



Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic first half to the Autumn term we have had at St Pius. The pupils and staff have worked extremely hard and your children have made some wonderful progress in their learning: they know more and can remember more.

At St Pius, our mission statement, "Christ be our light," shines brightly through the pupils every day. Their exceptional behaviour in and around the school; the care they show for our school grounds; and the resilience they demonstrate in their learning, truly reflect this ethos. All of our pupils embody our ARC values (Aspiration, Resilience and Collaboration) in everything they do, making our school a warm, inspiring place to learn and grow.

This term, our school has been alive with celebrations, both big and small. From Stars of the Week recognising outstanding achievements to the joy of birthday celebrations, these moments remind us of the importance of community and shared joy. It is heartwarming to see our pupils supporting and celebrating each other's successes.

Our school community thrives on connection. We encourage you to visit our Facebook page to stay updated on the latest happenings. It is a wonderful way to see the daily activities and achievements of our pupils. Your engagement helps strengthen the bond between home and school. Details of key dates and upcoming events are already available on the school website calendar. These dates are currently provisional, but we will do our best to stick to them. All dates for the coming half term are on the next page of this letter.

Finally, after many years of dedicated service, our much-loved Business Support Officer, Mrs Mackey, will be leaving St Pius. She has been a valued part of our school community, supporting staff, children and families alike and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done over the years. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role at another NPCAT school. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sarah Barkley as our new Business Support Officer. We know she will be a wonderful addition to our team and we are excited for you all to join us in giving her a warm welcome as she settles into her new role.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing half term. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

A McClurey & N Bennett

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November 2025

4 Nov 2025 (Tuesday) – Key Stage 1 Maths Session (8:45–9am)

6 Nov 2025 (Thursday) – Key Stage 2 Maths Session (8:45–9am)

10–14 Nov 2025 – Anti-Bullying Week

10 Nov 2025 (Monday) – Odd Socks Day. Children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks

11 Nov 2025 (Tuesday) – School Remembrance Commemoration

13 Nov 2025 (Thursday) – Y1 - Y6 Parents invited to Anti-Bullying Assembly (8:45–9am in the classrooms)

14 Nov 2025 (Friday) – Children in Need (own clothes day)

20 Nov 2025 (Thursday) – Key Stage 1 “Share a Story” (8:45–9am)

24–28 Nov 2025 – STAR BOOKS Week - *a chance to come into school and share your children’s learning this term.*

- **Monday 24 Nov:** Year 1 (8:45–9:15 in the hall)
- **Tuesday 25 Nov:** Year 2 (8:45–9:15 in the hall)
- **Wednesday 26 Nov:** Year 3 (8:45–9:15 in the hall)
- **Thursday 27 Nov:** Year 4 (8:45–9:15 in the hall)
- **Friday 28 Nov:** Year 5 (8:45–9:15 in the hall)

26 Nov 2025 (Wednesday) – Year 5 Trip to London. *Details have already been sent to parents.*

December 2025

1 Dec 2025 (Monday) – Advent Liturgy (Year 3, 2:30pm in the hall. All parents welcome)

2 Dec 2025 (Tuesday) – STAR BOOKS (Year 6, 8:45–9:15 in the hall)

5 Dec 2025 (Friday) – Christmas Fair (3–4:30pm)

8 Dec 2025 (Monday) – Advent Liturgy (Year 4, 2:30pm. All parents welcome)

11 Dec 2025 (Thursday) – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

12 Dec 2025 (Friday) – Year 3 Trip to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. *Details have already been sent to parents.*

15 Dec 2025 (Monday) – Advent Liturgy (Year 5, 2:30pm. All parents welcome)

17 Dec 2025 (Wednesday) – Nativity Performances (9:30 am & 1:30pm)

18 Dec 2025 (Thursday) – Nativity Performance (9:30am)

19 Dec 2025 (Friday) – Christmas Parties (own clothes day. Children invited to bring a small amount of party food)

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