

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

February

W/C Monday 26th February

TEST WEEK - Year 1 Year 2 Year 3
Year 4 Year 6

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**

Thursday 29th February

Year 4 visit to **Open Zone at The Word**
– computing workshop

March

Friday 1st March

Please join our Year 3 / Year 4 pupils
at St. Bede's Catholic Church
(11.15am) for Stations of the Cross

W/C Monday 4th March

TEST WEEK - Year 5

Tuesday 5th March

Year 1 visit to the **Open Zone at The
Word** – computing workshop

Tuesday 5th March

Junior music festival at the Customs
House for Junior Choir

Wednesday 6th March

Infant music festival at the Customs
House for Infant Choir

(Mrs Hill will provide further details for
children involved in music festivals)

Monday 4th – 6th March

Scholastic Book Fair in school – further
details to follow.

Thursday 7th March

Year 1 children would like to invite
their families to join them to share in
their class 'Celebration of the Word'
at 9.10am

Friday 8th March

World Book Day events in school to
further encourage reading for pleasure.
Children are invited to come into school
dressed as a book character if they
would like to, but this is optional.

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back after half term. I hope everyone enjoyed the break. We have another busy half term planned before Easter with lots of lovely opportunities and experiences for the children to enjoy.

World Book Day Celebrations – Friday 8th March



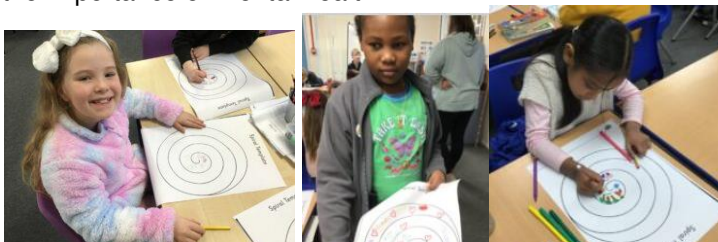
World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We will be completing a range of different activities in class on **Friday 8th March**. As part of the celebrations, we will be running a 'decorate a paper plate' competition. Each pupil will be given a paper plate to bring home and decorate in the theme of a book of their choice.

The **deadline for entries is Wednesday 6th March**, and prize winners will be announced when we celebrate World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Please make sure your child's name and class are written on their back of their plate.

Alongside the fun activities we will be completing in school, pupils are invited to come into school on **Friday 8th March dressed up as their favourite book character**. Many costume ideas can be made with items you already have, so please do not feel obliged to go and buy expensive outfits. There are lots of ideas online for inspiration. Please note that dressing up and the paper plate competition are completely optional. All pupils will be completing a range of activities to celebrate World Book Day in school.

My Voice Matters – Children's Mental Health Week

The children spent time in their house groups talking about what matters most to them and completed activities to raise awareness of the importance of mental health.



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Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

March

Monday 11th March

Year 3 visit to the Open Zone at The Word – computing workshop

Tuesday 12th March

Year 5 visit to the Open Zone at The Word – computing workshop

Wednesday 13th March

Year 6 visit to the Open Zone at The Word – computing workshop

Tuesday 19th March

Parents' Evening (Y1 – Y6)

Wednesday 20th March

Parents' Evening (Y1 – Y6)

Friday 22nd March

Please join our Year 5 Year 6 pupils at St. Bede's Catholic Church (11.15am) for Stations of the Cross

Monday 25th March

KS2 Boccia Event at Temple Park. (Mr McVittie will send further details for the children involved in this event)

Tuesday 26th March

Reception gymnastics event at The Urban Factory

Tuesday 26th March

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

Wednesday 27th March

Year 4 quick sticks hockey festival at Boldon School

Wednesday 27th March

Reception children would like to invite their families to join them to share in their class 'Celebration of the Word' at 9.10am

Thursday 28th March

Easter Egg competition in school

Thursday 28th March

School closes at 1.15pm for Easter holidays. Children will be dismissed from their usual pick up points at this time.

