

NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Monday 14th July, 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the joy, achievements, and community spirit that have filled our school over the past few months. It's been a whirlwind of learning, laughter, and growth—and I couldn't be prouder of our children and staff.

With very best wishes,
Carol Devine
Headteacher



**With Christ at our side to guide us,
we shine in all that we do.**



🎭 Year 6 Leavers' Play – "I'm an Eleven Year Old... Get Me Out of Here!"

What a show! Our Year 6 children absolutely *shone* in their end-of-year production, "I'm an Eleven Year Old... Get Me Out of Here!" The hall was filled with laughter, a few happy tears, and even some brave audience participation (huge thanks to the parents who got involved—you were brilliant sports!). A special shout-out to our fabulous Year 4 and 5 choir, whose singing lifted the roof and added a magical touch to the whole performance. What a way to celebrate the end of primary school!

First Holy Communion

🏰 A Special Day for Year 4

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 14th June. It was a truly beautiful occasion, made even more special by the presence of family, friends, and staff who came to support them. The children were a credit to themselves and the school—well done!



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Growing Together – Wraparound Care & Eco Projects

Our wraparound care continues to grow from strength to strength, with more children than ever enjoying our breakfast and after-school clubs.

We're especially proud of our free breakfast club, funded by the Department for Education, which is helping to give children a great start to their day.

We've also been busy integrating this with our National Education Nature Park funding, which is helping us boost biodiversity and create more green spaces around school. Our breakfast club children have become keen early-morning gardeners, and we've got a growing team of break-time helpers too!

Our Mini Vinnies and new Eco Club Ambassadors have been leading the way in caring for our environment. From planting to litter picking, our volunteer 'Wombles' are doing a fantastic job keeping our school grounds clean and green. It's heartening to see how passionate our children are about protecting the planet.

Sporting Successes – Champions All Round!

It's been a summer term full of sporting triumphs! We're thrilled to share that our Year 5/6 team were crowned District Athletics Champions, while our Year 3/4 team brought home silver medals and were county finals runners-up. The determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship shown by all our athletes has been inspiring. A huge well done to everyone involved!



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Wraparound Care – Join Us in September!

As we look ahead to the new school year, we're excited to continue offering our wraparound care—a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for children before and after the school day.

Our Early Bird Breakfast Club runs from 7:30am – 8.15am for a cost of £3.00 per session and includes a healthy breakfast to start the day right.

Thanks to funding from the Department for Education, we're also delighted to offer a breakfast club free of charge to families, for all pupils from 8.15am helping to support busy mornings and ensure every child is ready to learn.

Our After School Club runs until 5:45pm and is packed with engaging activities, games, crafts, and outdoor play. It's a great way for children to unwind, socialise, and explore new interests in a relaxed setting.

Whether you need regular childcare or just the occasional session, we're here to help. Places are filling up quickly for September, so if you'd like to register or find out more, please contact the school office or visit our website.

We'd love to welcome your child to our wraparound family!

Can You Help?

Looking ahead to September, we're planning to develop our mini allotment areas and would love your help. If you have any gardening expertise, spare tools, seeds, plants, or even litter-picking equipment suitable for children, we'd be incredibly grateful. Every little helps, and it's a great way to get involved in school life.



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School Uniform – A Shared Responsibility

We'd like to take a moment to thank all families who consistently support our school uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel part of our school community, promotes equality, and reduces distractions—allowing everyone to focus on learning.

We understand that children like to express themselves, and we encourage this in many ways throughout the school day. However, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that: Haircuts are kept simple and appropriate for school**. Recently, we've noticed a number of children with shaved designs, such as cat scratches and patterns. These are not in line with our uniform expectations and we ask that these styles be avoided.

Jewellery and nail polish are not worn in school**. These items can pose safety risks during play and PE, and we want to ensure all children can participate fully and safely.

Correct PE uniform is worn on PE days**. If any parents are struggling with this, please come and see me and I will see if I can help to provide the correct uniform.

By working together, we can maintain a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all our pupils.

Year 6 SATs Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding SATs results this year! Their hard work, determination, and resilience have truly paid off, and they should be commended for the fantastic progress they've made. Throughout the year, they have shown a brilliant attitude to learning, supported one another, and risen to every challenge with positivity and perseverance. These results are a reflection of their commitment and the support of our dedicated staff and families. Well done, Year 6 — you've set a shining example for the rest of the school, and we couldn't be prouder of you!

Subject	St Bede's	National
Reading	87.1%	75%
Writing	77.4%	78%
Maths	80.6%	76%
Combined	77.4%	62%



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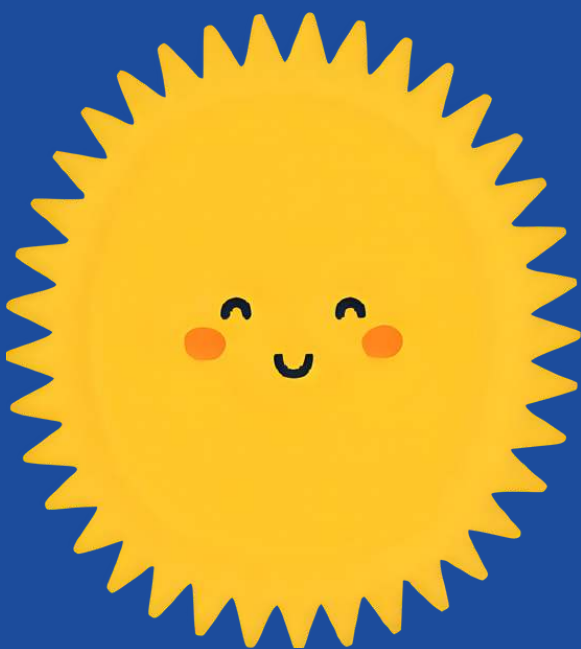
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🗨️ Thank You & Have a Wonderful Summer!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership this year. It's been a joy to work with your children and watch them grow. We wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best as they move on to new adventures—and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year. Have a safe, sunny, and restful summer break!



Dear God,
As we come to the end of this school year,
we pause to give thanks for all we have learned,
the friendships we have made,
and the challenges we have overcome.

Thank you for the guidance of our teachers,
the support of our families,
and the joy of growing together as a school community.

We are proud of all we have achieved,
and we carry with us the lessons of kindness, courage, and perseverance.

Bless our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their next adventure,
and keep all of us safe and refreshed over the summer break.

May we return with open hearts,
ready to learn,
and continue to shine in all that we do.

Amen.



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