

# NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025



Dear parents & carers,

What a wonderful, festive season it has been here at St. Bede's! The past few weeks have been filled with music, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas, and we couldn't be prouder of our amazing children and staff. Here's a little round-up of all the joy we've shared together:



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



## Our Busy Choir Season

Our school choir has had an incredibly successful festive season! They've been spreading Christmas cheer far and wide, including a beautiful performance at the Civic Carol Concert and joining the Salvation Army for a very special event. Their voices truly lifted hearts and reminded us of the joy of giving and sharing.

## A Big Thank You to Our St. Bede's PTFA

We are very grateful to St. Bede's PTFA for their generosity. Thanks to their support, our annual pantomime trip to the Customs House was again made possible for all children, creating memories full of laughter and excitement. It's always a highlight of the festive season, and the children absolutely love every moment!

On top of that, the PTFA kindly provided the selection boxes that Santa Claus handed out during his surprise visit to school on Friday. The look of joy on the children's faces as Santa popped into each classroom was priceless – such a magical moment that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. We couldn't do these special things without the PTFA's commitment and the support of our school community, so from all of us: thank you!



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## Christmas Performances

The children and staff have worked so hard to bring the magic of Christmas to life through their performances. Our Infants wowed us with their retelling of the Nativity story in Star Academy, written by our very own talented pianist, Mr Richardson.

Nursery parents were treated to the sweetest Nativity performance from our youngest stars - it was an absolute joy to watch!

We are so proud of the confidence and talent our children show when performing in front of an audience. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along to support them - it means so much.



## Junior Carol Service – You're Invited!

And don't forget: everyone is warmly welcome to join us this Thursday, 18th December at 2.00pm at St. Bede's Church for our Junior Carol Service.

This is always one of the most special events in our school calendar - a chance for us all to pause, reflect, and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together as a community.

Our Junior children have been practising their carols with great enthusiasm, and their singing is guaranteed to lift your spirits and fill the church with festive joy. There will be traditional carols, prayers, and readings to remind us of the hope and light that Christmas brings.

Please come along if you can - we would love to see as many families as possible joining us for this beautiful service. It's a wonderful way to end the term and share in the peace and joy of the season.



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## Important Dates

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.00am – Nursery Nativity
- Reception & Infants Christmas party

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- Whole school visit to see pantomime at the Customs House
- Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- Nursery Christmas party
- Christmas dinner day
- Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas party

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- 2.00pm Junior Christmas Carol concert at St. Bede's Church.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- 1.15pm – school closes for Christmas holidays

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

- **INSET day – school closed**

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

- School opens for spring term

Please remember that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December is a half day. Children will need to be collected from their usual pick-up points at 1.15pm.

School will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day.

## A Message from Us All

On behalf of myself and all the staff, thank you for your kindness and generosity leading up to Christmas, and for your continued support throughout this term. Working in partnership with you ensures that our children have the best opportunities to become the very best version of themselves.

We wish you a peaceful, joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

## Christmas Blessing

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate Your birth, fill our hearts with peace and joy. May Your light guide our families and our school community, and may we share Your love with everyone we meet. Bless our children, staff, and parents this Christmas and in the year ahead. Amen.



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# SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

If you have any worries / concerns about your children over the Christmas holidays 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 (headteacher / designated safeguarding lead):  
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/>