

## May Newsletter 2024

### May, the month of Mary

In the Catholic Church, May and October are months traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. The Rosary is a form of prayer that helps us to reflect on the life of Mary and Jesus. Mary was always faithful to God's will. She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful in the temple and she was faithful at the foot of the cross. Mary quietly loved God and loved her family through that love. Let us follow her example and be faithful to God's will in our lives.

God our Father,  
help us to do your will  
even when it is difficult.  
Help us to love you  
through the love we show  
our families and each other.  
We ask this through  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
and your Holy Spirit. Amen.



Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

### SATs

A huge shout out to all our pupils who are preparing for SATs. SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils will take place between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May 2024. It is essential that your child attends school every day. On each morning of the SATs, we will be running a breakfast club (free-of-charge) for Year 6 pupils to help prepare and relax them for the day ahead. If you wish for your child to attend, please ensure they are in school between 8.15am and 8.30am; access to Breakfast Club is gained via main reception.

We ask all Year 6 children to be in school by 8.30am each morning of the SATs tests, to ensure a calm and smooth beginning to the day before a prompt 9am start to testing.

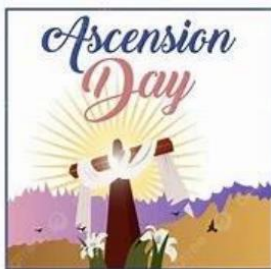
Thank you for your support.

Please keep Year 6 Pupils who will be sitting their SATs in your thoughts and prayers during this week. We are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment to learning.

### Ascension Day

On Thursday 9th May, Years 2-6 will join the Parish for Mass at 10am to celebrate Ascension Day.

**All are welcome to join us.**



Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

We continue on our journey of preparation with our children who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

Before making their Holy Communion. The children have two more sessions in church on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** and **Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

Following Holy Communion, the final session will take place Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>.





Thank you for all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school.

**Mrs Sutherland Head of School**

## Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School Summer Dates 2024 (updated)

Please note **CORRECT** date for **First Holy Communion Day**

**Unfortunately, the Year 6 performance clashes with Y6 transition to St. Bede's so please note the new time-the performance is now a matinee!**

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| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | Celebration of the Word in the prayer room with families<br><b>Year 4 Miss Hunter 9:15am</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | First Holy Communion Meeting in Church <b>5:30pm</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | Celebration of the Word in the prayer room with families <b>Year 3</b><br>Miss Lawrence <b>9:15am</b>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | School Discos<br>Reception-Year 2 <b>3-4pm</b><br>Year 3-6 <b>5:30-7pm</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | Celebration of the Word in the prayer room with families <b>Year</b> Miss<br>Mather <b>9:15am</b>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | Sports' Day-all day<br>9:15 start, Parents to leave over lunch ( <b>11:45-12:45pm</b> ) 1pm start on the<br>afternoon. Sports' Day finishes at 3pm |   |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | First Holy Communion Meeting in Church <b>5:30pm</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | Celebration of the Word in the <b>Infant Hall</b> -Father's Day-EYFS <b>9:15am</b>   |   |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>STAFF INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>  | Celebration of the Word in the prayer room with families <b>Year 5 Mrs Sweeney</b><br><b>9:15am</b>  |   |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  | <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 10am in Church</b>  |   |
| <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | Celebration of the Word in the prayer room with families <b>Year 2 Mrs Jones</b><br><b>9:15am</b>  |   |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>                      | Dukeshouse Wood Year 6   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>  | Summer Fayre 1:30pm  |   |
| <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>TRUST INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | First Holy Communion Meeting in Church <b>5:30pm</b>   |   |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>Summer Year 6 Production NEW TIME 2pm</b>   |   |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>Leavers' Mass in Church 10am</b>  |   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>Leavers' Assembly 10am KS2 Hall</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>School closes 1pm</b><br><b>Please note there will be no Nursery or tea-time club on this day</b>   |   |
|  | <b>Happy Summer Holiday!</b>   |  |