si' club will monitor lunch boxes and anyone who achieves the challenge criteria will receive 3 Dojos. Reusable plastic boxes etc. would be okay, but no crisps, squeeze yoghurts, etc.

THE FRIENDS OF ST PIUS X

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2nd December at 2pm**. We will be discussing our upcoming Christmas events. Please come along or email friendsofstpiusx@st-piusx.cumbria.sch.uk if you're available to help at the events or man a stall.

Barrow Market

We will be holding a tombola at Barrow Market (Portland Walk Entrance) on **4th December from 9am-3pm**. Please come along and support us. The choir will be performing from 9.30-10am.

Light Up & Shine Brolly Parade



Christmas Family Night

There will be a Christmas Family Night on **Friday 13th December from 6.30pm-9.30pm**. Tickets are £2.50 per child and £1 per adult and are available via the School Office or Miss Matthews. Bring your own drink but please remember you are responsible for your own children. Food and treats will be on sale during the night.

Christmas Fayre



Cake Donations

We need cake donations for our Christmas Fayre – home baked or purchased are both fine. Thank you for your continued support.

16 Dec – Nursery & Reception Party am 16 Dec – Y1 & 2 Christmas Party pm 17 Dec – Baby & Toddler Christmas Party 17 Dec – Y3 & 4 Christmas Party pm 18 Dec – House Champions Popcorn & Movie	18 Dec – Top Dojo Cinema Trip 19 Dec – Y5 & 6 Christmas Party pm 20 Dec – Whole School Mass 9.30am 20 Dec – End of Term 1.30pm Finish
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