

Newsletter for week beginning 11th May 2026

Virtue to Live by: Resilience

RGT Class Assembly

Congratulations to the pupils in RGT! They led a beautiful assembly all about Mary our Mother last Friday. The children spoke and sang beautifully, and shared the importance of Mary's role in our lives with real maturity. For many of the children, this was their first time performing in front of the school, and they handled it with grace and star quality. Thank you to all of the staff team and to parents who helped them prepare!



Mary, give me your heart: so beautiful, so pure so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I May be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor.” Mother Theresa

We dedicate the month of May to showing our Devotion to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother.

Pupils in Reception and KS1 recently had their May procession to honour our Mother.

Thank you to all of our parent and carers who have donated flowers for our May processions. Our front entrance looks and smells amazing!

Please do take some time at home as we are in school to pray a decade of the rosary with your children during this month of May.



	<u>Virtue Award Winners - Resilience</u> 08.05.2026 and 15.05.2026	<u>Stars of the Week</u> 08.05.2026 and 15.105.2026
RCC	Jude and Thea	Reuben and Ingrid
RGT	Ben and Haya	Whole Class and Albie
1KC	Aveer and Gabriel	Jensen and Mary
1/2MO	Emily and Leo	Fiona and Gabrielle
2DC	Liberty and Scarlett	Xander and Aubrie
3GB	Julia and Jack M	Leo M and Juliet
3LA	Arlo and Luca C	Ellie and Erin
4EH	Jude and Maddie	Noah and Arthur
4MR	Martin and William	Jessica and Sebastian
5GG	Charlotte and Reuben	Benji and Logan
5SL	Areesa and Haleigh	Roan and Jack
6JR	Joey and Whole Class	Oliver W and Whole Class
6LR	Kelan and Whole Class	Anna and Whole Class

Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Assessments

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who completed the end of Key Stage Statutory Assessments this week. They showed our virtue of resilience and perseverance during these tests and we are proud of them for giving their best effort. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 6 staff who have supported the pupils to prepare for these tests since September whilst ensuring that the children still access the broad curriculum that we proudly plan for at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thank you also to the teaching staff who have volunteered their time to support with the morning maths sessions for Year 6 pupils this year.

I know that the children will all now be looking forward to their well-deserved upcoming trip to Northumberland next week. Well done Year 6!

Sporting Success!

Year 4 Boys Football

The Year 4 boys competed in the Champion of Champions Cup at LUFC Thorp Arch last week - they played 7, won 5 and drew 2 and finished runners up. They were a credit to the school and played some incredible football. Their unbeaten streak continues to over 30 games without a loss and they head into the cup final this week brimming with confidence. Well done boys!

Special mention to Mr Freeman who provided a special one-off kit for the lads to wear today. We really appreciate it!





U9 Datacable Final Winners!

Well done boys! Incredible football, teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. These boys represented our schools and their families with pride and skill and thoroughly deserve their success. Thank you Mr Hughes for all your support and encouragement!

Year 6 Girls Football

The Year 6 girls played in the quarterfinals of the Champions of Champions competition and secured a 3-1 victory! Well done girls, we are very proud of you all - bring on the semi finals!



Northumberland Residential

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be going on residential to Northumberland. This is a well-deserved treat after all of their hard work so far this year. A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils that the children need to come to school on **Monday morning at 7:45am and meet in the school hall**. Please can children ensure that they give any spending money to the adults if they haven't already done so. Parents and Carers will need to bring any medicine to the adults in school and ensure that this is clearly marked with their child's name and finally please ensure that they have a big packed lunch to get them through the day.

IHOMSA Updates

A reminder that our Summer Family Night will be on Friday 5th July! We will be sending out links to purchase tickets in the coming weeks.

Raffle Prizes Needed!

Can you or your business donate a raffle prize for Family Night? We had some incredible prizes last year including holiday vouchers, family days out, restaurant vouchers to name a few! If you are able to pledge or donate any raffle prizes, or money to purchase prizes, please let us know via email ihomsa13@gmail.com.

Non-uniform day, Friday 26th June

We will ask that children in KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) bring in a tombola gift for a child or adult. Pupils in KS2 (Years 4, 5 and 6) a bottle of alcohol, in exchange for wearing their own clothes on this day. We will have volunteers on this day (9am-12pm) to collect the gifts/alcohol on the path and ticket these.

Calling all Volunteers!

