



*'Jesus said: I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life! John 8:12
Our Mission: 'Be the light'*

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term and a very happy New Year to you all. It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school this week. They have settled quickly into routines and we are all looking forward to the exciting opportunities that this new term will bring.

News from this week...

First of our career talks

Building on the success of both our International Day and Careers event, we are keen to further develop links with those in our community. Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting parents and others to come into school to talk to some of our children about their careers, skills and life experiences. By sharing a range of pathways and professions, we aim to broaden pupils' understanding of the world of work and help them further develop aspirations, confidence and curiosity about their future. Today, Gordon Callendar came in to talk to our KS2 children about both of his careers – first as an engineer and then as a musician.





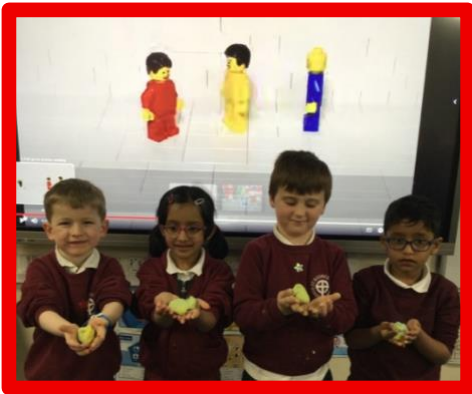
'Beauty and the Beast' Pantomime

Our annual pantomime took place this Friday as we welcomed M&M Productions into school. A huge thank you to the Friends of St. Godric's for funding this event. It was particularly fun watching some of the staff taking part in a dance-off!



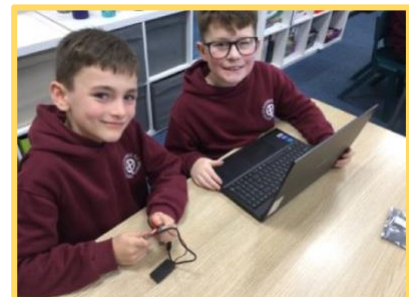
Colour mixing in Year 1

A fun afternoon in Year 1 using playdough to explore colour mixing.



Microbits in Y5 Computing

Year 5 have been programming with Microbits in their computing lesson this week.





Applications for Primary School September 2026

If you or someone you know has a child due to start school in September, the application process can be made online at:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>

If you would like any help with the application process or have not had a chance to visit the school for a tour, please get in touch. All applications must be made no later than 15th January 2026. On 16th April, we will receive notification of all successful applicants and will then get in touch to arrange an information meeting and discuss transition plans.

Save the children

Thank you to those parents who made an online donation to Save the Children as part of our Christmas jumper day at the end of last term. We raised a total of £120.

Christmas cards, gifts and messages

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for the lovely cards, gifts and most importantly, kind comments we received at the end of last year. The end of the autumn term is always incredibly busy with a jam-packed calendar and your positive feedback is greatly appreciated. We are so fortunate to have such enthusiastic children, dedicated staff and supportive families, demonstrating just how special our school community really is.

Leave of Absence

Just a reminder that we can only authorise absence if it is an exceptional circumstance. We strongly encourage parents not to take their children out of school during term time. For all time out of school, including weddings, funerals and embassy visits, we require a completed Leave of Absence form in advance of the absence. If this is not given in advance, we are not able to authorise the absence, even if it is considered exceptional circumstances.

Questionnaire

We would appreciate it if parents could share their views with us by answering the questions on this [questionnaire](#). I know everyone is incredibly busy, but it will only take a couple of minutes to complete and is very informative for us moving forward. The questionnaire will open at **9am on Monday 12th January** and run through to Mon 19th Jan at 9am. Many thanks



Attendance for this week

Year	Attendance
Year R	98.8%
Year N2	98.3%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 6	94.2%
Year 3	92.1%

Our school target is set by the government and for this year, is 97.7%

Well done Early Years, Y5, Y2 and Y1 who were all well above our target this week!

Coming up next week...

We are excited to welcome 5 new Nursery children to our school next week and we look forward to helping them settle in and feel part of our school community.

Monday 12th January 4pm Y6 SATs meeting

A meeting for parents of Y6 children to discuss SATs and preparation.

Thursday 15th January Free school meal day

For this day only, all school meals will be free to all pupils registered for school dinners.

Sunday 18th January Y4 First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

We look forward to seeing our Y4 children at Mass on Sunday for our next preparation Liturgy. Theme - "Listen to His Word."

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Bridon