

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

January

Tuesday 16th January
Year 1 – Cheerleading event
at The Urban Factory (am)

Wednesday 17th January
Panathlon Sporting Event at
Temple Park – (X8 KS2 pupils)

Monday 22nd January
Red Sky Foundation – Helping
Little Hearts - Children's
assembly

Wednesday 24th January
Year 3 – Multi Skills Event –
Temple Park (am)

Thursday 25th January
Please join us to celebrate Mass
at St. Bede's Church at 10.00am.
All are welcome.

Tuesday 30th January
Year 1 & Year 2 gymnastics
team (x 14 pupils) - Steps
Gymnastics Event at Urban
Factory (am)

Tuesday 30th January
Year 3 Year 4 (x14 pupils) -
gymnastics team - Steps
Gymnastics Event at Urban
Factory (pm)

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year

In case I haven't seen you in the yard, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. Let's hope 2024 is kind to us all.

It is hard to believe that the autumn term has passed us by in the blink of an eye. The first half term in spring is very short – just five weeks, so it is important that we make the most of every day to ensure the children continue to have the best possible opportunities with their learning. The spring term curriculum overviews will be added to the class pages this week, so please spare a few moments to look at these so you know what your children will be learning about this term.

Mrs McHugh

A warm welcome to our new Year 2 teacher, Mrs McHugh, who joined us in January. She is getting to know the children and families very quickly and has made a wonderful start. Thank you to everyone for making her feel so welcome.

Red Sky Foundation

The charity, Red Sky Foundation – Helping little hearts and their families have very generously donated a defibrillator to school which they will be installing over the coming weeks. They are also coming to deliver an assembly to the children which will share some valuable life-saving skills and equip the children with the skills and confidence they need to know what to do in an emergency situation. I have added a link to the charity's website in case anyone would like more information.

<https://redskyfoundation.com/>

Reading Ambassadors

Mrs Usher has invited our Key Stage 2 children to apply to be reading ambassadors in school. The children will be chosen for their love of reading and their willingness to share this passion with others and to promote reading for pleasure across the school. I am looking forward to sharing the news of who the successful applicants are and am very excited to see how the children will develop in this role.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 5th - 11th February. This year the theme is 'My Voice Matters'. We will hold an assembly in school and the children will discuss ways to look after their mental health in their classes. To help raise awareness of the event the children are invited to come into school on Friday 11th February in non-uniform to give them the opportunity to express themselves.

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February

Monday 5th – Friday 9th

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Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Children will be involved in various assemblies and workshops throughout the week.

Thursday 8th February

Year 3 would like to invite their families to join them to share in their class celebration of the Word at 8.00am

Friday 9th February

Express yourself non-uniform day in support of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Friday 9th February

School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 19th February

Back to school

Monday 26th February

Year 3 – Ancient Egypt workshop – visitor from Durham University

Tuesday 27th February

Reception visit to Discovery Museum to launch 'Toys through time' topic

Penathlon Silver Success

We are so proud of our new Penathlon team who were runners up in the District competition and added another trophy to our ever expanding trophy cabinet – I think we may need a new one soon. I have added a link to Mr McVittie's report of the event on our school website which gives more details about the event.

<https://stbedessouthshields.co.uk/panathlon-silver-success/>



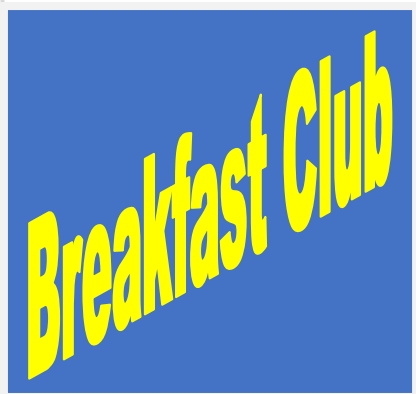
Here to listen

Please remember that we are here to listen if you have any queries, comments or concerns. You can make an appointment to speak to me either by calling the office (0191 456 0108) or by emailing tbsinfo@stbedessouthshields.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mrs Carol Devine

Headteacher



St. Bede's Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that St. Bede's now offers a breakfast club before school and we welcome new children.

Details

Time: 7.45am – 8.45am

Cost: £5 per session

Booking: Sessions can be booked via Parent Pay

Contact Mrs Griffiths or Mrs Hill for further information about our breakfast club.

Our Safeguarding Children Team



SAFEGUARDING

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.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead

- Mrs Devine (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

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

Policies

Copies of our policies can be accessed on the school website. Paper copies can be requested from the school office if required.