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NEWSLETTER

October 3rd 2025

DIARY DATES

Weekly Mass: Sacred Heart and St John Bosco Church - 9:30am every Sunday. All are welcome.

Monday 6th October - Parent's Evening (Year 1 postponed and will be rescheduled shortly)

Thursday 9th October - Year 2 Multi-Skills Tournament at St Anthony's (wear your PE kit please!)

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day. (Wear bright colours!)

Friday 10th October - Year 6 Class Liturgy / Celebration of the Word 9am doors open

Tuesday October 21st - EYFS open evening

PE Days 2025-26

Nursery / Reception: Thursday

Year 1: Monday & Wednesday

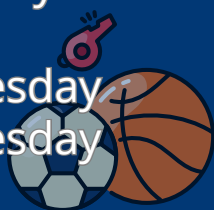
Year 2: Monday & Wednesday

Year 3: Monday & Friday

Year 4: Monday & Friday (swimming)

Year 5: Monday & Tuesday

Year 6: Monday & Tuesday



ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK'S *attendance*

85.6%



As of September 2024, no holidays will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any holiday over 5 days will also be subject to a referral for a penalty notice. Lateness and absences must now be closely monitored too.

There have been a number of children being collected early - please note that we are required to see a letter, email or text as proof of appointments.

always check
the website for
the most up
to date
holiday dates



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Parents' Evening – Monday 6th October 2025 for Nursery, Reception, Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Just a reminder that you have a 5 minutes with your child's teacher. It's important that we stick to time-slots as close as possible to prevent hold ups for other parents.

1. Prepare in Advance

Think about any questions or concerns you have about your child's progress, behaviour, or wellbeing. Writing them down can help you stay focused during the meeting.

2. Be Open and Honest

Share any relevant information about your child's life outside school that might affect their learning or behaviour. Teachers value your insight and want to work with you to support your child.

3. Listen to Feedback

Teachers will share strengths and areas for development. Try to approach feedback with an open mind—it's all aimed at helping your child succeed.

4. Ask About Support

If your child is struggling, ask what support is available in school and what you can do at home to help. This is especially important for children with SEND or emotional needs.

5. Follow Up

After the meeting, talk to your child about what was discussed and agree on any next steps together. Keep in touch with the school if you have further questions or concerns.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Year 1 parent's evening has been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

RECEPTION PLACES 2026



Open Evening: 4.00 - 5.00 pm 21 October 2025
St. John Bosco Catholic Primary School , SR5 4JW

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World Mental Health Day – Friday 10th October

We are taking part with thousands of schools, communities and companies this World Mental Health Day to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better. Please help us raise awareness by sending your child to school in their own brightly coloured clothes on **Friday 10th October**.



PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

BE A
HARVEST
HELPER!

This October we are aiming to give back and support our local community. Throughout the month we will be collecting for St Aidan's Foodbank. We would greatly appreciate any donations of tinned and dried goods to support this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your kindness.
Year 5 xxx

Outdoor coats

Autumn Weather Reminder

As the weather begins to turn more autumnal, we kindly ask that all children come to school wearing a suitable outdoor coat to ensure they stay warm and dry during outdoor activities. To help us return any misplaced items, please ensure that all coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support.



Parking

Parking Safety Reminder

To help keep all children safe during drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly remind parents and carers not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school. These areas must remain clear to ensure visibility and safe crossing for pupils.

Please also take extra care when reversing near the school gates, as the area can be busy with children and families. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you



WANTED

Donations needed please. The children love playing with the scooters, ride-on vehicles etc at playtime but we want to ensure that they're safe while doing so. If any of you have any pre-loved, good condition safety equipment, we'd gladly take it off your hands.

We are particularly looking for **bike helmets, knee and elbow pads.**

Any **ride-on vehicles, scooters, go-karts** would also be well received!

If you have any lying around, please send them in our direction. Many thanks in advance!

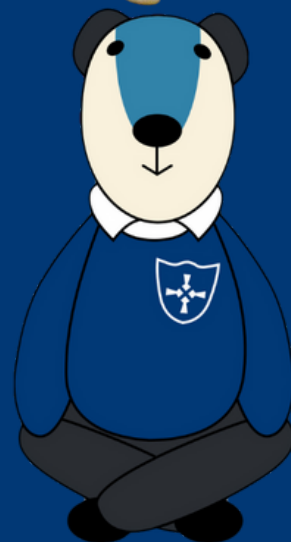




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STARS OF THE WEEK



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TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS & READING PLUS



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MAKES YOU
CLEVER!



