



# The Little Way -9 September 2024

Dear parents/carers

A warm welcome back to all our children, parents and family members. We all hope you have had a nice summer break. A special welcome to our Reception class, who all started on Monday full-time and altogether for the first time.

The first week back has been a very pleasant one, with children settling down quickly and getting back into the school routine.

The first newsletter of the term is a fairly short one, but nevertheless, an important one, with key dates/events shared at the end of this edition. New dates/times will be added, as/when we confirm them and will be communicated in a timely manner.

If you have any concerns/issues, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance -but I am also available if needed and parents/carers can often catch me at the bottom of the school bank on a morning/afternoon as children are dropped off/picked-up.

We look forward to an exciting, fun-filled and educational academic year together.

Many thanks

Mr. Turner

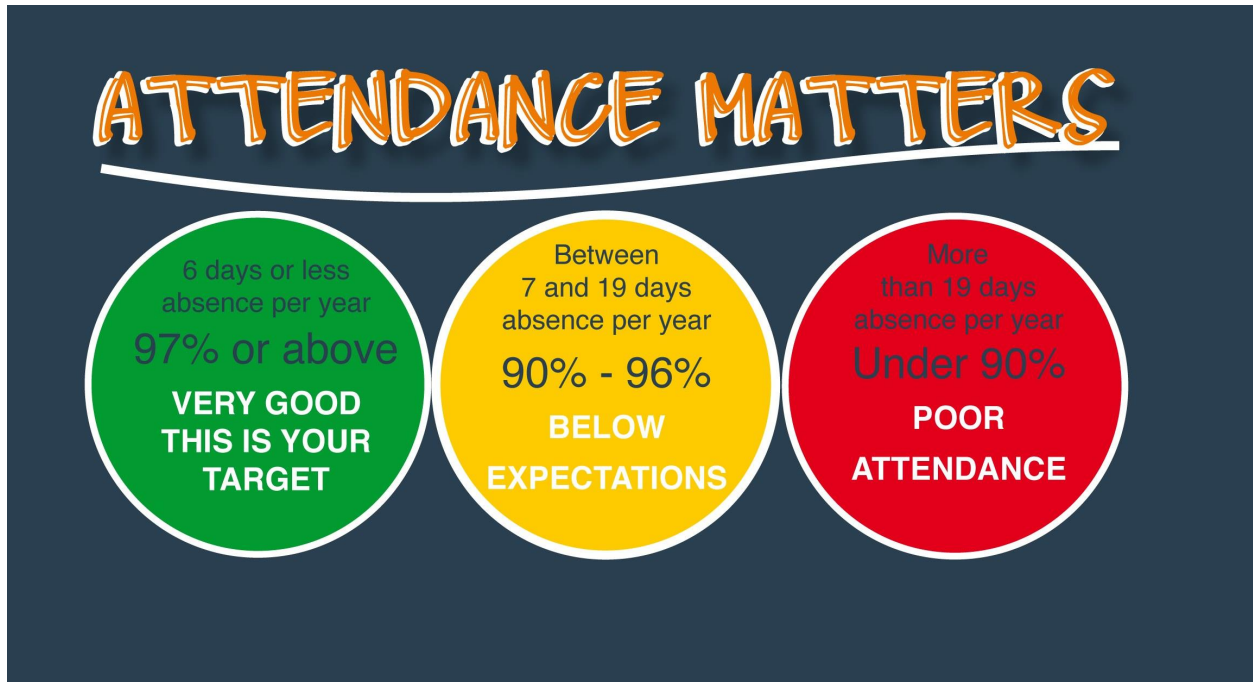
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## Attendance



As a school, we have an attendance target of 96%. Our whole school attendance has been consistently above this since the start of the year -thank you to all parents/carers in your part in ensuring your child/ren's good attendance and punctuality.

**Week 1 September attendance = 97.5%**

Sickness bugs can be common-place at this time of year. If your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure they are off school for 48 hours after the last symptoms.

Please do try to keep holidays to the school holidays. Any request for holidays will be unauthorised and your child will miss out on vital education time. The school will not supply work for your child if you choose to take them out of school in term time.

### Did you know?

90% attendance sounds good but means that your child misses on average:

- One half day every week.
- Nearly four weeks every school year.
- Over one school year in a school career.

2 weeks holiday in term time every year with no other absences means that your child:

- Can only ever achieve 95% attendance

- Will miss about two terms in a school career

Being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to missing about 3 days of school every year.

