



SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

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Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

Thank you for your continued support during this term. Your children have worked very hard and I am so proud of everyone. Have a happy and Holy Easter. From Mrs Butt and all of the staff.

EASTER PRAISE

March 31st at 1.30pm

This year's Easter Praise will be led by Y3 & Y4.

This will be held in Church on Tuesday, 31st March at 1.30pm.

We look forward to you joining us as both classes lead our Celebration.



Easter 2026 - South Shields Church Services

Triduum Mass (Three Easter liturgies) in church.

April 2 nd Holy Thursday	SS Peter & Paul RC 4.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper
April 3 rd Good Friday	SS Peter & Paul RC 5.00pm	Celebration of Christ's Passion
April 4 th Saturday	St. Bede's RC South Shields 5.00pm	Easter Vigil
April 5 th Easter Sunday	SS Peter & Paul RC 11.00am	Mass of the Resurrection

Chloe & Liam Together Forever

Congratulations to our very own Mrs Caroline Curry who along with the rest of the Together Forever Trustees won the 'Fundraisers of the Year' award in the recently held Best of South Tyneside Awards. This was held last week by the Shields Gazette.

CAFOD - Big Lent Walk

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the recent Big Lent Walk. We are on track to raise around £150 for the charity. The classes still to take part this week are Nursery and Reception Class who will be undertaking their walk on Wednesday at 9.00am.

Easter Break & Summer Term dates

School closes at **1.00pm** on Thursday, 2nd April. (See Nursery for their times)

Gates will open for parents at **12.45pm**

School will reopen at 8.45am on Monday 20th April. We look forward to the children returning to school smart, alert and ready to learn.

Thurston Outdoor Education Centre

Some of our children in Y5 & Y6 will be visiting Thurston between **15th-19th June.**

This is a residential outdoor education centre based on the shore of Lake Coniston in the Lake District.

British Council International School Award

Emma Lewell, MP for South Shields recently picked up our International School Award from the British Council. (ISA) is a prestigious accreditation recognizing schools that successfully embed an international ethos, cultural awareness, and global citizenship into their curriculum. It acts as a framework for schools to collaborate with overseas partners, fostering cultural understanding and preparing students to live and work in a global society.

Please ensure your children wear the appropriate uniform at all times. Our uniform policy is on our school website but here is a handy reminder below:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Royal Blue School cardigan or sweatshirt
- Pale Blue polo shirt
- Grey skirt, trousers or leggings
- Sensible shoes or trainers, preferably black please.

PE KIT TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL ONLY ON PE DAYS

- Plain white t-shirt (no logos please)
- Plain Black shorts, black leggings or black jogging bottoms
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Trainers

If people need support with school uniform, please contact school.

Jewellery

Please remember for health and safety reasons no earrings or jewellery are to be worn in school. If your child would like their ears pierced, please get these done at the beginning of the summer holidays. This then gives them time to heal before taking them out for school in September.

Department of Education Praise

School were recently sent a congratulations letter from the Secretary of State for Education praising us for the 'excellent outcomes that disadvantaged pupils achieved by the end of the 2024-25 academic year.' We were placed among the very best nationally, which is a significant achievement. Congratulations to all staff and pupils.

School Dinner Increase

Further to our recently sent our flyer, school meals will increase after Easter to £2.60. The increase allows us to use the same quality produce and ingredients, whilst offering the same number of choices and keep our portion sizes the same.

Y2 - Customs House

Well done to Y2 on their amazing performance at the recent Music Festival at the Customs House. We are very proud of you all.

[The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle's Pastoral Strategy \(2026–2035\)](#)

aims to build a vibrant, sustainable, and outward-looking Church, focusing on evangelisation and synodality amid dwindling clergy numbers (projected 42 by 2035) and financial pressures. It prioritizes mission, "Beacons of Mission," and co-responsibility, launching a diocesan-wide discernment process in 2026. Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

Key Strategic Pillars

- **Mission First:** The strategy prioritizes evangelization, engaging people on the fringes, and strengthening relationships between homes, schools, and parishes.
- **Synodal Church:** Fostering co-responsibility between clergy and laity, encouraging stewardship, and deepening relationships (walking together).
- **Pastoral Priorities:** The vision includes walking with Jesus, creating "one diocesan family," and forming disciples for mission.
- **Structural Changes:** Addressing the reality of fewer priests and deacons (32 projected by 2035) and rising maintenance costs. Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle +2