



Friday 2nd May 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a happy and Holy Easter. I am sure you would join me in praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, who sadly passed away on Easter Monday. He was a beacon of morality and a tireless champion for the poor, marginalised and everyone in need. He was, and will always be, an inspiration to the whole of the world. We have offered up our prayers in school and we will continue to do so. We will also pray for the cardinals who will begin the process of electing our new Pope next week and we will pray for them too. May he rest in peace. Amen

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

Amen



Prayer Theme

“Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed” John 20:19-31

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the gift of faith, even when we don't have all the answers. Help us to trust in You like Thomas eventually did. When we feel afraid or full of doubt, bring us Your peace. Teach us to be people who share Your love and hope with others, especially in times of fear or uncertainty.

Amen

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Warm Weather

- It has been such a lovely week in school on our return to school for our summer term. The sunshine has been very welcome. Can I please ask that all children bring in a refillable water bottle into school every day to keep hydrated.

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

- Yesterday we gathered together to celebrate our Year 11 pupils
- We are so proud of their hard work, achievements and the uniqueness of every single one of them
- Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to join us
- It was particularly special to see so many of year 11 receiving Character award nominations



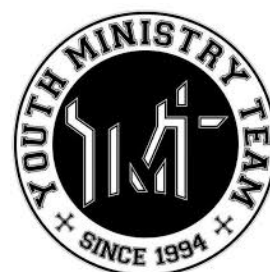
Blessed Carlo Acutis Prayer Competition Winner

- We are very pleased to announce that Kayla in Year 12 won the Diocesan prayer competition for her age group, KS4/5!
- The Diocese had over 700 entries from across the region, which is simply amazing
- The competition was judged by the Most Reverend Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, Archbishop of Assisi.
- Kayla's prayer will be printed on a prayer card and she will receive an Amazon voucher too.
- We will share the winning prayer once it is printed - we are so proud of Kayla



Year 8/9 Retreat

- Our Year 8 and 9 pupils had a great time on retreat with the Youth Ministry Team in Allensford this week
- They have been reflecting on the Jubilee Year theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'
- Every pupil there has so much potential and they really embraced the experience!



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Bank Holiday Monday - 05/05/25

- Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday for the bank holiday
- School will reopen on Tuesday 6th May

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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