## School uniform

Please find a link to our School Uniform Policy:

[School-Uniform-Policy-2022-2024.pdf \(stteresasnewcastle.org.uk\)](https://stteresasnewcastle.org.uk/School-Uniform-Policy-2022-2024.pdf)

A couple of points to highlight in the policy are:

Children should be wearing **all black school shoes or trainers.**

**Tramlines and patterns in children's hair is not permitted.**

Please can parents/carers ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform every day. The school understands that on occasions this is not always possible and a degree of leniency is granted on occasions. However, if children are consistently not conforming to our School Uniform Policy, communication will be sent to parents/carers.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela.**

## Achievements



**Please do encourage your child/ren to bring in their out of school awards/achievements. We like to celebrate these, as well as in school awards, in Celebration Assembly every other week. The first of these assemblies is this coming Friday.**

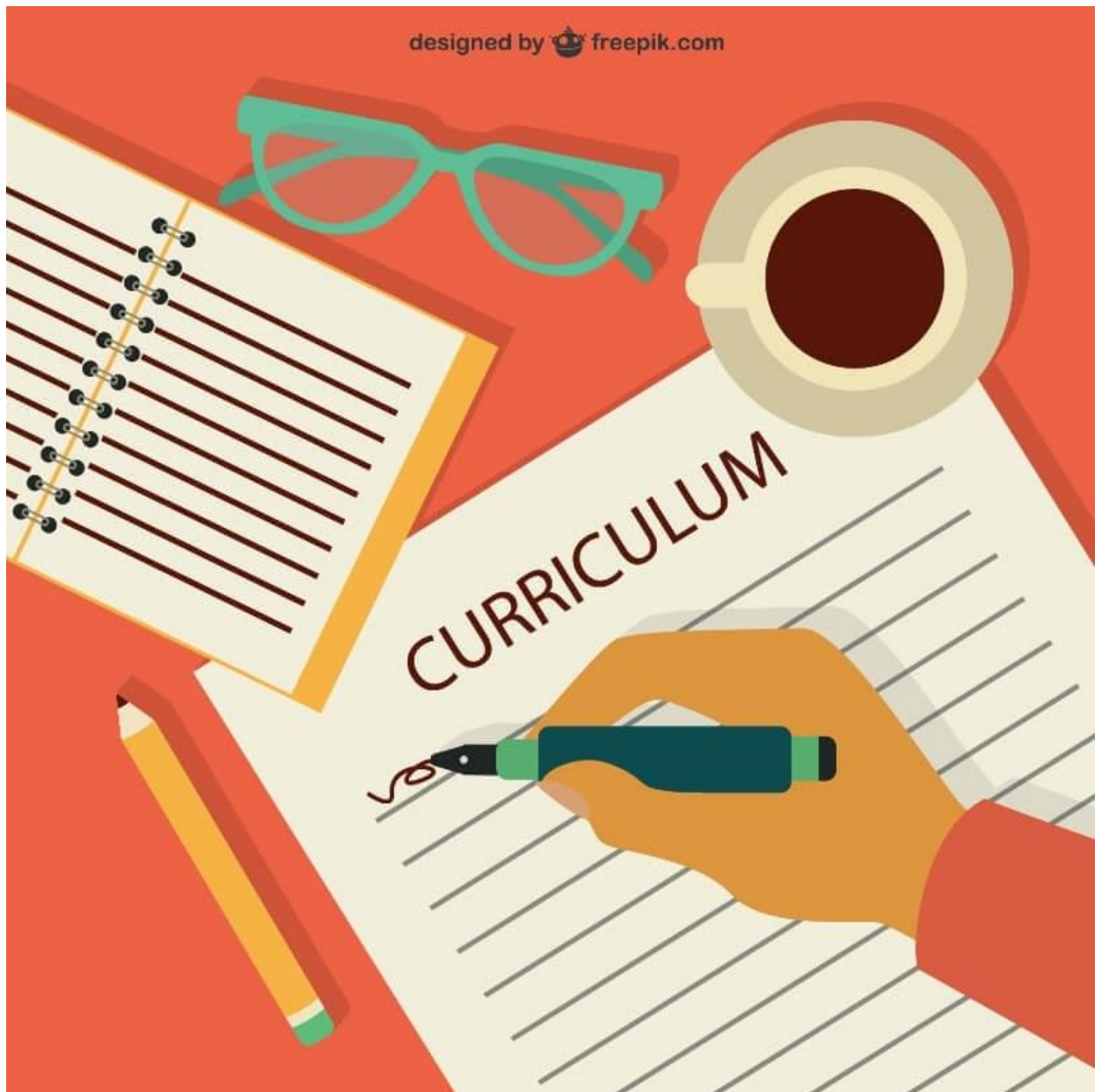
## Ways to connect with us...