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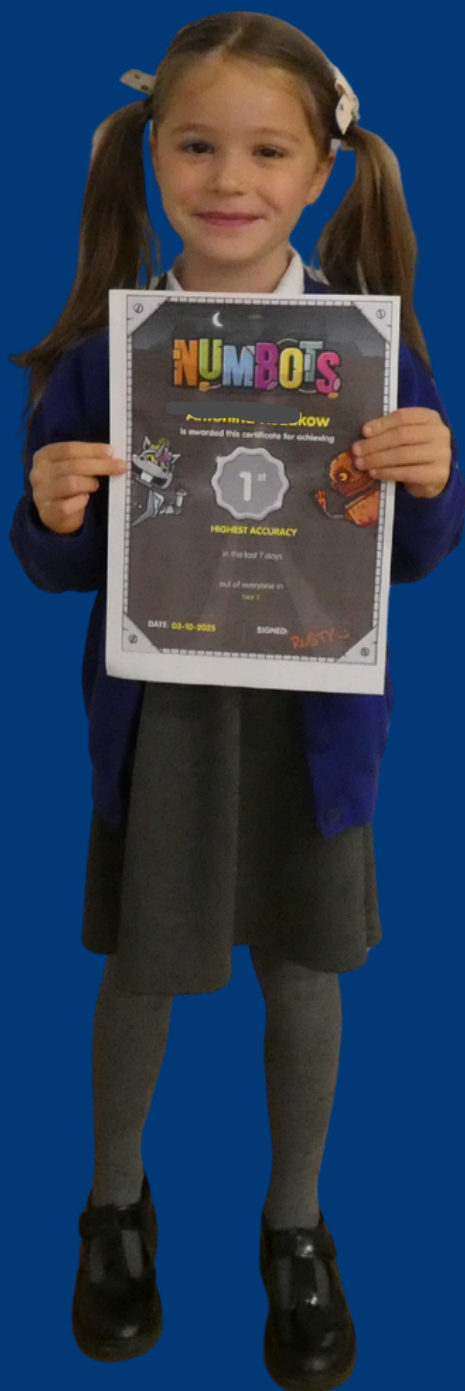
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NUMBOTS YEAR 1 & 2



NumBots is all about every child achieving the “triple win” of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

As they progress, pupils collect achievement badges and unlock hundreds of new levels and challenges.



SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

*Please join us for our SEND coffee
mornings this year!*

*An opportunity to meet staff and professionals
involved with our SEND children in school.*



9am

Autumn Term - 23rd October 2025

Spring Term - 29th January 2026

Summer Term - 7th May 2026

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ONLINE SAFETY / WELLBEING



What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.



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SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Power of a School Lunch!

A healthy school lunch helps children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn. It's a great way for them to try new foods, enjoy a balanced meal, and share lunchtime with friends – all part of a happy, productive school day!

#HealthyEating #SchoolLunchMatters #FuelForLearning

Current school lunch menu until 24th of October.


**CHADWICK'S
KITCHEN**

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

MONDAY

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Or
Tuna or Cheese Sandwich
Or
Vegetable Lasagne (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Herby Diced Potatoes
Sweetcorn
Carrot and Cucumber Batons

DESSERT: Choice of:
Homemade Ginger Snap
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Tomato and Herb Pasta
Or
Veggie Sausage in a Bun
Or
Loaded Quesadilla (Wrap) (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Potato Wedges
Garlic Bread
Assorted Vegetable Crudites
Sweetcorn
Baked Beans
DESSERT: Choice of:
Iced Sponge and Custard
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Or
Vegetable and Rice Enchilada (V)
Or
Creamy Sweetcorn Pasta (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Homemade Potato Wedges
Garlic Bread
Carrot Batons
Sweetcorn

DESSERT: Choice of:
Oaty Crunch Biscuit
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

TUESDAY

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Chicken Fajita ♥
Or
Pasta Bolognese Bake
Or
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Mr Tindale's Cheesy Smashed Potato Fritters
Garlic Slice
Green Beans/Cauliflower
DESSERT: Choice of:
Jelly with Mandarin Oranges & Ice-cream
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Chadwick's Chicken Curry Or BBQ Chicken Flatbread
Or
Crispy Topped Vegetable Pie (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Chunky Jacket Wedges
Wholegrain Rice
Broccoli/Cauliflower
Baked Beans
DESSERT: Choice of:
Mrs Fallon's Biscuit
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Mr Tindale's Katsu Chicken
Or
Homemade Sausage Roll
Or
Macaroni Cheese (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Baby Boiled Potatoes
Cauliflower/Broccoli