As you know, these events don't just happen, we will need people to support in the lead up and throughout the evening in order for us to go ahead. We will be coming out soon with a sign up link please help us make this a resounding success by helping for just an hour through the evening for a time slot- that could be running a stall (all instructions provided!), helping at the bar, or helping on the path in the weeks leading up to the event: we will ask what time slots work for you.

IHOMSA Fathers' Day Stall

IHOMSA have been very busy sourcing some fabulous gifts for Father's Day. Items will be on sale on at £4.00 Friday 19th June. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the Father's Day gift stall throughout the day and purchase a special gift for a special person.

IHOMSA Break the Rules Day

We are pleased to announce that our next "Break the Rules" event will take place on Thursday 11th June. The School Council will be meeting shortly to discuss and select the rules for the day. Once these have been finalised, we will circulate the details to all parents and carers.

Beyond the Physical

There are still some places available on the Beyond the Physical Sports Camp for the May half term holiday and the Summer Holiday. Please click on the link below for further details:
www.beyondthephysical.co.uk/camps



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Officers are: Miss Clark (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Hill (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Roberts. For any child protection concerns or any concerns of a sensitive nature, please do come and speak to any of the members in our team and we will of course be more than happy to support you with these.

National Walking Month - WYCA Funded Walking Support for Schools

Parents/Carers can support our school by registering on the new BetterPoints rewards App: [BetterPoints West Yorkshire](https://www.betterpoints.co.uk/). Further information will be attached via email with the newsletter.

Appointments in School Time and Bank Holiday Weekend

We recognise that some appointments during school time are unavoidable (e.g. some medical appointments) but we do ask that all parents and carers do their best to make any appointments for pupils outside of school hours so that the children don't miss out on any of their learning in school.

We noticed several requests for early collection around the bank holiday weekend. While we understand that family schedules can be busy, every minute of the school day counts! When a child is collected early, it interrupts the flow of the classroom and means they miss out on vital end-of-day activities. Please ensure that appointments and travel plans are made outside of school hours so that no learning time is lost.

School Office Support

The school office is currently receiving a high number of requests to contact home regarding forgotten PE kits, swimming kits, musical instruments and similar items. This is placing additional pressure on the office team and impacting their ability to carry out their important daily work in what is already a very busy environment. We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by reminding children to check they have everything they need for the school day before they leave home. Please note that, moving forward, the office will no longer be able to make these calls home. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Miss Clark (Headteacher)



Calendar Dates Summer Term 1

17.05.26 – 12:00pm First Holy Communion Parent & Child Session in the Queen's Hall
18.05.26-21.05.26 – Northumberland Residential
19.05.26 – Year 4 Heart Speaks to Heart
22.05.26 – **END OF SUMMER TERM 1**

Calendar Dates Summer Term 2

02.06.26 – 3.30-4.30pm Year 4 First Holy Communion Preparation session
03.06.26 – Y3 Bradford Science Museum Trip
03.06.26 – 6.00pm New Parents Reception 2026 Welcome Event
04.06.26 – 9.15am Reception Sports Day
04.06.26 – 10.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
04.06.26 – 1.30pm Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day
05.06.26 – 1.30pm Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day
08.06.26 – Y6 Height, Weight & Vision checks
08.06.26 – 2.45pm Year 3 Singing Performance to parents
11.06.26 – IHOMSA Break the Rules Day
12.06.26 – **TRAINING DAY - pupils not in school**
14.06.26 – 12:00pm First Holy Communion Parent & Child Session in the Queen's Hall
18.06.26 – Y6 Takeover Morning
18.06.26 – 6.00pm Music Concert
19.06.26 – 9.15am 5SL Class Assembly
19.06.26 – IHOMSA Father's Day Stalls
20.06.26 – 10.00am 4EH First Holy Communion
20.06.26 – 12.00pm 4MR First Holy Communion
26.06.26 – IHOMSA Non-uniform Day – tombola gift to bring
30.06.26 – 3.30pm Weardale Parent Meeting
01.07.26 – Year 1 and Year 2 Whitby School Trip
03.07.26 – IHOMSA Summer Family Night
09.07.26 – Year 6 Performance (pm)
10.07.26 – Year 6 Performance (pm)
15.07.26 – 1.30pm Year 6 Celebration Disco
15.07.26 – Year 6 Guard of Honour
15.07.26 – 6.00pm Leavers Mass
16.07.26 – **END OF SUMMER TERM 2 - School closes at 1.30pm (no ASC)**