St. Bede's Sporting News

It was fantastic that we had so many teams participating in a wide variety of sporting events last half term. We try to involve as many children as possible by entering multiple teams into different competitions to introduce them to a wide range of experiences. The children always have a wonderful time at these events and we hope that by giving the children a taster of different sports that it might inspire them to go on to join clubs outside of school. We have excellent links with some of our local clubs, so if you would like further information about available clubs in the area, please get in touch with Mr McVittie who would be happy to help where he can.

Despite last half term being just five weeks long, we entered several teams for the following competitions (some of which were for the first time) and celebrated a number of successes:

- Year 1 Cheerleading Festival (whole class)
- KS2 Panathlon Event (1 team) – Silver medalists
- Year 3 Multi-Skills Personal Best Event (whole class) – First and third places
- Year 1 / Year 2 Gymnastics Event (2 teams) – District Champions
- Year 3 / Year 4 Gymnastics Event (2 teams) – Individual gymnasts – Gold, silver and bronze medals in addition to team bronze medal
- Key Stage 2 Hoops4Health Basketball (3 teams) – qualified for District Grand Finals

A big thank you to Mr McVittie for all of his hard work leading up to the events and for preparing the children so well for the competitions.





Catholic Life of the School

Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning at St. Bede's Church

The Mini Vinnies hosted their first coffee morning during the half-term break after Mass at St Bede's Church. The children made some delicious cakes and brought in some great prizes for the Tombola stall. The morning was a huge success, with the Mini Vinnies raising £134.42 towards repairs for the church roof. Everyone had a fantastic day and Fr Bill was thrilled with the money raised! Thank you to Mrs Kennedy for organising and well done Mini Vinnies!

Easter Mystery

To help us prepare to celebrate Easter, the children have been invited to join our special project called 'The Easter Mystery'. Each child will take turns bringing home a pack to share with their families - by sharing the Easter story, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and, as a family, take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Easter.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 23rd February is Family Fast Day, and in order to help those less fortunate than ourselves in the local community and further afield, the Mini Vinnies have asked that we support our local food bank. If families are able, the children have been asked to bring in either a tin of food which will be donated to the Key for Life Foodbank, or a small donation which will be sent to CAFOD to help those in need in other counties. Thank you as always for your generosity.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Pope Francis tells us How:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worried and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words; be silent and listen

Best wishes

Mrs Carol Devine
Headteacher

SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE

- ! All visitors please report to reception.
- 📵 Use of camera phones is prohibited.
- 🚭 Smoking is strictly prohibited.
- 🚫 Dogs are not allowed on school grounds.
- 📹 CCTV in operation.
- ! Please observe all safety signage.



Please dismount your bike or scooter when entering the school grounds

Health and Safety Reminders

Dogs on the playground

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds unless they are assistance dogs.

As a dog owner myself, I understand that our canine friends are a big part of the family and appreciate that there may be occasions where you can't avoid bringing your dog with you at drop off or pickups. If this is the case, I would greatly appreciate your understanding in this matter by requesting that if you do bring a dog with you, that you kindly don't allow them onto the school grounds. If there are any occasions where this may cause difficulties for you collecting your child from their teacher then please wait outside of the school gates and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Bikes and Scooters

As the nights start to get lighter and better weather arrives (hopefully!), I am sure that more children will come to school on bikes and scooters. Can parents please make sure that the children don't ride these on the yard please to avoid any accidents. Thank you.

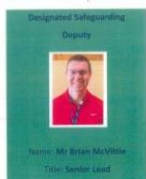
Our Safeguarding Children Team



Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley
Title: Designated Safeguarding Lead



Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley
Title: Deputy Head teacher



Name: Mr Brian McVittie
Title: Senior Lead



Name: Mrs Lisa Welsh
Title: Family Support Officer

If you are concerned about a child please talk to us

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.

SENDCO is Mrs Mackley

If your child has any special educational needs or disabilities that you would like to discuss or receive advice on, then please make an appointment at the office to speak to Mrs Mackley who is our SENDCO in school.

Family Support Worker is Mrs Welsh

Please contact Mrs Welsh if you need to speak in confidence to someone for some support or advice if you are experiencing any difficulties or concerns either with your child or as a family. We are here to listen and we will always do our best to help.

