

NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Thursday 5th September, 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! We hope you and your families had a joyful and restful summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with bright smiles, ready to learn, grow, and shine in all that they do.

As we begin this new academic year, we are excited to share some key information and upcoming events to help you stay connected and informed.

New families

I would like to give a special welcome to any new families who are joining our St. Bede's family this year. We are a small school with a big heart and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks as they begin their learning journey with us. I am sure your children will be very happy at St. Bede's and I know everyone will make you feel welcome

Looking forward to a wonderful term of learning, laughter, and growth.

With every blessing,

Carol Devine
Headteacher



You are invited to visit St. Bede's Art Gallery: Creation & Care for God's Creatures

Monday 8th September -
Wednesday 10th September

Before the summer holidays, Mrs McHugh organised for children from Nursery to Year 5 to take part in a national 'Spirited Arts' competition, working under the theme 'All God's Creatures'. Each child created a unique piece of artwork, either individually or collaboratively, and we proudly linked their creations to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

The children showed great creativity, thoughtfulness, and effort in their work, and we are incredibly proud of what they have achieved. To celebrate their contributions, we would love to share their artwork with our school community.

We warmly invite you to view the exhibition after upcoming teacher meetings, where the children's pieces will be on display.

Please note that the artwork being showcased was created during the previous academic year.

Following the exhibition, the artwork will be displayed throughout the school so that everyone can continue to enjoy and celebrate the talents of our children.



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Your Child's Learning Journey Come and discover what's ahead for your child in their new class.

We would love for you to join us for our Year Group Parent information meetings, where teachers will share key learning themes, expectations, and ways you can support your child at home.

Reception – Tuesday 16th September at 3:15pm

Year 1 – Tuesday 9th September at 3:15pm

Year 2 – Tuesday 9th September at 3:15pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 10th September at 3:15pm

Year 4 – Monday 8th September at 3:15pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 10th September at 3:15pm

Year 6 – Monday 8th September at 3:15pm

Arrangements

To ensure the safety of all children, on the evening of your child's year group meeting, staff will bring the class out to the yard as usual at home time. This is just in case any children are being picked up straight away.

After a few minutes, the children (and any siblings they have in school) will be taken back into school and looked after by staff while the meeting takes place. You will be directed to the correct place to collect your child once the meeting has finished.

Thank you for your support – we hope these arrangements make it easier for you to attend! If you are unsure of what to do on the day, please just ask a member of staff who will be happy to help you.

Attending More Than One Meeting?

If you have children in different year groups and their Curriculum Meetings are scheduled at the same time, please don't worry. Just have a quick word with Mrs. Devine, and she'll be happy to advise you on the best way to manage this.

We'll do everything we can to make sure you don't miss out!

PE Days – Autumn Term

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit (plain white t-shirt and blue shorts or navy/black jogging bottoms) on the following days:

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception	Monday	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday (swimming)
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Tuesday



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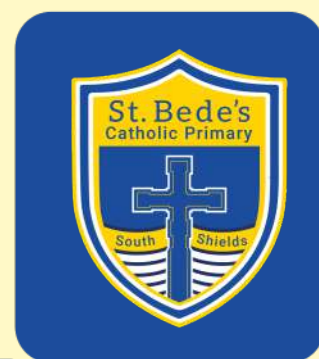


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Wraparound Care – A Warm Welcome Awaits!

As we begin a brand new school year, we would like to remind you about our Wraparound Care service – a safe, happy, and supportive space where children can start and end their day with a smile.

Early Bird Breakfast Club

7:30am – 8:15am (£3.00 per session)

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and a calm, friendly start to the day.

Free Breakfast Club from 8:15am

Thanks to funding from the Department for Education, we're pleased to offer a free breakfast club for all pupils from 8:15am, helping families with busy mornings and ensuring every child is ready to learn.

After School Club

Until 5:45pm

Our after-school sessions are full of fun! With games, crafts, outdoor play, and time to relax with friends, it's a great way for children to unwind and enjoy themselves in a caring environment.

Whether you need regular childcare or just the occasional session, we're here to support you. Places are filling up quickly, 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 into our wraparound family!



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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.

Join us for the upcoming curriculum information meetings to find out how you can best support your child this year.

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.

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@stbedessouthshields.co.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Paul Charlton – Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO

Mrs Ruth Tutty – Family Support & Pupil wellbeing lead

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.



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