Please do give us a follow/like on our various social/communication platforms...

To see children's day-to-day work through the week, follow our St. Teresa's [Twitter page](#). As this page is currently locked and only for our parents/friends of St. Teresa's, **please email the office with your username** so we can accept your request.

Give our [Facebook Page](#) a like/follow to be notified of any key information via this page.

## Parents' curriculum meetings



Our annual curriculum meetings will be taking place over the next few weeks, please see dates below.

This is an opportunity for parents to hear about what your child/ren will be learning this year and how you can best support them in their new year group.



We also have a section on our website, that parents can access that gives you the chance to read and learn more about our curriculum:

[Curriculum | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School \(stteresasnewcastle.org.uk\)](http://stteresasnewcastle.org.uk)

## Dates for diary



Calendar dates can also be found on our website at: [School Calendar | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School \(stteresasnewcastle.org.uk\)](http://stteresasnewcastle.org.uk)

**\*Please note further dates will be added as/when confirmed/organised and will be in bold**

Thursday 12 September, 3.30-4.30pm - **Y5/6 boys' football training for school team**

Friday 13 September, 9.30am - **Year 6 Mass (all welcome)**

Monday 16 September, 1pm - **Year 6 visit Safety Works**

Tuesday 17 September, 4-5.15pm - **Under-11 boys' ESFA football competition @Jesmond Park Academy**

Monday 23-Friday 4 October - **Year 6 swimming lessons every day**

Tuesday 24 September, 4-5.15pm - **Under-11 girls' ESFA Cup @Jesmond Park Academy**

Wednesday 25 September, 3.30pm - **Reception/Year 1 parents' curriculum meetings**

Thursday 26 September, 3.30pm - **Year 3/Year 4 parents' curriculum meetings**

Sunday 29 September, 11am - **Harvest Family Mass, in church (all welcome)**

Tuesday 1 October, 9.30am - **St. Teresa's Feast Day Mass in church (all welcome)**

Wednesday 2 October, 3.30pm - **Year 2 parents' curriculum meeting**

Monday 7 October, 1.30-2.30pm - **Reception 2025/26 school tour**

Tuesday 15 October 4-5.30pm - **Girls' football competition @Jesmond Park Academy**

Thursday 17 October, 9am - **Phonics parents' meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents (in the hall)**

Tuesday 22 October, 9.30am - **Bishop's visit to St. Teresa's for Mass (all welcome)**

Tuesday 22 October, 4-5.30pm - **Under-11 boys' football league matches @Jesmond Park Academy**

Thursday 24 October, 9.30-10.30am- **Reception 2025/26 school tour**

Thursday 24 October, 4.15-5.15pm - **Rec/Year 1/Year 2 Halloween Disco**

5.30-6.30pm - **Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 Halloween Disco**

Friday 25 October, 3.20pm - **break up for October half-term**

Monday 4 November, 8.40am - **back to school after October half-term**

Tuesday 5 November 9.30-10.30am- **Reception 2025/26 school tour**

Monday 11 November - **odd sock day for Anti-bullying week (children can wear odd socks)**

Thursday 14 November - **individual and sibling school photos**

Tuesday 19 November, 4-5.30pm - **Under-11 girls' league fixtures @Jesmond Park Academy**

Thursday 21 November, 1.30-2.30am- **Reception 2025/26 school tour**

Monday 25/Tuesday 26 November - **Parents' evenings**

Tuesday 26 November, 4-5.30pm - **Under-11 boys' league fixtures @Jesmond Park Academy**

Friday 29 November - **school closed to all**

Monday 9 December - **Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity (dress rehearsal)**

Tuesday 10/Wednesday 11 December, 9.30am - **Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity performances for parents**

Thursday 12 December - **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 12 December, 3.30-5.15pm - **Christmas movie night for Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6**

Wednesday 18 December, 10am - **Tyne Theatre Christmas Pantomime for whole school**

Thursday 19 December, pm - **Christmas parties (More details will follow)**

Friday 20 December - **Christmas jumpers can be worn today**

Friday 20 December, 2.30pm - **Carols in the Forest School (all welcome)**

Friday 20 December, 3.20pm - **break up for Christmas holidays (return on Tuesday 7 January)**