





Headteacher message

Dear Parents / Carers,

Dates for your diary

Please check dates below for events leading up to Christmas as there may have been some changes

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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		Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
December	Monday 2 nd December							1.00pm - 2.30pm	Year 5 Art Visit
	Monday 2 nd December							5.00pm - 9.30pm	Choir at South Tyneside Civic Carol Concert 
	Tuesday 3 rd December			9.00am - 12.00pm					Reception visit to Urban Factory
	Tuesday 3 rd December			9.30am – 11.30am					Year 2 Library Visit to The Word
	Wednesday 4 th December							1.30pm – 5.30pm	Parents' Afternoon
	Thursday 5 th December							9.05am	Year 5 - Celebration of the Word (Families are warmly invited to attend).
	Thursday 5 th December							1.00pm – 5.30pm	Parents' Afternoon
	Thursday 5 th December							1.00pm - 2.30pm	Choir Carol singing at The Word 
	Friday 6 th December			9.00am - 12.30pm					Year 1 Multi Skills at Temple Park
	Tuesday 10 th December							TBC	Year 4 Bikeability
	Tuesday 10 th December				9.30am – 11.30am				Year 1 Library Visit to The Word
	Wednesday 11 th December				All day				Children are invited to come into school wearing warm pyjamas / lounge wear to enjoy a Christmas story time in their classes. A voluntary £1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated. The Mini Vinnies in school have arranged this event to raise money for two worthwhile causes: Norah's North Pole (for children) and Nightwear before Christmas (for elderly care home residents).

		Please note this is optional and children can come to school wearing their normal school uniform if preferred.
Wednesday 11 th December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Dinner Day 
Thursday 12 th December	10.30am 2.15pm	Infant Nativity – Performance One Infant Nativity – Performance Two 
Friday 13 th December	9.30am - 12.00pm	Year 3 – Skip into Christmas
Monday 16 th December	pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party Day 
Tuesday 17 th December	am	Nursery Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	am	Whole school visit to Customs House to watch the Pantomime Mother Goose 
Tuesday 17 th December	pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party Day 
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00am	Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 18 th December	pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party Day 
Thursday 19 th December	9.30am	Junior Carol Concert in school – Performance 1
Thursday 19 th December	1.30pm	Junior Carol Concert in school – Performance 2 
Friday 20 th December	1.15pm	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.15pm 

Pupils return to school on Monday 6th January 2025



Christmas Performances



We are very much looking forward to sharing our upcoming Christmas performances with you, where our talented pupils will showcase their hard work and festive spirit! These events will be held on the following dates / times in the school hall. We warmly invite all parents and guardians to join us in celebrating this joyous season. Please note that due to limited space in school these performances are ticket only.

Infant Nativity:

Thursday 12th December – 10.30am

Thursday 12th December – 2.15pm

Nursery Nativity

Wednesday 18th December – 10.00am

Junior Carol Service

Thursday 19th December – 9.30am

Thursday 19th December – 1.30pm

Photography and Filming: While we understand the importance of capturing special moments, please refrain from taking photos or videos during the performances to protect the privacy of all children. Official photographs will be available on our website.

Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 17th December



Pantomime Visit

We are delighted to share that the children in Reception to Year 6 will be visiting the Customs House on Tuesday 17th December to enjoy a performance of the pantomime Mother Goose! This exciting trip promises to bring plenty of laughter and festive cheer to our children as we celebrate the Christmas season together. The cost of the tickets will be £6.00 per child. We extend our **thanks to St. Bede's PTFA** for their generous support in subsidising the cost of the tickets, making this special experience more accessible for all families.

Class Christmas Parties

Children can come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their class Christmas party. They will also need to bring a plate of party food clearly labelled with their name.

IMPORTANT

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please be careful to check that the children do not bring any food with nuts in as we do have children in school with serious nut allergies.

Nursery	Tuesday 17 th December
Reception	Monday 16 th December
Year 1	Monday 16 th December
Year 2	Monday 16 th December
Year 3	Tuesday 17 th December
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th December
Year 5	Wednesday 18 th December
Year 6	Wednesday 18 th December

Dear Heavenly Father,

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we take this time to reflect on the blessings we have received. We thank You for the warmth of our community here at St Bede's, for the dedication of our teachers, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the support of our families. Guide us to be ever mindful of those in need and to extend our hands in service and love. As we prepare for the season of Advent, may we open our hearts to Your peace and joy. Bless our school, O Lord, and keep us safe and united in Your love.

Amen.



Next Steps

To stay informed and engaged with school activities, please:

- Check our school website regularly for updates and announcements.
<https://stbedessouthshields.co.uk/>
- Ensure your contact information is up to date with the school office.

Working in Partnership

We strongly believe in working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Your involvement and support are crucial, and we encourage you to engage with us regularly.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support you and your child throughout the school year. I have included a link to our compliments, complaints and concerns policy for your reference: [Compliments, complaints and concerns policy](#)

School office: 0191 456 0108 or email at info@stbedessouthshields.co.uk

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team in school are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Carol Devine – Headteacher

cdevine@stbedessouthshield.co.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Paul Charlton – Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO

Mr Brian McVittie – Senior Leader

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.

With warmest wishes,

Carol Devine

Headteacher