



# St Pius X Catholic Primary School & Little Lambs Nursery



## Monthly Newsletter – June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've made it to the final half-term, and it's set to be a busy one.

**Gospel Value of the Month** – Compassion

**Church Devotion of the Month** – Sacred Heart

**Prayer Room Focus** – Sacred Heart Novena

**First Holy Communion** will take place on **Sunday 7th June**. The final preparation session will take place on **Monday 1st June, 6-7pm** at the Parish centre.

**Term Dates** can be found on our website (<https://www.st-piux.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/term-dates>). Please note that 2026/27 term dates have changed. We had an INSET planned for Monday 31st August 2026, but as it is a bank holiday. Therefore, we have had to move the INSET day to Wednesday 2nd September. As a result, children will now return on **Thursday 3rd September**.

**Nursery and Reception Spaces** – We still have some spaces available in our wonderful Early Years setting! Please get in touch if you would like more information or to come and have a look around. Please spread the word.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** – Please note that Rugby was for the first half-term only and it has been replaced by Movement and Stillness. Places are still available via School Gateway. Please remember that most clubs end the week commencing **29th June**.

**Attendance Reviews** – Our half-termly attendance review will take place during the first week of this half-term, in line with our Trust Attendance Strategy.

**Nursery Applications** deadlines are:

- **10th July** for January intake.

**Baby & Toddler Group Volunteers Needed** - We are urgently looking for additional volunteers to help support our weekly Baby & Toddler Group, which is currently at risk of having to stop due to a lack of volunteer support.

We need volunteers to:

Set up - 8:30- 9:00am

Assist during the session - 9:00-10:30am

Tidy up - 10:30-10:45am

Unfortunately, we have recently lost some of our regular volunteers. If you can offer any time to help, even on an occasional basis, we would be extremely grateful. All volunteers will be required to complete a DBS check before volunteering begins. Please contact the school office if you can help support this valuable group.

**School Minibus Service** - The minibus service runs to provide transport for children who live outside of the local Ormskill area. It is not a childcare service. An approximate time of collection is provided to all parents/carers, but this may vary due to traffic, weather, etc. If you require your child to be collected by a particular time, due to work commitments, we do offer a Breakfast Club from 7:30am. There are spaces available for September – please contact the school office.

**Pyjamarama & Read Something Special to Someone Special** - On **Friday 12th June 2026** we will be celebrating Pyjamarama Day. Your child can come to school dressed in their pyjamas on that day ready to celebrate reading and books. At **2:45pm** we will open our doors to parents, grandparents or family members for our termly 'Read Something Special to Someone Special' event where you can share a cuppa and a story/ book with your child. Donations for the Book Trust may be made via School Gateway.

**Ofsted Update** – We are still awaiting our draft report. As soon as the report card is published, we will write to you with full details. In the meantime, we have included a short video (under 3 minutes) below which explains the new Ofsted grading system, as it differs from previous frameworks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb0fV9y76g>

Ofsted or no Ofsted, we remain committed to what we do best - placing children at the heart of everything we do.

**Swimming** – Year 6 will be swimming for the final half term starting on **Monday 1st June**.

**School Car Park** – Please be reminded that the school car park is for Blue Badge holders only during drop-off and collection times. Please note that the barrier will be in place from 8:45am–9:00am and 3:20pm–3:35pm each day. If you are using the car park, please remain in your vehicle until a member of staff moves the barrier. This will keep our school site safe for all pupils and families.

**Sports Day Champions** - Congratulations to this year's Sports Day champions.

Infants - **St Andrew** (Blue Team)

Juniors - **St David** (Yellow Team)

Three tally points were added to the weekly house champions tally on the weekly newsletter.

**Mrs Boylan** - We are delighted to share that Mrs Boylan will be returning from maternity leave on **Monday 22nd June**. A very warm welcome back, Mrs Boylan.

