



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- School will be closed for the May half term break from Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026. School will also be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for our final Inset day of the year.
- All pupils will be taking part in a Fun Run event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### **Years 3, 4 and 5:**

- Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be attending the Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership Fun Run at Saltwell Park.
- Parents/carers must give consent via Arbor in advance of the day (please see emailed letter for more information).
- Pupils must be in school for 8:20am (the buses will leave a 8:40am).
- Pupils must come to school in their full PE kit, be ready to spend the day outdoors (i.e. suncream, sun hat, rain jacket as required) and must bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle.

#### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

- Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will take part in their own mini Fun Run at school.
- All pupils should come into school in full PE kit.
- School arrival time as normal (even for those with siblings in KS2).
- There will be a normal dinner service for these classes (no need for packed lunch).
- There are currently spaces in Gymnastics after school club on Fridays after school for Key Stage One (Reception and Year 1 / 2). Please contact Georgia on 07896 577832 to enquire about spaces.
- If any pupils are interested in taking up tennis, there are spaces in our after-school tennis club which is held every Monday night. Contact [admin@wedotennis.co.uk](mailto:admin@wedotennis.co.uk) for further details.
- Please see attached a flyer for the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Gift for Life Summer Social which will be held at St Mary's Church Hall from 2-4:30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The Gift for Life group are involved with charitable causes both locally and across the world, and the event aims to celebrate the efforts of the Parish – including our schools – in supporting this work.

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### **KS2 SATS:**

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs assessments last week. The pupils have been working hard all year and applied themselves admirably, completing the tests in a calm and positive manner. We are so proud of all their efforts and look forward to sharing in the remaining adventures of the Summer Term with the class before they move on to their new schools in September.

### **CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN:**

Good luck to all those participating in the Children's Cancer Run as part of Team St Mary's this weekend. So far, we have raised over £1600 – which is an astonishing effort. Keep an eye on our school X account for updates from the day.

## **YEAR 1 AND 2 TRIP TO NORTHUMBERLAND ZOO:**

Year 1 and Year 2 had an absolutely fantastic time during their recent visit to Northumberland Zoo! The children were full of excitement from the moment they arrived and thoroughly enjoyed exploring all that the zoo had to offer.

Throughout the day, pupils had the opportunity to see a wide variety of animals up close, including some of their favourites as well as a few more unusual species. They listened carefully to the zoo keepers, learned interesting facts about different animals, and showed great curiosity by asking thoughtful questions.

The trip provided a wonderful hands-on learning experience, helping to bring classroom topics to life while also encouraging an appreciation for wildlife and conservation. The children demonstrated excellent behaviour and represented the school brilliantly.

A huge well done to all of Year 1 and Year 2 for making the day so enjoyable—and a big thank you to staff and volunteers who helped make the trip such a success!

## **YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM:**

Year 3 had a wonderful and enriching visit to the Great North Museum, where their enthusiasm for learning was clear to see throughout the day. The children demonstrated a real thirst for exploration as they eagerly engaged with the wide range of fascinating exhibitions.

Building on their History studies as part of our *Opening Worlds* curriculum, pupils were especially excited to encounter artefacts and displays linked to their recent learning. From examining Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics to discovering the significance of cuneiform writing and the Rosetta Stone, the children made meaningful connections between their classroom work and the real-world objects in front of them.

Their curiosity shone through as they explored each gallery, asked thoughtful questions and shared their growing knowledge with one another. It was inspiring to see how confidently they could discuss these important historical concepts and how keen they were to deepen their understanding.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life, and Year 3 represented the school superbly with their excellent behaviour and engagement. Well done to all involved for making it such a memorable and successful day!

## **SPORTS UPDATES:**

### **Y4/5 Girls Football at Gateshead Power League**

Our Year 3 and 4 tennis team had a fantastic opportunity to represent the school in a competition against five other schools from across Gateshead. The children approached the event with great enthusiasm and determination, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience throughout.

There were some brilliant matches played, with many long rallies that showcased the pupils' developing skills, focus and perseverance on the court. Each player gave their very best, supporting one another and showing real pride in wearing the school colours.

After a series of closely contested games, the team achieved an impressive second-place finish. This was a well-deserved result and a reflection of all their hard work and commitment.

The children had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and were delighted to be awarded silver badges in recognition of their achievement. We are incredibly proud of their effort, positive attitude and the way they represented the school so brilliantly—well done all!