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- Alfie B
- Bella K-B
- Summer R
- Georgie C
- Georgia B
- Nevaeh J
- Rhys G
- Matthew G
- Oscar R
- Alfie D
- Jake S
- Jakob D
- Seb H
- Teddy B
- Freddie S
- Bobby Mc

Diary Dates

We need help with the dates written in red. Please let us know if you can help, thanks.

Tuesday 15th January	Y5&6 Dorman Museum Visit
Thursday 17th January	Y4 Communion Meeting for Parents/Carers at school 6pm
Tuesday 29th January	Y3&4 Kirkleatham Museum Visit
Friday 15th February	Break for Half Term
Monday 25th February	Back to school. Doors open at 8.40am

Marvellous Me!



We all love to receive a special message from our children's class teacher whilst we are at work-it certainly can lift the mood and is a great talking point for conversation at home time.

At St. Clare's we are improving the way we use this service so that we are more spontaneous and capturing learning opportunities to communicate to home.

Please high five the teachers back if you get a Marvellous Me.

Have a lovely day!



Early Birds and Late Birds

Please phone the office if you would like a place at either clubs. Last minute places can also be booked on the day if needed.

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Happy New Year to all of our families,

I hope you've all had a great family time together and a chance to rest before the start of a new term. A big thank you for all of your support with the many activities running at the end of last term. Christmas performances were a delight to watch and Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner were great fun. There was also a great turn-out at St. Francis church on the Thursday and as usual the children were immaculately behaved.

What New Year's resolution have you made?

New Year's resolutions are frequently made and often broken. But what if we made it our goal to make resolutions based on Scripture rather than only self-improvement? The Bible offers numerous examples of areas where we can focus growth while serving God. Instead of the usual topics of losing weight, stopping smoking, or trying to get fit, why not try something different?

The Lord calls us into a relationship so why not in 2019 strengthen your relationship with God further?

Thank you! Mrs Eddies



Christmas dinner day was a great success!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is very important and we reward our children every week in our Friday achievement assembly with a trophy for the class with the highest attendance. At the end of each term, children with 99% and 100% attendance are rewarded with a certificate in our special awards assembly. 100% attendance at the end of a full year is rewarded with a £5 gift voucher.

We also monitor all individual attendance each week and invite parents in to discuss any attendance issues.

Where possible please avoid appointments for children in school time. I know sometimes this can't be avoided so please give the school plenty of notice if there is a pending appointment coming up.

Whole school attendance for December was 96.2%

Attendance for the Autumn Term was 96.3%

Average national school attendance is 96%



Reception	93.3%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	97.2%
Y3	97.1%
Y4	95.5%
Y5	97.3%
Y6	97%

Amount of people signed up to 100 Club in each year

Nursery	3
Reception	2
Year 1	5
Year 2	4
Year 3	8
Year 4	9
Year 5	11
Year 6	10
Staff/parishioners or parents of children who left the school supporting our 100 club	45

100 Club-Please join

We rely heavily on the money raised from our 100 club to support the large loan we have to pay back for the building of our school 12 years ago. We have a commitment to pay back £10,000 each year to the Diocese and we use the proceeds of the 100 club for this so that as much of our school funding goes directly towards providing for our children. As you can see from the table opposite the support for the 100 club has reduced over the years and is especially small further down the school. I appeal to all families to support the 100 club and each month you have a chance of winning £49. If more people join then the prize money goes up.

We have placed the new term dates for the academic year on our website for 2019-2020. These have been set by the Multi Academy Trust Board and are different to what school normally does. There will be one week's holiday at Easter and at the end of May. The summer holiday will be a week longer. This is for 2019 – 2020 only.

2 PD days have been set and we have a further 3 to decide upon. I will let you know as soon as possible what they are.

Please read this statement from our CEO Mr H Hegarty:

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust has high expectations for attendance and this includes the fair and consistent application of the 'Leave of Absence in Term Time Policy'. By adjusting the term time dates, the Trust is trying to work with parents and reduce the need to issue penalty notices where leave of absence in term time is taken, particularly in September. We would hope these term dates allow our families the flexibility to take a holiday. Please be advised, where there is a leave of absence taken in term time, this will be taken seriously and the matter forwarded to the relevant local authority, for consideration of the issue of fines.



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