**Free School Meals** – If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below. Successful Free School Meals applications will entitle parents for support towards school trips, residentials, supermarket vouchers during school holidays, as well as a uniform grant.

[https://ems.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/e](https://ems.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/e)

**Move Up Day** – On **Tuesday 30th June**, children will spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teacher and support staff. The children should be dropped off and collected from their current classes, where they will be registered and dismissed as normal. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming our new pupils.

Nursery - 9:30am-11:45am

Reception - 9:15am-3pm

Year 1-Year 6 (current Reception - Year 5) - 9:00am - 3:15pm

(8:45am-9am & 3:15pm-3:25pm in current class)

**Secondary School Transition** – Year 6 will be visiting their new Secondary schools on **Monday 29th June** and **Tuesday 30th June**.

**Uniform Policy** - Our uniform policy can be found on our school website here: <https://www.st-piux.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/uniform>. Please note that skirts must be at least knee length and socks must be plain – we will be stricter on this from September.

**Branded Uniform** – The only uniform item that we request a school logo on is a sweatshirt/cardigan. All other school uniform items, including PE kits, don't need to have the school logo.

**Summer Uniform** - Children may wear summer uniform. Please note that sandals are not permitted.

**Uniform Change (Reminder)** - From September 2026, we will be introducing a change to our school uniform, replacing white polo shirts with red ones. More information can be found on last month's newsletter.

**Preloved Uniform** is available by contacting the school office. We have a selection of summer dresses available.

**Father's Day Lunch**

Date: **Wednesday 24th June** Time: **12noon**

Menu: Tray Bake Meat & Potato Pie and School Cake

One male adult per family may attend (it can be any significant man in the children's lives i.e. uncle, brother, grandad, neighbour). Other family members, including siblings not in school, are unable to attend purely due to the logistics. This has been added to School Gateway at a cost of £3.50. The cut off to book your lunch is **12noon on Thursday 18th June**. This will allow us time to order stock and allocate time slots. The school office will contact parents to inform them of their allocated slot by **12 noon on Monday 22nd June**. If you book a meal, your child/ren will collect their food at the same time as their important visitor and eat with them. Remember to book your child's meal too.

**Warm Weather** – During the summer term, we often experience hot weather. To ensure children are protected and hydrated we encourage the following measures:

- children should bring a filled water bottle each day. We ask that it is filled with water only. Children can refill/top up bottles before break and lunch times.

- we ask you apply sunscreen before school. Factor 30 is recommended. Please send sunscreen into school, which can be left. All classes will reapply sunscreen again before lunchtime.

- sun caps should be worn for school. Any sun cap can be worn but logo versions can be purchased from Identity. Staff will remind children to wear them at break and lunch times.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED.

**Annual Reports** – Annual reports will be shared with parents via ClassDojo on **Tuesday 14th July**. This date ensures that all national assessment data can be shared at the same time. Reminder: Reports will now be sent electronically via email rather than via ClassDojo. Please ensure that the email address we have on record for you is correct and up to date so that you receive your child's report without delay. If you need to update your contact details, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**Year 6 Leavers' Events** – A summary of our Year 6 Leavers' events can be found below:

**Leavers' Assembly – 15th July at 2:30pm**. Year 6 family members are invited to attend – bring your tissues!

**Awards Ceremony (pupils only) – 15th July, 6pm-8pm**. The governors and staff will be hosting a Year 6 Awards Ceremony. This will be for children, staff and governors only. Children will be invited for food followed by an awards ceremony and disco. Awards will be voted for by staff and children. In addition, there will be a special Governors' Award. Children are asked to dress smart.

**Abbey Mass – 16th July at 9:30am**. We will be taking our Year 6 pupils to the annual Abbey Mass organised by St Bernard's at Furness Abbey. This Mass will also be dedicated to our Year 6 leavers. All are welcome to attend.

