

# NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Friday 23rd May 2025



## May Newsletter

### Headteacher Message

#### Well done Year 6

As we move through this busy summer term, I want to take a moment to share just how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 students. Last week, they approached their SATs with determination, resilience, and a wonderfully positive attitude that truly reflects the spirit of our school.

From attending revision sessions to the calm and focused way they tackled each test, our Year 6 pupils demonstrated not only their academic progress but also their maturity and commitment. It has been inspiring to see how they supported one another and gave their very best throughout the week. To celebrate, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the park on Friday to reward all of their hard work. Thank you to our PTFA who kindly treated the children to an ice cream.

We know that SATs are just one part of their journey, but the effort and enthusiasm they've shown are worth celebrating. A huge well done to each and every one of them—and thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families who helped them prepare so well.



# St. Bede's Wraparound Care

We are delighted to share the successful launch of our new wraparound provision, offering high-quality before and after school care to support our families and enhance the school experience for our children. While we understand many families already have childcare arrangements in place for this year, we warmly encourage you to consider our wraparound services from September. Your support will help us continue to grow and improve this valuable provision.

## FEEDBACK

We are always looking for ways to improve. To help with this, we would love to hear some feedback on our current wraparound provision. Please email [cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk](mailto:cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk) with your comments and ideas. Your views are really important to us.

## Special Invitation to join us at breakfast club

Come and give our new free breakfast club a try - we think you'll love it! As a special invitation, we'd love to see more children join us for our free Breakfast Club during the week beginning 9th June, where we'll be enjoying a continental-themed menu! It's the perfect opportunity for children who haven't yet tried it to come along, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and see what makes our wraparound care so special.





# St. Bede's Wraparound Care - Summary

Service	Time	Cost
Early Bird Breakfast Club	7.30am - 8.45am	£3.00 per session
Rise & Shine Breakfast Club	8.15am - 8.45am	FREE to all pupils
After School Club Session 1 only	3.15pm - 4.15pm	£4.00 per session
After School Club	3.15pm - 5.45pm	£10.00 per session (this includes a light tea)
After School Club (siblings)	3.15pm - 5.45pm	£10.00 for first child and then £8.00 per session for each additional sibling

## Summer Term

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, we'd like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break. The final half term of the school year is fast approaching, and it promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with events, celebrations, and important milestones. To help you stay organised, we've included a list of key diary dates at the end of this newsletter—please do take a moment to note them down.

### Celebrating the Feast of St. Bede - 25<sup>th</sup> May

#### Who Was St. Bede?

St. Bede, also known as The Venerable Bede, was a very wise and kind monk who lived in England over 1,300 years ago. He loved learning and spent most of his life reading, writing, and teaching others about God and the world. He wrote one of the first history books about England and helped people understand the Bible better. Even though he lived a long time ago, his love for learning and faith still inspires us today.

St. Bede is the patron saint of our school because he reminds us how important it is to be curious, to work hard, and to always keep God at the centre of everything we do.

#### 🙏 A Prayer to St. Bede

Dear St. Bede,  
You loved to learn and to teach others about God.  
Help us to be curious and joyful in our learning,  
to use our gifts wisely,  
and to always be kind and helpful to others.  
Pray for our school, our teachers, and our families.  
Guide us to grow in faith, hope, and love each day.  
May we follow your example by working hard,  
sharing what we know,  
and always trusting in God's plan for us.  
St. Bede, pray for us.

Amen.



Warmest wishes  
Mrs Carol Devine  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>		<b>Activity / Event</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8.40am	Whole School		Back to school for start for summer term 2
		Year 4		Start of Year 4 multiplication check period. (Checks take place over a two week period)
		Year 1 - Year 5		Year group assessment period begins - see year group curriculum overviews for further details
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am	Year 4		Library Visit to The Word
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	1.15pm - 2.00pm	Year 4		Fr. Bill to visit class re: confirmation topic in RE
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 12.00pm	Reception		Visit to South Shields Museum - Art focus
	9.00am - 3.00pm	Year 5 Athletics Team	Year 6 Athletics Team	Year 5 / 6 Athletics event at Monkton Stadium
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 12.00pm	Year 1		Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am	Year 3		Library Visit to The Word
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	1.15pm - 2.00pm	Year 6		Fr. Bill to visit re: Sacrament of the Sick topic
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 12.00pm	Year 1		Outdoor Adventurous Activities at Marine Park

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Saturday 14th June	10.00am	Year 4		Please join us for this special occasion to support our children from Year 4 who are making their First Holy Communion at St. Bede's Catholic Church.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	All classes		Liz Million (author / illustrator) to visit classes
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am	Year 6		Library Visit to The Word
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 3.00pm	Year 3 Athletics Team	Year 4 Athletics Team	Year 3 / 4 Athletics at Monkton Stadium
	9.00am - 12.00pm	Year 2		Sandwich making workshop with Asda bakery staff for DT topic
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Year 6		Road safety session in school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	All day	Years 1 - Year 6		First Aid Workshops
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 11.30am	Year 1		Library Visit to The Word
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	Whole School		All welcome to join us at St. Bede's Catholic Church to celebrate Mass for the feast of Ss Peter & Paul
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 3.00pm	Athletics Team		Tyne & Wear Athletics Final
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.30am - 11.30am	Reception		Library Visit to The Word

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Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00am - 3.00pm	Infant Classes Reception, Year 1 & Year 2			Infant Trip to Hall Hill Farm		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15am	Year 6 Play (supported by KS2 choir) Performance 1			Year 6 Play I'm an 11-yr-old - Get me out of here!		
	1.30pm	Year 6 Play (supported by KS2 choir) Performance 1					
	1.00pm	Nursery	Reception		Road Safety Session (in school)		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Whole School			INSET Day School Closed		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am – 12.00pm	Junior Classes (Y3 – Y6)			Tom Palmer - author visit		
	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 2			Library Visit to The Word		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am – 11.30am	Year 6 Leavers’ Cluster School Mass			(Mass for children only) Venue to be confirmed		
	1.00pm – 2.30pm	Junior Choir			The Big Sing Event at The Glass House		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Year 6			Transition visits to new schools		
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Year 6			Transition visits to new schools		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Year 6			Year 6 Leavers’ Disco		
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 5			Library Visit to The Word		



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Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	am	Nursery	Sports Day
	pm 1.15pm	Reception - Year 6 (House Groups) Children to wear T-shirts in House Colours:  <b>Bede: Purple</b> <b>Bernadette: Blue</b> <b>Clare: Orange</b> <b>Cuthbert: Red</b> <b>Paul: Yellow</b> <b>Teresa: Green</b>	Sports Day (On Sports Day Field )  Families are welcome to join us. Limited seating will be available.
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Year 6 parents invited to attend)
Thursday 17th July	10.00am	Reception - Year 6	Please join us at St. Bede's Catholic Church to celebrate our end of year Mass
	1.15pm	Whole School	Break up for summer holidays. All children to be collected from their usual pick up spot at 1.15pm  Please note there will be no afternoon wraparound club available on this day. (Breakfast club will still be available)