



Friday 24th April, 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic first week back at school, and it has been a real pleasure to welcome pupils back and see everyone settling quickly into routines. There has been a wonderful atmosphere across the school, with pupils clearly enjoying being back together and making the most of the fresh air during social times.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have made a strong start to their final term, with excellent attendance at revision sessions and a positive, hardworking approach in lessons. Their focus and commitment have been encouraging to see.

This week we were also delighted to welcome families of our new Year 7 cohort to their welcome evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you there—thank you for taking the time to join us. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

Prayer Theme: Living Life to the Full

"I came that they may have life and live it abundantly."

John 10:10

We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of life and for Your promise that we are called to live it to the full. Help us to recognise the blessings around us each day and to make positive choices that help us grow in faith, confidence and compassion. Guide us to support one another with kindness and respect, so that our school community may be a place where everyone can flourish.

Amen



World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday 26 April

- This Sunday marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and I invite our whole school community to join together in prayer.
- Bishop Stephen reminds us that, as the Body of Christ, we are all connected, and that just as blood flows to every part of the body, prayer inspires and strengthens others in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are all called to be Good Shepherds of God's people.



Catholic School Inspection

- I hope you have had the opportunity to read the letter and full report which celebrate so much of what makes our school such a special community.
- A huge well done and sincere thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to this outcome — staff, pupils, families, governors and parish partners. Your dedication, faith and commitment continue to make our school a place where young people can grow and flourish.

Key Stage 3 RAP Booklets

- All Key Stage 3 pupils have now received their RAP booklets to support their learning as they begin to think ahead to their end-of-year examinations. These booklets are designed to help pupils revisit key knowledge, practise essential skills and build confidence in their subjects.
- We kindly ask for your support at home by encouraging pupils to use their RAP booklets regularly, alongside completing any set homework and revision tasks.





Year 11 Celebration Assembly - Reminder

- Families of year 11 pupils are invited to join us from 8.30am, for an 8.50am start, in the main hall on **Friday 1st May**.
- We will be joining together to celebrate the achievements of our year 11 pupils and we would love to have you with us.
- Teas and coffees will be available before we start.

Year 13 Leavers Mass - Reminder

- Families and parishioners are welcome to celebrate Mass with us for our Year 13 pupils on Friday 8th May at 11am at St Anne’ church, Winlaton.
- Pupils will then return to school for refreshments and afternoon lessons.

Public Examinations advice for parents and carers

- Letters have been shared with the families of our Year 11 and Year 13 students with important examination information. We want the children to have a good rest, balanced with continued preparation for their external examinations next term.

A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese	Sixth Form
STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Turner
 Head Teacher

