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Whole School Pilgrimage

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following on from the success of last year's whole school pilgrimage from Finchale Priory to Durham Cathedral, we plan to repeat this exciting event this year. The date will be:

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Most of the children now know a lot about pilgrimage but here is some brief information for those who were not with us last year. A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place that has religious or spiritual significance. It is an important practice in many religions, including Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. It does not have to be associated with religion as many people take part in pilgrimage simply as a personal challenge or time of reflection. Year 6 have studied pilgrimage in RE lessons, exploring pilgrimage sites close to us as well as around the world. In Newton Hall, we are very close to Finchale Priory, the official start of the well-known Camino Ingles pilgrimage. A new stone way-marker was brought to Finchale a couple of years ago to mark the beginning of the walk. Many of the children last year expressed how much they enjoyed taking part in our whole school pilgrimage.

We are still in the early stages of planning the event but will follow the same format as last year. School will provide transport to the start (Finchale Priory) and from the finish (Durham Cathedral) back to school. Any parents or family members are welcome to accompany us, but would need to make their own transport arrangements. We will travel to the start by coach to be ready to begin walking at 10 a.m. We should reach Durham Cathedral by lunchtime and will eat lunch there. The children will also be given a chance to have a brief tour inside the cathedral. We will be back at school before 3pm.

As we did last year, we would like to find out whether any of you would like to accompany us on the pilgrimage; please complete the following Google form if you would like to join us

<https://forms.gle/3FGgVbcagk6UM3Bz5>

We will be in touch again soon with further information for the day. Thank you for your support.

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R.E Coordinator



