



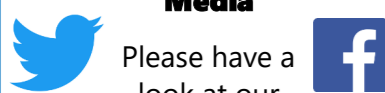
Charlotte, Thomas,  
Jaxson, Luna,  
Richard,  
Mitchell,  
Irene, Leo,  
Joshua,

Luke & Crest!

Have a lovely day!



**School Website & Social Media**



Please have a look at our school website for up to date information. Copies of letters, newsletters, & school lunch menus can be found on there as well as class specific information and key dates for your diary.

[www.stgerards.npcat.org.uk](http://www.stgerards.npcat.org.uk)

You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter:

[@stgerardsrc](https://twitter.com/stgerardsrc)

**Diary Dates**

<b>2nd—end of May</b>	Key Stage 1 SATS
<b>Thursday 4th May</b>	Reception Farm Visit
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	<b>King Charles' Coronation Street Party</b> Children invited to wear <b>red, white and blue.</b>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	Bank Holiday for King Charles' Coronation
<b>Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May</b>	Key Stage 2 SATS (Y6) Children <b>MUST</b> be in school.
<b>Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th May</b>	Y6 Residential trip to Carlton
<b>Saturday 13th May</b>	Y4 children make their First Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	Y4 Library Visit
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	Y1 Multi skills event
<b>Sunday 21st May</b>	Family Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 10am
<b>Thursday 25th May</b>	Y2 Multi skills event
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June</b> <i>School Closed for half term</i>	
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	Back to school 8:40am
<b>Monday 5th June -16th June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Check Children <b>MUST</b> be in school.
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	Y4 Swimming—2 week block Y5 visit to Danby
<b>Tuesday 6th June</b>	Inside Out Coffee Morning - school hall 9am
<b>Thursday 8th June</b>	Reception Stay and Read
<b>Monday 12th June- Friday 19th June</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening Children <b>MUST</b> be in school. Saints Week - Saint in the Making
<b>Tuesday 13th June</b>	Reception Library Visit
<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	Y5 Library Visit
<b>Wednesday June 14th</b>	Reception & Year 1—The Tiger Who Came to Tea Theatre Trip
<b>Thursday 22nd June TBC</b>	Little Big Assembly Years 1 –6
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b>	Y1 Library Visit
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	Postgate Sunday—all children invited to celebrate at Mass. More info to follow.
<b>Thursday July 6th</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Monday 17th July- Thursday 20th July</b>	Sports Week
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	School closes for Summer break
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	PD Day—School closed



**St Gerard's Catholic Primary School Newsletter**  
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As we enter the final term of the school year, we have lots to celebrate and look forward to. We have lots of exciting topics and things planned across school including educational visits, Y6's residential to Carlton Outdoor Education Centre, Coronation celebrations, retreat days, the summer fayre, sports week and a special Saints in the Making day with Canon Farer at St Mary's Cathedral. The last term of the school year always seems to be the busiest.

*May - the Month of Mary*



May is a very special month as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. The whole month is given over to Mary and during this time we think about her, say special prayers to her, have May altars, and sing hymns to Mary to tell her how much we love her. We also ask Mary to help us stay close to her son Jesus and to help us live as Jesus showed us. During May, the children will spend time in our prayer garden reflecting in the area devoted to Mary and members of the Chaplaincy group will lead praying the Holy Rosary on a lunch time.

*Let us learn from the Virgin Mary how to be bolder in obeying the work of God.*

*- Pope Francis*

*First Holy Communion*

May is also a special month for some of the children in Year 4 who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. The children have been working with Mrs Hawkins, one of our catechists, to prepare for their special day and the next step in their journey of faith. Thanks go to Mrs Hawkins for supporting our children through this journey. Please keep the children in your prayers.



*Farewell - Year 6*

This term is the last one at St. Gerard's for our wonderful Year 6 children who have certainly lived out our school motto by walking as children of the light. They have worked incredibly hard this year and it has been wonderful to see them grow and become ready for the next chapter of their life. They have contributed to so many areas of school life over their time at St. Gerard's but particularly this year. They have been wonderful role models for our younger children through play leading at break and lunchtimes, leading collective worships and liturgies, being exemplary in sporting competitions and being incredibly kind and caring not only to one another but to the whole school.

They are a credit to our school community and to their parents. The secondary schools are very lucky to be gaining them as pupils in September.

Y6 -take the spirit of St Gerard's with you wherever you go.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently **93.7%**, which remains below our target of **97%** but just above the national average figure for attendance. Please try your hardest to ensure your child attends everyday of school on time.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please call the school office before 9am and let Mrs Foster know on each day of his/ her absence.

Our attendance officer - Rachel McDonald - is supporting St Gerard's with attendance monitoring and is in school one day a week. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher, Rachel McDonald or Mrs Coe.

There has been an increase in leave of absence requests over the last few weeks. A reminder that a leave of absence request form **must** be submitted to school **before** any planned absence in term time. Leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please see the school website for our school attendance policy.



Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole School	93.7%

## Statutory Testing

Year 6 SATs- 9th - 12th May

Year 2 SATs (aka Secret Agent Training!) during May

Year 4 Multiplication Check - week beginning 5th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - week beginning 12th June

We hope you found the parent meetings for the above useful in informing you about these.

## Coronation Celebrations!



**We are looking forward to celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. On Friday 5th May, the children are invited to come to school in red, white and blue (please do not buy anything specifically for the day) and will take part in lots of fun coronation related activities. There will be lots of sparkling crowns and afternoon tea shared by all! Thank you to our PTA who have helped to decorate the school grounds with bunting!**

**We are sure the children will enjoy a day to remember.**



## Save the date for the Summer Fayre

**Thursday 6th July 3pm**

We are really looking forward to this year's summer fayre! There will be all of the usual stalls plus some new exciting ones!

Some of our children will be leading on a Young Entrepreneurs initiative, which will be incredible.

The Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance Service will be in attendance.

If you can help or are able to contribute a prize or know of any businesses that can, please let us know!



## Join us for a coffee and a chat!



## Community Cupboard!

Please remember that our Community Cupboard remains stocked with food and toiletry essentials for anyone who may need them. Please call in if you need anything at all.

Similarly, if you would like to donate anything, we will be very grateful.



## Parish Trips to Danby

There will be 2 fully funded trips to Danby Moor Centre during the six weeks holiday organised by parishioners from St. Mary's Cathedral. The dates are 31st July and 7th August. Lunch will be provided and there will be a morning and afternoon activity. The coach will pick up and drop off in Hemlington. If you would like to book places on either trip, please call the school office and let Mrs Foster know.

## Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Our BASC continues to be very popular and it is great to see the fun things that go on each day in there! A reminder of the times, costs and booking procedure for our wrap around care:

### Breakfast Club

**Hours:** 7.40am – 8.40am **Cost:** £3.00

**BOOKING NOT REQUIRED**

### After School Club

**Hours:** 3:00pm – 5:45pm **Cost:** £3.00 per hour per child between 3.00pm and 5.00pm  
£2.00 between 5 and 5.45pm

**BOOKING REQUIRED & IS ESSENTIAL.** Please call the school office on 01642 591820 to book your child's place. Payment for BASC is via ParentPay.

