

Dear families

We have had such a busy short half term.

On the first morning back, we received the call to say that the Junior school were getting a Catholic inspection. As I mentioned yesterday in my letter, the children were amazing and showed the inspectors how proud they are of the school.

The following week, Bishop Stephen visited the two school sites and chatted to the children about his life and his role. He also opened our Garden of Hope; Mrs Wells' family attended the opening and we have a wishing well in memory of her within the garden. We placed some decorated pebbles in the well- our aim is to fill the Wishing Well with pebbles so if you are near the beach over the holidays then please collect a few and let your child draw/write a message of love on them and we will put them in the well.

The Garden of Hope is open to all families before and after school; please feel free to spend some time in there reflecting and praying. We also have new prayer walls in each yard- if you would like to tie a ribbon on and leave a prayer for a loved one or yourself then please do.

Many of the year two and year five children attended the Music Festival and performed on the stage at the Customs House. They were fantastic and represented the school well.

We truly want to say a big thank you to you all.

Best wishes

Mrs Tumelty and all the staff



Residential

This academic year, all of the children in the junior school have had the opportunity to attend a residential trip.

- Year three attended a one night stay in Beamish.
- Year four attended a two night stay at Boggle Hole in Yorkshire.
- Year five (and some year four children) stayed at the Youth Village in Consett for two nights.
- Year six were away for four nights in Thurston in the Lake District.

We have the same trips booked for next academic year. Before the summer holidays, we will let you know the dates and payments.

Egg Decoration

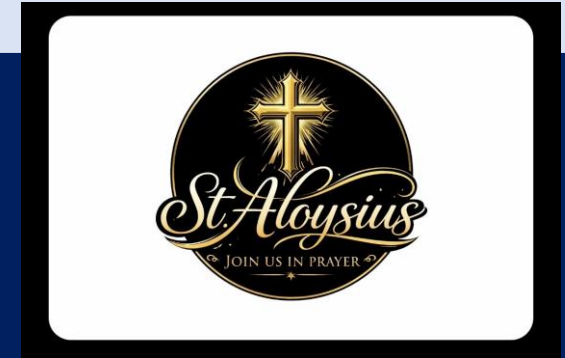
It was wonderful having many of you in school this week for our Easter Egg decoration sessions. We listened when you told us last year that it can be a struggle to attend sessions for individual children, so we accommodated this by putting siblings together where requested.

We have listened to your feedback from this year, therefore next year we will set up an 'Egg Village' to keep the eggs for those that do not need the eggs to return home. Thank you for the feedback as it helps us to improve.

Prayer

Our children have daily prayer as part of their time in school. Please take your time to read our Rhythm of Prayer document on our website.

[Rhythm of Prayer](#) - click here

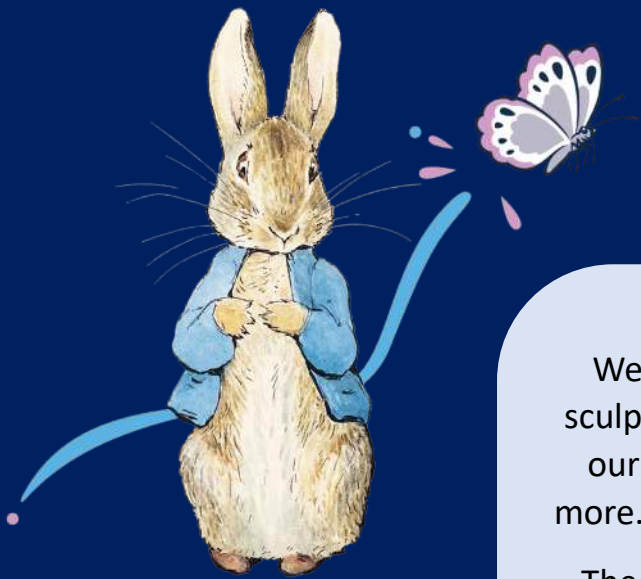


School yards

Please supervise your children on the school yards before and after school and keep them off the school equipment please.

The children are able to use the Garden of Hope during lunch and break times and are enjoying this space.

Our next project is a reading area in the junior yard. The infant children play on the junior yard for part of lunchtime, so get to enjoy the best of both yards.



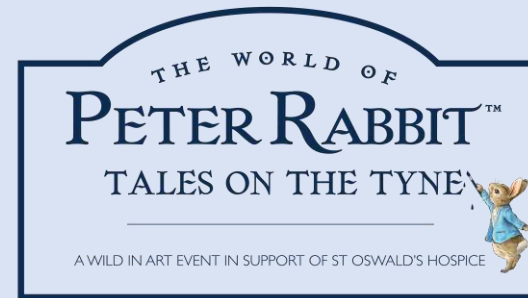
Peter Rabbit

We are taking part in the St Oswald's Hospice Peter Rabbit Tales on the Tyne charity sculpture event. We can't show the design yet- top secret! We haven't been told where our Peter Rabbit sculpture will be yet, but we will let you know more when we know more. Hopefully, you will all be able to go and find him on the trail when it is announced.

