

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

March

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.

April

Monday 15th April
Back to school

Tuesday 16th April
Upcycling workshop for Mini Vinnies

Friday 19th April
Worry Workshop and coffee afternoon for Year 6 parents and children led by Marie Holmes from the Healthy Minds Team.

Tuesday 23rd April
We would like to invite families to join us at Mass at St. Bede's Church at 10.00am to celebrate the feast of St. George.

Wednesday 24th April – Friday 26th April
Year 4 retreat to Emmaus Village

Monday 29th April
Year 4 – Quicksticks Festival 9.00am – 12.00pm

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers

As we are rapidly approaching the Easter holidays, I thought you might appreciate a few reminders and updates.

Mrs Mackley

I would like to share the news that Mrs Mackley will be moving on to pastures new at the end of this academic year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her appointment as full time primary SENDCO for Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. Although I know Mrs Mackley will do an amazing job in her new role, she will be greatly missed by all here at St. Bede's where she has worked for over fifteen years.

Updated behaviour for learning policy

Just to make families aware that an updated 'behaviour for learning' policy has been added to the pupil related policies under the key information section on the school website. I have also added a link to the policy below for your convenience.

We have high expectations of behaviour in school and strongly believe that good behaviour supports good learning. At St. Bede's, we work together as a school community to promote a positive behaviour culture. It is important to us that our behaviour policy is clear and applied fairly and consistently to address any incidents of poor behaviour and to ensure that positive behaviour is rewarded and reinforced.

We teach the children to: 'Be ready, be respectful, be safe.'

Our behaviour policy is a working document and will be regularly reviewed to ensure that it is fit for purpose and carefully considers the views of children, parents, staff and governors. With this in mind I would really appreciate it if you could spare a few moments to read through the policy and share any views you have so these can inform any future amendments to the policy.

I appreciate that there may be different views and these should all be respected. I would like to reassure parents that any decisions made in school regarding behaviour are always made with all of the children's best interests at the heart of them.

[Behaviour for learning policy](#)

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May

Wednesday 1st May

May Procession in school

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th

May

Year 6 – SATS week

Friday 17th May

Treat day for Year 6 (TBC)

Wednesday 22nd May

Class Photographs

Friday 24th May

Please join us at St. Bede's Church at 10.00am to celebrate Mass for the feast of St. Bede.

Friday 24th May

Break up for half term 3.15pm

Curriculum News

Scholastic Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Usher and our reading ambassadors for organising another successful book fair. Your support for this event is greatly appreciated as always. It was nice to see so many families spending time together looking at and talking about books. Our reading ambassadors did a fantastic job of managing the event and were on hand to make book recommendations. Altogether we raised a fantastic **£486** in rewards which will be used to help restock our school library with more lovely new books.

Red Nose Day

The school was a sea of red on Red Nose Day which was on Friday 15th March. Your kind donations have helped to raise: **£125.18** which will be sent to the Red Nose Day charity who will use the money to help fight poverty both here in the UK and around the world, certainly a worthwhile cause I'm sure you'll agree.

Boccia

Well done to our three Boccia teams who represented St. Bede's in a tournament held at Temple Park. Their efforts were impressive and despite a number of wins, they just missed out on a place in the finals. We are very proud of you all.



Curriculum News

World Book Day Celebrations – Friday 8th March

I was amazed at the creativity of the children with the decorate a paper plate competition. The entries were incredible and I was so impressed at how much thought and care went into making the plates at home. It was an almost impossible decision to choose winners from each year group, but with the help of Mrs Griffiths, we managed to finally decide on some winners who all received a lovely new book as a prize.

It was great fun to see everyone dressed up as book characters on the Friday. Again, everyone made such an effort which helped to make the occasion all the more special. It was lovely to hear the buzz of 'book chatter' all around school and the children enjoyed taking part in World Book Day activities in their classes.



Easter Bunny Visit

Thank you to our PTFA for funding our Easter Bunny visit and treat for the whole school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





Catholic Life of the School

Mini Vinnies Coffee Mornings 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! They also hosted a second coffee morning after Mass on Palm Sunday which was also a great success. On this occasion they raised **£166.57** which they donated to the SVP society. 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 was Family Fast Day, and in order to help those less fortunate than ourselves in the local community and further afield, the Mini Vinnies organised a collection to support our local food bank. Thank you for your generosity in sending in tins of food which were donated to local charity the Key for Life Foodbank. Thank you also for your kind donations of money for CAFOD to help those in need in other counties. We raised **£41.70**

Reception – Celebration of the Word



It was an absolute joy to share in the Reception class 'Celebration of the Word'. They shared the Easter story beautifully with their families. I was so impressed at how confident the children were with their readings and their singing was wonderful too. Well done Reception class.

Best wishes & Easter blessings
Mrs Carol Devine
Headteacher



Our Safeguarding Children Team

<p>Designated Safeguarding Lead Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley Title: Deputy 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 2020

SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER EASTER 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/>

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)

Displays in school

We have some fabulous displays around school showcasing some of their lovely work. I thought it would be nice to share some so the children can talk to you at home about what they have been learning about in school.

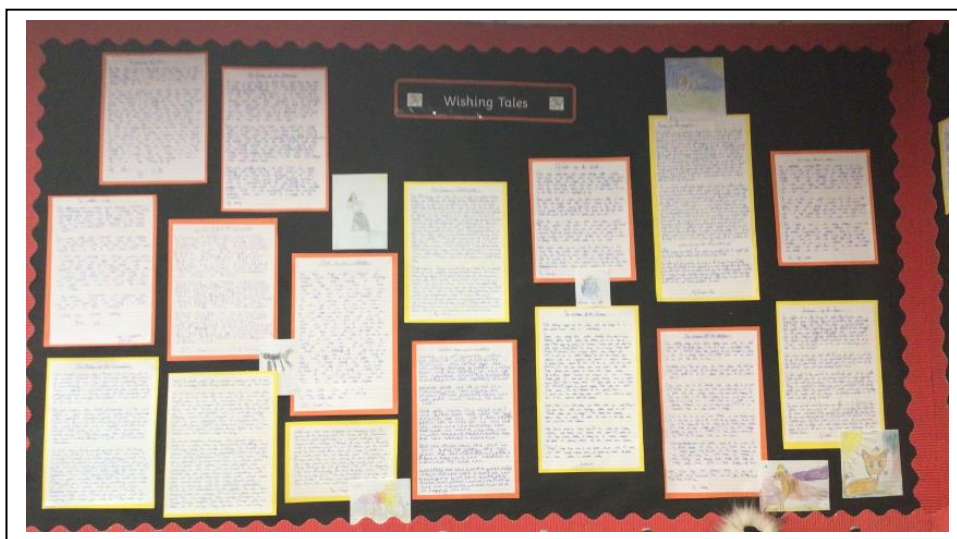
Year 6 – Propaganda Posters



Year 5 – Non-linear stories with two narrators inspired by The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe



Year 4 – Writing wishing tales



Year 3 – Made some delicious fruit crumbles as part of their cooking and nutrition unit in DT.



Year 3 Art – The children developed a range of art & design techniques by looking at visual elements of shape, line and colour. Their incredible self portraits were inspired by studying the work of Sir Michael Craig-Martin.



Year 2 – Were developing their drawing skills by focusing on the use of tone. They explored the use of tonal shading to convert 2D objects into 3D objects. Their work was inspired by the French artist – Paul Cézanne



Year 1 – Investigating seasonal change – autumn leaves



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