**Water Fight (pupils only) – 16th July at 2.45pm**. Children may bring a water pistol/gun into school. The children will get changed into their PE kits for the water fight and will get changed back into their uniform or come home wet (weather permitting). Please ensure your child brings a towel and spare underwear and socks.

**Brockhole Trip – 7th July**. The children will be visiting Brockhole and will play on the tree top nets.

**Residential Payments** – Please remember to keep up with your payments on School Gateway. The school office will be chasing late payments this month.

**Statutory Assessment Dates 2025/26** - It is important that children attend school for statutory assessments. We ask that no holidays or trips are booked during these weeks.

Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check – Monday 8th-Friday 12th June 2026

Y4 Multiplication Check – Monday 1st-Friday 12th June 2026

**Summer Assessment Week** will take place the week commencing **Monday 29th June**.

**ELS in Action** – Year 1 parents are invited to see ELS in action on **Tuesday 2nd June at 9:15-9:45am** in the Year 1 classroom.

**Phonics Screening Check Meeting** – Following ELS in Action on **Tuesday 2nd June**, Mr McGoldrick will lead a short workshop at **9:45am** about the Phonics Screening Check.

**FOSPX** – The FOSPX have organised the following events:

- Non-Uniform (colour hamper donations) – **Friday 5th June**
- Pius Calling – **Friday 26th June**
- Freeze Pop Fridays – **Every Friday after school** (see more info below)

More information can be found on ClassDojo and their Facebook page.

**Pius Calling** will take place on **Friday 26th June from 4:30pm until 8:30pm** (approx.).

- The whole community is welcome to attend the event.

- Tickets are available via School Gateway at a cost of £2.50

- (children under the age of 3 and pupils who attend St Pius X are free).

- This is a family event and a ticket only event – you must present your ticket upon arrival in exchange for a wristband. No ticket = no entry!

- Entry and exit will be via the car park gate. Someone will be manning the gate throughout the event.

- There will be a wide range of activities, refreshments and stalls.

- Stalls will be cash only.

- There will be a range of musical acts performing for your entertainment. Line up to be confirmed.

- All year groups and the school choir will be performing at the event (running order to follow). Ideally, children will be at the event with family. Alternatively, if family members are unable to attend, children should be dropped off 10 minutes prior to their allocated slot and collected at the gate at the end of their allocated slot. Staff will meet children at the car park gate – parents are not permitted to enter unless they have purchased a ticket. To ensure safety, the staff member will take a register as children enter and will tick them off when collected.

- Year 5 & 6 pupils may walk to and home from event for their performance slot. However, we must have permission to allow this. Please send your child's class teacher a message via ClassDojo, to give permission for them to walk home.

- Pupils and visitors are encouraged to wear festival gear. This will be on sale leading up to the event and at the event.

- If your child is unable to attend Pius Calling to perform it is important that class teachers know. All class teachers will be posting a story on ClassDojo, which we ask parents to comment on if your child is unable to attend.

- Although we allow alcohol onto the premises for the event, we would like to remind parents/carers that this is a family event and that they must drink responsibly and they must always supervise their children. Please respect this rule, or you will be asked to leave the premises.

This is guaranteed to be a great day – don't miss it!

**Pius Calling Meetings** - The next meetings to organise Pius Calling are: **1st June, 8th June, 15th June and 22nd June**. Children may attend Afterschool Club free of charge – please book directly with the school office.

**Pius X Calling Volunteers** - We're looking for volunteers to help make this year's Pius Calling a success. There are lots of different ways you can get involved, including:

- Attending meetings

- Setting up on the day

- Running a stall

- Tidying up after the event

- ...and much more!

If you're able to help in any way, please complete the Google Form to let us know your availability and preferences. Your support will help us plan the event effectively and ensure everything runs smoothly.

<https://forms.gle/EgLE1HNQ7gtMEd7j>

**FOSPX Coffee Morning** – We would like to reintroduce a coffee morning on the first Thursday of each month in St Joseph's Cabin. If you are willing to lead on this, please get in touch.