



*'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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parents/carers,

### ***News from this week...***

#### **Other faiths week**

This week the children took part in our Other Faiths Week, where we explored the Islamic faith. We were delighted to welcome Noha into school who spoke to the children about her faith and her prayer life. The children listened beautifully, asked real respect and curiosity. Opportunities like this help them deepen their tolerance and understanding of different world faiths and appreciate the importance of prayer.



#### **Water safety**

This week we were delighted to welcome Connor from the Fire and Rescue Service into school to deliver an important water safety talk to the children. He spoke about how to stay safe near rivers, lakes and the coast, what to do in an emergency, and how to recognise potential dangers. The children listened brilliantly, asked thoughtful questions and came away with a much stronger understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe around water — especially as we head towards the summer months.

#### **Durham Dash**

Our KS2 children had a fantastic evening at the Durham Dash, with four pupils from each year group taking part in either the running events or the athletics competitions at Beamish Museum. It was a lovely sunny night with a brilliant atmosphere.



The children who were able to stay right to the end should be especially commended for their sportsmanship and support for one another. We are delighted that four of our pupils have made it through to the finals. A wonderful event shared with many other schools and a great celebration of effort, teamwork and determination.



### **Friends coffee morning**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning today, these events are always a lovely opportunity to come together as a community. We raised £141.82 – thank you!

### **Transition Session**

Today Piece of Mind visited school to speak with our Year 6 children about moving up to secondary school. This is such an exciting time for our pupils, but it can also bring a few worries or questions about the next stage of their journey. The session gave the children a really valuable opportunity to talk openly, share any concerns and hear helpful strategies for managing change with confidence.

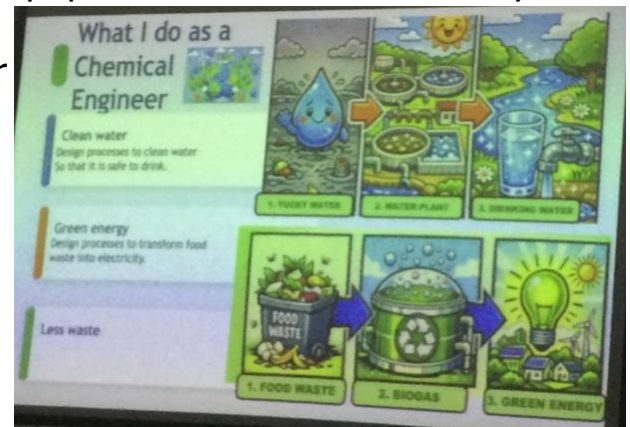




## Our final careers talks – Chemical engineering

We ended our careers programme on a real high with a fabulous final talk led by our parents Alex and Violeta, who shared their work in chemical engineering. The children were fascinated by the insight into the career, and the session finished with some brilliant experiments that had plenty of audience participation. A wonderful way to round off our careers talks and inspire our pupils to think about the many exciting paths open to them in their future.

Thank you to all parents who have given up their time to come and talk to the children this year.



## Attendance update

Some fabulous attendance this week but still no whole school 100% attendance this half term! Mrs Bridon has promised to buy ice lollies for the whole school if we have another 100% day before the summer holidays! Well done to our younger Nursery children and to Y6 who haven't really had an absence – just one child attending their transition day – a fabulous run of amazing attendance!

Year Group	Attendance
Year N1	100.0%
Year 6	99.6%
Year 5	99.0%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	98.6%
Year N2	97.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 3	95.7%
Year R	93.3%



## Friends of St. Godric's news

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning today and who donated cakes, money and items for the fair – we appreciate it all!

We're counting down the days to the Friends of St Godric's Summer Fair!  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 12 noon until 3pm on the school grounds

We'll need YOU to make the fair happen and we would love your ideas, your creativity and your time!

Our stalls usually include tombolas for children and grown-ups, a pre-loved toy stall, refreshment and cake stalls, craft tables, games stalls, inflatables and a penalty shoot-out, pre-loved uniform – and more!

## How can you help?

- Sign up to our stall rota [here](#)... the more people, the merrier! And we're always open to new ideas for stalls to be run by parents, families and staff! In the past we've had hair braiding, crafts, pot plants...
- Come early on the day to help to set up or stay later to help with the clean up!
- Donate **clean, good quality items** either as raffle prizes or for sale on one of the stalls!

We will be collecting the following items on the selected weeks:

- Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Sweets and chocolates
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July or Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Cakes, pies, scones
- Come to our fair preparation evening from 3.15pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June to help get things ready – there's always a lot of sorting and pricing to be done!
- Donate to our summer fair prize fund via PayPal to [friendsofstgodrics@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstgodrics@gmail.com) - PLEASE select the 'friends and family' option and include 'summer fair' as a reference. We will use the funds to make sure the tombola is well-stocked with a selection of prizes.
- Help us with our after-fair sort out day on Friday 10th July
- Do you have any contacts for businesses that might be willing to offer a prize for the raffle?
- Come along on the day and bring your pocket money! We will be operating a token system again this year – details of how to buy tokens will be shared soon.



If you would like to know more, please email [friendsofstgodrics@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstgodrics@gmail.com), get in touch with your class rep and keep an eye on our Friends of St Godric's Facebook page – we have an active Whatsapp group of volunteers to help keep everyone up to date. Thank you!

**\*\*The Friends of St Godric's is EVERYONE involved in the school – parents, carers, wider families and staff – we love it when the school community comes together to make good things happen\*\***

### **Coming up next week...**

#### **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Y6 trip to Emmaus Village to take part in the Primary Festival alongside other local schools.

#### **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June 9am**

Y3 to attend the Parish Eucharistic Service in St. Bede's room

#### **Thur 25<sup>th</sup> June Y6 London Parliament trip**

Reminder for children to be brought to the train station no later than 5.50am.

#### **Thur 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Y4 to Swimming baths

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

School closed to all pupils

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Bridon