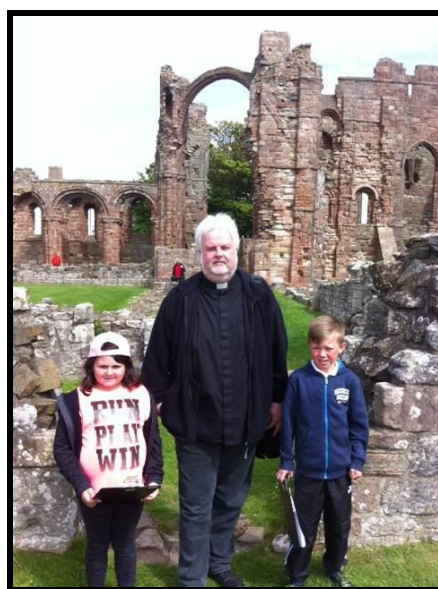


### Year 4/5 visit to Holy Island

For the first time, we had the fantastic opportunity to take a group of 40 children to Holy Island to stay at the St. Vincent de Paul Camp. On our journey up through Northumberland, we stopped off at Bamburgh to visit the Grace Darling Museum to learn all about her heroics and to pay our respects at her gravestone in the graveyard of St Aidan's Church. Following our arrival on the island, we walked down to the causeway to watch the tide come in, to isolate us from the mainland.

During our stay on the island, we visited the Lindesfarne Priory to learn about the life of St. Cuthbert, the grisly Viking raid and visualise the main parts of the Priory and their purpose. During the visit to Lindesfarne Castle we explored the nooks and crannies and learned how the Lutyan family altered the castle and used it as a holiday home.



We were delighted Father Jonathan was able to join us during our visit to places of interest and lead a Collective Worship on the beach based upon the life of St. Oswald and St. Aidan. On our return, the children had the opportunity to explore Alnwick Castle and how it was used in the past and more recently for scenes from Harry Potter Films and Downton Abbey.

The children and staff enjoyed dressing up to create a battle of the English vs the Scots and learn how to fly a broomstick! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of exploring the island and being part of a community after the day trippers had left for home.

