



St Bede's Catholic Primary School

With Christ at our side to guide us, we shine in all that we do.

Upcoming dates

Nursery **Reception** Year 1
Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year
5 Year 6

Please note dates are subject to change.

December

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas holidays. Children to be collected from normal pick up points at 1.15pm

January

Thursday 11th January

Photographers in school – families welcome (from 8.30am) and children's individual photos throughout school day

Tuesday 16th January

Year 1 Cheerleading Visit at The Urban Factory (am)

Wednesday 17th January

Group of KS2 children - Panathlon at Temple Park (am)

Tuesday 23rd January

Reception vision checks with school nursing team

Wednesday 24th January

Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at Temple Park (am)

Thursday 25th January

Mass at St. Bede's Church

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

Christmas Performances



Thank you to everyone who has shared in our Christmas celebrations in school over the past couple of weeks. It has been a real joy to watch the children perform so confidently in their performances and for them to share the Christmas message with us all in such a magical way.

KS1 - Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

The Infants led the way with their stage performance of the show Whoops-a-Daisy Angel which was a wonderful way to get us all into the Christmas spirit at this busy time of year.



Upcoming dates

Tuesday 30th January

Year 1 / Year 2 (Group of 12 children) – Key Steps Gymnastics at the Urban Factory (am)

Tuesday 30th January

Year 3 / Year 4 (Group of 12 children) – Key Steps Gymnastics at the Urban Factory (pm)

February

Thursday 8th February

Year 3 – Class celebration of the Word in school – families welcome to attend

Friday 9th February

Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Thursday 15th February

Year 4 / Year 5 (Group of 23) – Basketball Hoops4Health Competition at Vertu Motor Arena

Monday 19th February

Back to school – gates open at 8.40am

Nursery Nativity



Our Nursery class did a wonderful job of retelling the Christmas story too which was enjoyed by all. They were all super stars and looked amazing in their costumes. I am very proud of the children for being so brave in front of such a big audience. Well done Nursery!

KS2 Carol Concert

The Junior children didn't fail to disappoint with their beautiful Carol concert at St. Bede's Church. Their performance of Hosanna Rock was brilliant. Thank you children and staff, for all of your hard work.



Santa Visit

It was lovely to welcome a surprise special visitor into school. The children were delighted when Santa Claus came to visit them in school and they all enjoyed listening to a Christmas story.





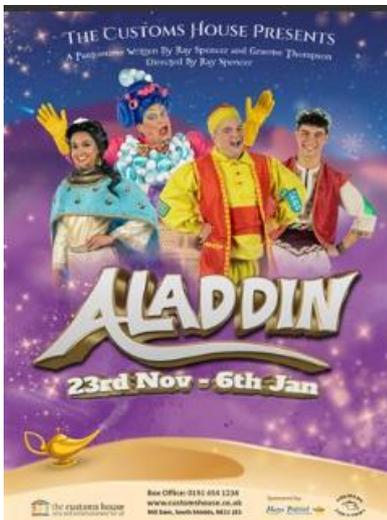
Staffing Updates

Good Bye and Good Luck Miss Langley

I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Langley for all of her hard work and dedication to the children throughout her time here at St. Bede's. We wish her good luck for starting in her new school in January.

Welcome to St. Bede's Mrs McHugh

A warm St. Bede's welcome to Mrs McHugh who will be joining us after Christmas to teach in Year 2. I know everyone will make her feel very welcome and that she will settle quickly into her new role.



Pantomime Visit

A big thank you to the PTFA for subsidising the trip to the Customs House to see the pantomime Aladdin. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was very special that we could have the whole school out on a trip together and certainly a memorable experience for everyone. I have to commend the children for their excellent behaviour both when walking to and from the Customs House and also for during the performance.

A Christmas Blessing

Lord, Thank you for this treasured time with family and friends.

Thank you for your goodness, for warmth, light and food.

**Thank you for the birth of your son Jesus,
for coming from heaven to be with us.**

**Light in the darkness, hope to the hopeless,
we celebrate your love today.**

Amen.

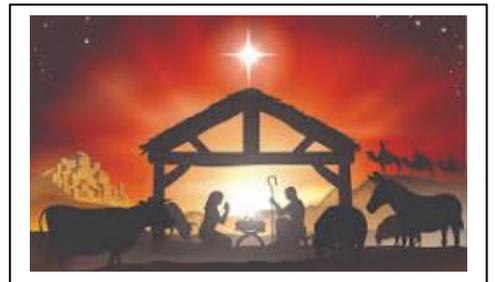
Thank you all for all of your kind messages, cards & gifts – they are all greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas. Enjoy the precious time with your families.

With very best wishes from

Mrs Devine & all of the staff at St. Bede's

We will see you all in 2024!





SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

If you have any worries / concerns about your children or would like some advice or support, please contact Mrs Devine via email who will reply to you as soon as possible.

Contact

Mrs Devine: cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk

If your concern is urgent or you need immediate advice please contact one of the services below:

Social Care Advice and Support

Early Help Outreach Advice: 0191 424 6210

Children's Services (ISIT): 0191 424 5010

Children's Services (Out of Hours): 0191 456 2093

Just a reminder that you can access our safeguarding policies on the school website in the Key Information section. ([Safeguarding Policies](#))
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our safeguarding leads in school to share your concern.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Lifecycle Service – free mental and emotional health support – 0191 2832937

CYPS – free mental health support for young people who are experiencing serious mental illness or symptoms of ill mental health – 0191 – 5665500

ICTS – Crisis Team – free emergency support for young people who present an immediate risk to themselves or others – 0191 5665500 and ask for Crisis Team.



FOOD BANKS

Key2Life

<https://keycommunity.org.uk/what-we-do/key-to-life-foodbank/>

Hospitality & Hope – 0191 420 3336

<https://hospitalityandhope.org.uk/>

Hebburn Helps – 0191 4899707

<https://hebburnhelps.co.uk/>

Our Safeguarding Children Team

<p>Designated Safeguarding Lead Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley Title: Headteacher</p>	<p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley Title: Deputy Head teacher</p>
<p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy Name: Mr Brian McVittie Title: Senior Lead</p>	<p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy Name: Mrs Lisa Welsh Title: Family Support Officer</p>

If you are concerned about a child please talk to us April 2022

Safeguarding Team In School

Designated Safeguarding Lead

- Mrs Devine (Headteacher)
cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

- Mrs Welsh (Family Support Worker)
- Mrs Mackley (Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO)
- Mr McVittie (Senior Leader)