DESSERT: Choice of:
Mrs Vicker's Orange Drizzle Cake
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Roast of the Day ♥
Or
Chicken Savoury Rice with Curry Sauce
Or
BBQ Pulled Quorn Wrap (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Roast Potatoes
Yorkshire Pudding
Carrots Peas

DESSERT: Choice of:
Apple Crumble & Custard
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Roast of the Day
Or
Pizza Sub
Or
Creamy Broccoli Pasta (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Roast Potatoes
Carrots/Green Beans

DESSERT: Choice of:
Mr Tindale's Butterscotch Pudding
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Roast of the Day
Or
Chicken Pasta Bake ♥
Or
Cheese Melt Wrap (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Roast Potatoes
Garlic Bread
Carrots and Peas/White Cabbage
DESSERT: Choice of:
Chadwick's Kitchen Special Flapjack
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

THURSDAY

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Northumberland Sausages
Or
Chicken and Tomato Pasta ♥
Or
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Garlic Slice
Carrot and Swede Mix
Broccoli
DESSERT: Choice of:
Mrs Kiroop's Traybake
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Chefs Pie of the Day
Or
Ham or Tuna Sandwich ♥
Or
Tomato and Herb Pasta (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Garlic Slice
Broccoli/Swede
Baked Beans

DESSERT: Choice of:
Summer Berry Cheesecake
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Mince and Dumplings
Or
Chicken Chow Mein ♥
Or
Tomato Pasta Bake (V)
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Or Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn/ Green Beans
Baked Beans

DESSERT: Choice of:
Fruit Medley
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

FRIDAY

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Fish Fingers or Fish Cakes ♥
Or
Cheese and Bean Wrap (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Chips
Peas
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
DESSERT: Choice of:
Mrs Cole's Sticky Chocolate Muffin
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Fish Fillet or Fish Fingers
Or
No-Meatball Flatbread (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Chips
Baked Beans
Peas

DESSERT: Choice of:
Chadwick's Kitchen Carrot Cake Muffins
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL:
Fish Fingers or Fish Cakes
Or
Salmon or Tuna Pasta
Or
Vegetable Savoury Rice (V) ♥
Or
Jacket Potato with a choice of topping

ON THE SIDE:
Chips
Peas
Pepper Strips

DESSERT: Choice of:
Chocolate Crunch
Cheese & Crackers
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

♥ Healthy option on the day
🚚 Least food miles travelled

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Liturgy TIMETABLE



ST. JOHN BOSCO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGY TIMETABLE Autumn Term 2025

SCHOOL/PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Friday 03.10.25	Year 5	Mrs Collins	9.05am
Friday 10.10.25	Year 6	Mr Pickering	9.05am
Friday 17.10.25	Year 2	Mrs Gray	9.05am
Friday 07.11.25	Year 1	Miss Robertson	9.05am
Friday 14.11.25	Whole School	Liturgy of Remembrance Year 6	9.05am
Friday 21.11.24	Year 4	Miss Thompson	9.05am
Friday 28.11.25	Year 3	Mr Bailes	9.05am

Wednesday 10.12.25	Nativity (Sacred Heart Church, Hylton Castle) Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Doors will open at 1.45pm for a 2pm performance
Thursday 11.12.25	Nativity (Sacred Heart Church, Hylton Castle) Year 1, Year 2, Year 3	Doors will open at 1.45pm for a 2pm performance
Friday 12.12.25	Foundation Stage Nativity (in school)	9.45am
Thursday 18.12.25	Whole School/Parish Mass (in school)	10.00am



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SAFEGUARDING

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

If incidents involving children from our school are taking place in the local community, please report your concerns to **Together for Children**.

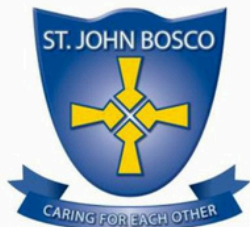
- To report a child safeguarding concern (0 to 17 years old) contact Together for Children on **0191 5617007** (available 8.30am to 5:15pm Monday – Thursday, 8.30am to 4.45pm Friday).
- Out of hours duty safeguarding officer: **0191 5205552**
- **For serious incidents, we would always advise contacting the police directly, 999 or 101 for non-emergencies**
- **Gentoo Housing co-ordinator for North Sunderland 07734597810**

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Our Safeguarding Children Process





ST JOHN BOSCO R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Calendar

September 2025

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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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Holidays - School Closed



INSET Day - School closed to pupils



Bank Holiday - School Closed

Please note that school will close at 1pm on Friday 19th December, Thursday 2nd April, Friday 17th July