The children will be taking part in a sponsored bounce in May to support St. Oswald's Hospice. We appreciate all that you do for fundraising for us and charities, and we only ask for what you can give and the children will get to 'bounce' on the bouncy castle regardless of sponsorship.



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Fundraising

We would like to thank you so much for your support with our fundraising. We do only ask you to give what you can. All children take part in all activities regardless of monies raised. The enterprise club, with Mrs Dow and Miss Thompson, have had so many brilliant ideas to help raise money.

Reminder- SEND

If you would like to contact the SEND team directly, please email send@st-aloysius.co.uk

This email account is checked regularly by a member of the SEND team.

Library visits

Some of our classes have visited Hebburn Library this week and last week. Other classes will be visiting soon.

The children are getting the opportunity to read a selection of books and listen to stories.

Pupil absence

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please call us and let us know. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we will be in touch with you if we haven't received this call. Please help the office staff by leaving a message on the answerphone or calling the office.

Toys

We would like to remind you not to send toys into school, this includes squishy sensory toys. The items may get lost or damaged and then the children will get upset.



Holy Week

Class Celebrations of the Word

REMINDER

Date	9:15am	2:30pm
Monday 30 th March	Reception MB	Y3
Tuesday 31 st March	Reception LM/AC & Y2	Y5
Wednesday 1 st April	Y1	Y6

We have tried to avoid clashes, but please let us know if you wish to attend Rec LM/AC and Y2 and we will come up with a plan so that you can support both children.



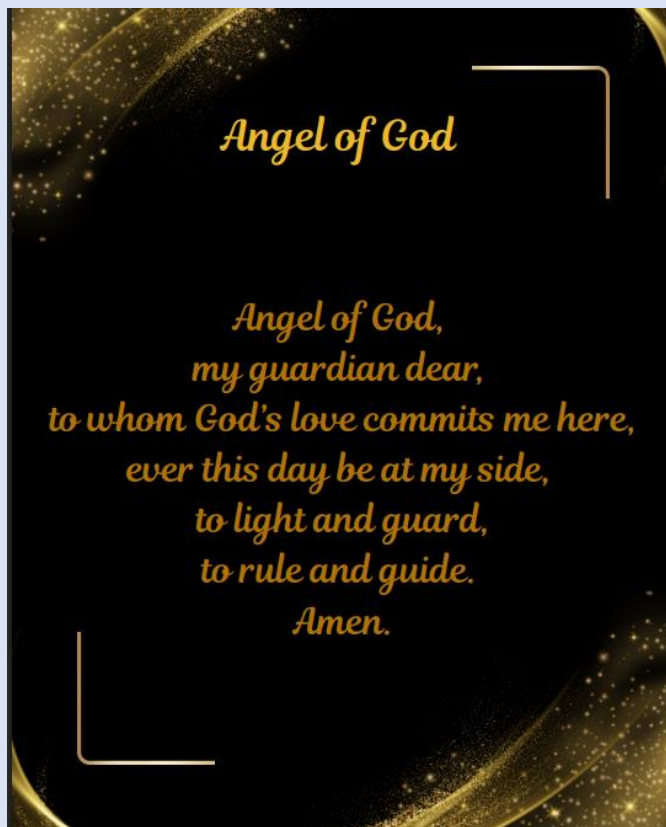
Kindness Café

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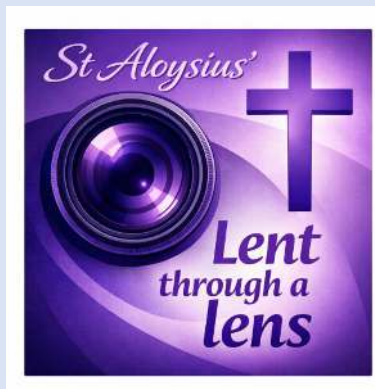
Our kindness cafés are held in the junior hall (between 8:30-8:55am) and give you the chance to meet school staff and other families and have your breakfast. Children and siblings are welcome before they go to class and best of all they are free!

Year 6- Friday 24th April 2026

Prayer to share



REMINDER Lent



Celebrate Lent with our '*Lent through a lens*' competition. To enter just email a photo to lent@st-alloysius.co.uk We have had some wonderful photos in so far. Please keep sending them.

The photo should show something that portrays the meaning of this special season- please provide a brief written explanation as to why they feel their image represents Lent. Don't forget to add your child's name and class. Family members or members of our community are also welcome to take part in separate categories- just let us know who you are in the email.

We will be collecting loose change for our LENT sign again this year. This can be sent into school at anytime up to Easter. We will be donating the money to CAFOD.



Each year group are taking part in THE BIG LENT WALK. Where possible, we would love it if you could also walk, bike or scooter on the same day. This is part of our Live Simply Pledge.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)- Monday 30th March
KS1 (Year 1 and 2) – Tuesday 31st March
KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)- Wednesday 1st April