



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- REMINDER: Please see a list of key term dates below.
- All pupils in **Year 6** will be attending swimming on Thursday 29.1.26. This is part of their assessment in line with the National Curriculum.
Year 4 will **not** be swimming on this day.
- A polite reminder that all pupils should be through the school gates **before 8:50am** each morning. Registration begins at 8:50am and registers close at 9am. Please do all you can to get your child to school promptly and punctually every day. Thank you.

SPOTLIGHT SAFETY: Parent Guides

The National College has a collection of fantastic [safety guides](#) for parents/carers regarding all things 'online'. The guides are easy to access and provide straightforward advice and guidance to help keep you 'in the know'. You can also check out their #wakeupwednesday on social media for a bitesize weekly offer.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR YEAR 4:

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the sacramental preparation meeting on Wednesday 21st January. Parents/carers who would like to formally nominate their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri should complete this [form](#) by Friday 30.1.26.

SPORTS UPDATES:

Key Stage One Cricket Festival at Gateshead Stadium

Our Year One pupils enjoyed an exciting afternoon at a cricket festival held at Gateshead International Stadium this week. Pupils took part in a variety of fast-paced games which all involved working on different cricket skills. All children showed great determination and teamwork throughout the afternoon. Well done, Year 1!

OVERVIEW OF KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM:

MONTH	KEY DATES
January	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday 18.2.26 (beginning of Lent) • Last day of Spring 1 Friday 20.2.26 • Half term break – from Monday 23.2.26 to Friday 27.2.26
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils return to school on Monday 2.3.26 • World Book Day celebration in school Friday 6.3.26. Pupils invited to come into school in fancy dress inspired by a favourite book. • Y1 and 2 Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Tuesday 3.3.26 • Y3 Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Wednesday 4.3.26 • Y6 Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Friday 6.3.26 • Y6 Parents' Consultations Monday 9.3.26 • Y5 Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Tuesday 10.3.26 • Y3 Parents' Consultations Wednesday 11.3.26 • Reception Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Wednesday 11.3.26 • Reception Parents' Consultations Thursday 12.3.26 • Y4 Explore the Curriculum 9:15am Friday 13.3.26 • Y4 Parents' Consultations Monday 16.3.26 • Y2 Parents' Consultations Tuesday 17.3.26 • Celebration of First Reconciliation 5:30pm Tuesday 17.3.26, St Mary's RC Church. • Y5 Parents' Consultations Wednesday 18.3.26 • Y1 Parents' Consultations Thursday 19.3.26 • Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 20.3.26. Pupils invited to come into school in own clothes. • Pupils to take part in the annual 'Big Lent Walk' pilgrimage for CAFOD Wednesday 25.3.26 • Palm Sunday 29.3.26 • Y5 Big Sing and parent open morning at St Thomas More Catholic School Tuesday 31.3.26
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maundy Thursday 2.4.26 • Last day of the Spring 2 Thursday 2.4.26 • Good Friday 3.4.26 • Easter break – from Friday 3.4.26 to Friday 17.4.26 • <i>All pupils return to school on Monday 20.4.26</i>