

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our autumn newsletter. It has been an exceptional start to the academic year. Our pupils have settled remarkably well into their routines, establishing a calm, focused and purposeful atmosphere across the school. The children's commitment to their learning and exemplary conduct have ensured a highly productive start to the year.

It has been inspiring to see our school PACE values being lived out every single day by the children, both inside the classroom and across the school grounds. Furthermore, pupil voice across all year groups is incredibly strong; our pupils are taking active ownership of their learning, contributing thoughtfully to school leadership initiatives and articulating their ideas with confidence and pride.

A particular highlight of this half term was our celebration for the Feast of St Paulinus. Gathering for our whole-school Mass and the inspiring retreat day that followed was a truly wonderful occasion. It provided a powerful opportunity for our parish, school and families to come together in faith, reflection and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support in fostering a thriving school community. We wish all our families a refreshing and enjoyable half-term break.

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Upcoming Term Key Dates (2nd November – 18th December 2026) 🌲

Please note the following key events for the second half of the Autumn Term:

- **Wednesday 4th November:** Year 1 Parent Mathematics Session (8:35am – 8:50am in the classroom)
- **Friday 6th November:** Year 2 Parent Mathematics Session (8:45am – 9:00am in the classroom)
- **Friday 13th November:** Children in Need Fundraising Event (Non-uniform day)
- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th November:** Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th)
- **Friday 20th November:** Anti-Bullying Parent Assembly in the Hall, led by pupils (9:00am)
- **Monday 23rd November:** Parliament Week & Commencement of CAUSE Hamper Charity Collections
- **Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th November** Star Books (3:00pm – 3:30pm in the school hall daily by year group: Y1 Mon, Y2 Tue, Y3 Wed, Y5 Thu)
- **Friday 27th November:** school closed to pupils
- **Monday 30th November:** Year 4 Star Books 9 - 9:30am in the hall. Year 3 Advent Liturgy (2:30pm in the hall)
- **Tuesday 1st December:** Star Books - Year 6 (3:00pm – 3:30pm in the hall)
- **Thursday 3rd December:** St Paulinus Christmas Fair (3:00pm – 4:00pm)
- **Friday 4th December:** TVMS "Snappy Christmas" Concert at Tees Valley Music Service (Key Stage 2 Choir to attend - parents of these children will be informed by Mrs Eschoe)
- **Monday 7th December:** Year 4 Advent Liturgy (2:30pm in the hall)
- **Tuesday 8th December:** Early Years "New to Nursery" Parent Information Session (4:00pm)
- **Thursday 10th December:** Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 14th December:** Year 5 Advent Liturgy (2:30pm in the hall)
- **Wednesday 16th December:** Nativity Performances (10am & 2pm at St Paulinus Church)
- **Friday 18th December:** Class Christmas Celebrations & End of Term (Non-uniform day)

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