



STAR OF THE SEA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year we have had. It has been a busy time for everyone, and pupils have risen to the challenges expected of them.



Year six pupils

We would like to wish all our year six pupils the best of luck for the future.

We will miss you all and we thank you for being an amazing group of children. We remember you on your first day when you all arrived in school, looking gorgeous in your uniforms! Not only those of you who came to our Early Years classes but everyone who has joined the Star of the Sea family over the last few years.

You have been a very bubbly, determined, and caring group of young people. We are proud of every one of you. We will miss you all but know you will enjoy high school.

Goodbye to families who are leaving us for good. We will miss you and thank you for all you have done for Star of the Sea.

Goodbye Mrs Fretwell

Thank you for everything you have done for Star of the Sea school – for its pupils, families, colleagues, and friends.

We will miss your unending skills, your wisdom, and your good humour. Enjoy every minute of retirement.

Summer reading challenge

Every summer North Tyneside libraries set reading challenges to encourage children to read books. For more information, please go to: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

School Milk

A reminder to Parents to register with 'Cool Milk' if you wish your child to partake in the Milk Scheme, this includes children moving from Nursery to Reception. Please register at www.coolmilk.com. Thank you.

School Uniform Reminders

All items of clothing can be bought locally except for the tie which can be purchased from school. These are £3.50 each. Please pay for your tie via the Arbor app. If you order your tie during the school holidays, it will be in your child's classroom on their first day back.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, and t-shirts embroidered with the school badge can only be purchased through a company called Emblematic, <https://emblematic.co.uk/>, which has premises on the Industrial estate next to Asda, Benton. Telephone number – 0191 2701449

In **Reception**, children wear a white polo shirt without a tie.

Star of the Sea school uniform:

White shirt or a White blouse

Grey trousers – long or shorts or a grey skirt / pinafore dress or grey tailored trousers

Navy blue pullover, sweatshirt, or cardigan

Shoes/trainers – black

School tie

Summer Wear (optional) Pale blue and white check dress

P.E. Kit:

Navy blue shorts, white t-shirts, black sandshoes, blue hoody (this hoody can only be worn on PE days)

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Jewellery – for reasons of safety and to guard against loss children are asked **not** to wear jewellery to school.

September 2026 – a few reminders

- **Staggered starts to the school day** – pupils can come to school between **8.45am to 8.55am** and go straight into their classrooms where staff will greet them. After this, the main gate will be closed.
- **PE kits to be worn on PE days** – This works extremely well in school, and the introduction of our PE hoody is a welcome addition to our PE uniform. **Please remember that the PE kit is a white t-shirt and navy shorts or jogging bottoms with our school hoodie.** Please no football tops or any other coloured or patterned T-shirts.

Staff Training Day

Please remember this will take place on Tuesday, 1st September. School will not be open to pupils on this day.

School reopens on Wednesday, 2nd September.

Tomorrow – Come on England!!

To mark England's remarkable success in reaching the world cup semi-final, all pupils can come into school tomorrow wearing red, white, and blue or England football tops. Let's hope they win!!

Preloved Uniform - on the school yard from 3pm tomorrow

All preloved uniform – and lost property with no names, will be put onto the big yard tomorrow afternoon from 3pm. Please help yourself to these clothes and a huge thank you to everyone who donates uniform for this reason.

Activities for Summer 2026

We understand the holidays can bring challenges for families who are looking to access inclusive, affordable activities so here are some links below for you.

HAF Scheme and Holiday

www.northtyneside.gov.uk/ease-activities

Northeast Family Fun

www.northeastfamilyfun.co.uk

North Tyneside Parent Carers Forum SEND friendly Summer

www.ntpcf.co.uk/send-friendly-summer

Tim Lamb Centre Summer 2026

The centre is open 7 days a week throughout the summer holidays, admission is £4 per child with no extra costs for activities. Further information can be found on their Facebook Page.

Free and Low-Cost Children's Meals for Summer 2026 ·

100% FREE Breakfasts: Both adults and kids can get a free bowl of Kellogg's cereal, milk, and fruit at Morrisons Cafés before 11:00 am (no purchase required, runs until 6 September). ·

£1 Meals (No adult spend needed): Kids eat for £1 all day, every day at Asda Cafés (includes a free piece of fruit). ·

Tesco Cafés: Kids eat completely free all week long if you scan a Tesco Clubcard and buy any small adult item (even a 60p piece of fruit!). ·

Sainsbury's: Kids meals are £1 when an adult spends £5.20+ · Morrisons Café: Under 16s with a paying adult over £5 can choose from a selection of kids' meals free OR get two free kids' meals with two adult meals for £15. ·

Toby Carvery: Kids eat for £1 throughout the Summer with any adult main or all you can eat breakfast. ·

Flaming Grill Pubs: Kids eat free with one paying adult over the summer holidays. ·

Victors: Children under 12 can choose 2 courses on the kids' menu on a weekday for free when accompanied by a full-price paying adult. ·

Las Iguanas: Kids dine for free all day, with the purchase of any main meal. ·

Bella Italia: Claim a free 3-course kids' meal with any adult purchasing a main meal.

Low-Cost Groceries in North Tyneside ·

The Bread & Butter Thing: Get £35 worth of fresh fruit, veg, and chilled food for just £7.50. Hubs run weekly in Longbenton, Shiremoor, Whitley Bay, Wallsend (Howdon), and Billy Mill. 📍 To sign up, text your name and post code to 07507 237 311 · Meadow Well (North Shields):

The Nourish Store at The Cedarwood Trust lets you fill a shopping basket with fresh items and cupboard staples for just £4 to £6. Open Monday to Friday, 9am–3pm.

Wallsend High street :Tyneside Community Store offers heavily discounted food and household goods, plus a free baby bank for parents who need items. Open Monday to Saturday, 9:30am–2:30pm. ·

Whitley Bay: Whitley Bay Big Local (Whitley Road) runs a surplus food shop Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm. You can pick up groceries on a pay-what-you-can basis.

Finally...

I hope you all have a safe, healthy, and peaceful summer break.

I would like to thank all the staff for all they have done during this past year and for their unending positivity and hard work.

I would also like to thank our Governors for the support we have received throughout this year and for supporting school.

I would also like to thank the parents who show kindness and support to the school family. This is appreciated by every member of staff. We are incredibly lucky to have so many wonderful families.

Have a lovely summer break and see you in September.

Kindest regards,

K.L. DiMambro

Mrs K. DiMambro

Head Teacher

End of the Year at Star of the Sea

The halls grow quiet, the days drift by,
As summer paints the bright blue sky.
At Star of the Sea, we've laughed and learned,
With every page and lesson turned.
From morning greetings, smiles and cheer,
To friendships growing through the year,
We've worked, we've played, we've done our best,
And met each challenge, every test.
The classrooms hold a thousand tales,
Of sailing dreams and setting sails.
Of goals achieved and skills now grown,
Of confidence we've proudly shown.
To teachers who have guided the way,
With patience through each busy day,
We thank you for the care you've shown,
Helping us learn and helping us grow.
To friends who've shared each step along,
In games, in work, in laughter and song,
May memories stay both bright and true,
Long after this year is through.
Now one chapter closes, another begins,
With new adventures waiting within.
Though we may part, we'll always know.
The Star of the Sea helped us grow.
So, here's to the year we've shared together,
Through every season, every weather.
We'll carry its light wherever we roam—
Star of the Sea will always be home. 🌟

