



Friday 9th May 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and the lovely weather again this week. Pupils have been enjoying our new outdoor table tennis and table football games. They are great fun!

We are filled with joy to hear the news that we have a newly elected Pope. We echo the words of Bishop Stephen and we will pray for Pope Leo XIV as a community that he may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be blessed in his ministry.

"On behalf of the diocesan family here in Hexham and Newcastle I welcome the joyful news that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been chosen to serve the worldwide Church as our new Pope. We keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers, May the Lord bless his ministry, May he truly be the Servants of the Servants of Christ sustaining and guiding us all in our journey of Faith." Bishop Stephen



Prayer Theme

“It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped into the water.”

John 21: 1-9

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for always being near, even when I don't recognise You right away. Help me to trust You, especially when things aren't going right. Teach me to listen for Your voice and follow Your guidance, Just like the disciples did that morning on the shore.

Amen



Significance Festival

- I would like to share details of the upcoming Significance festival to be held on Saturday 28th June at the Youth Village.
- Entrance to the event is free and all details can be seen by following this link: [Witness Day and Significance Festival - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)

VE Day - Thursday 8th May

- Pupils paused yesterday in pastoral to remember the sacrifices so many made in the pursuit of peace
- VE day marks eight decades since the end of world war II
- We value the importance of connecting younger generations with this pivotal moment in British history



Summer Term Extra-Curricular Sporting Activities

- We have shared this terms sporting activities available to pupils
- These are in addition to our ongoing extra curricular activities that run all year round!



VENUE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sports Hall	Yr 7 Netball 12.25pm RWI Be Active 3.35pm LS	Y9 & 10 Cricket 12.25pm BCO Climbing, Table Tennis & KS3 Badminton 3.35pm BCO	Y7 & 8 Cricket 12.25pm TIR KS4 & 5 Badminton 3.35pm NSM	Girls Cricket 12.25pm AJO Table Tennis 3.35pm TIR	3.35pm Girls Indoor Football AJO
Fields / Yards	Y8/9 Rounders 12.25pm AJO Athletics 12.25pm TIR KS3 Netball 3.35pm AJO	KS3 Girls Football 12.25pm AJO Rounders 12.25pm AAR	Athletics 12.25pm NSM	Athletics 12.25pm DRB & CBR	
Fitness Suite			KS4/5 Girls AAR		
PE1/IT			GCSE/BTEC Intervention		KS4 & 5 Intervention




Family Surveys

- Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed one of our year group surveys over the year
- It is wonderful to have such positive support and relationships with families and your feedback is valuable
- They were all overwhelmingly positive across all questions and year groups
- To offer even more opportunities for comments we will add a 'comment' section to each survey next year to help us to fully understand any issues



May Half Term Holiday Events in Gateshead

- The Gateshead Children's and Young Peoples Primary Care Mental Health team are hosting some free events during the upcoming school holidays.
- These events will offer free access to Mental health advice and guidance, children's and young people's activities and either free brunch, snacks and refreshments.
- They will be delivering mental health activities and qualified therapists will be available for signposting and advice.
- All of the activities available are free. Please see the flyer for more details

 [Five ways to wellbeing flyer](#)



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Yours sincerely,

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