

NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Monday 9th February, 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the spring term, I would like to begin by offering a heartfelt thank you for your support during our recent CSI inspection. The inspectors had so many wonderful things to say about our school, our children, and our families, and it was lovely to hear such positive reflections on the community we are all so proud of. I look forward to sharing the full diocesan inspection report with you as soon as we receive it.

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of a much-loved member of our school community. Lynne Revill, a member of our catering team, was known for her joy, warmth, and ever-present smile. She brought happiness to everyone she met and made a lasting impact on our children, staff, and families. Her absence will be deeply felt throughout our school. We send our heartfelt love, thoughts, and prayers to Lynne's family at this difficult time.



Hoops4Health - Basketball

This month, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Hoops 4 Health workshop led by visitors from the Newcastle Eagles, who brought great energy, enthusiasm and inspiration to the children. The session formed part of the wider Year 5 Hoops 4 Health Roadshow, which you may have seen featured on our school website.

We wish our Y4/Y5 Basketball team the best of luck when they compete in the District Basketball finals next month at the Vertu Motor Arena. I know Mr McVittie will prepare the children well, so a big thank you to him.

Family Hubs Coffee Morning – Thursday 12th February

We would like to warmly invite all parents and carers into school on Thursday 12th February between 9.00am and 10.00am for a special Family Hubs Coffee Morning. This is a lovely opportunity to meet the team, enjoy a relaxed chat over a cup of coffee, and find out more about the support available to families within our community.

During the session, the Family Hubs team will also be introducing the exciting new Early Words programme. As part of this initiative, parents will soon be invited into school for practical workshops designed to support early communication and language skills. These sessions will offer simple, effective tips and guidance you can use at home to help your child develop strong early language foundations.

Please do come along and join us—you will be very warmly welcomed, and we would love to see as many families as possible there.



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Reading Ambassadors Launch St. Bede's Readathon

Our wonderful Reading Ambassadors led an assembly in school to launch our whole-school sponsored Readathon, which is now live! They did a fantastic job explaining how the Readathon works and encouraging all pupils to get involved.

Sponsor cards have been sent home, so please keep an eye out for them.

Sponsorship can be made online up until Friday 6th March.

Reading for pleasure has proven benefits for children's wellbeing, confidence and long-term success, and the Read for Good programme motivates every kind of reader—keen or reluctant—to enjoy reading simply for fun. Children can read *anything* they like: books, comics, e-books, poetry, blogs or audiobooks. Being read to by someone else counts too! By taking part, pupils also help to provide new books and storytellers for children in UK hospitals, and our school will receive free books worth 20% of the total sponsorship raised.

To support your child, please encourage them to read whatever they enjoy, help them gather sponsors from family and friends, and use the quick online link for donations:

<https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor>

Simply search for our school using the postcode NE33 4PG and then select it.

More information can be found at www.readforgood.org.

Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics – Silver Stars!

A huge well done to our amazing Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics team, who brought home a brilliant silver medal at the District Finals! The children gave their all in every event—running, jumping, throwing—and their teamwork and enthusiasm shone throughout.

We are so proud of each and every one of them for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship. Thank you as well to our wonderful parent helpers for cheering the team on—you helped make the event extra special!



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Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday 9 th February	All week						Children's Mental Health Week
	All week						Spring Assessment Period – Week 1
		Year 5 8.30am - 12.30pm					Visit to St. Wilfrid's - Open morning
Tuesday 10 th February	All classes						Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Netball Team 9.00am - 12.30pm						District Netball Competition at Temple Park
Thursday 12 th February	Year 6						Year 6 Class Mass at Chapel in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.
Friday 13 th February	All Classes						Children's Mental Health Week Activities in House Meetings
Saturday 14 th February							
Sunday 15 th February							
Monday 16 th February	All week						Spring Assessment Period – Week 2
	Year 2						Visit to West Boldon Lodge
Tuesday 17 th February							
Wednesday 18 th February	Whole School (pm)						Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 19 th February	Year 3 9.00am - 2.30pm						Visit to Open Zone (computing unit) and library
	Year 5 10.00am						Year 5 Class Mass at Chapel in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.
Friday 20 th February	Year 6 11.15am						Year 6 to lead Stations of the Cross in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.
	3.15pm						Break up for Half Term



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Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday 2 nd March	Basketball Team 8.30am - 3.00pm				Year 4 / Year 5 Basketball Tournament at Vertu Motor Arena		
Tuesday 3 rd March	Infant Gymnastics Team				Infant gymnastics district finals at Urban Factory		
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 6				Heights & Weights (National Child Measurement Programme)		
Thursday 5 th March	Whole School				World Book Day		
Friday 6 th March	Whole School				National Science Week Begins		
Saturday 7 th March	Year 5 11.15am				Year 5 to lead Stations of the Cross in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.		
Sunday 8 th March							
Monday 9 th March	Whole School				National Science Week		
Tuesday 10 th March	Year 1				Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word - Families warmly invited to join us in school		
Wednesday 11 th March	Whole School 3.15pm				Scholastic Book Fair		
Thursday 12 th March	Year 4 9.00am - 2.30pm				Visit to Open Zone (computing unit) and library		
Friday 13 th March	Year 4 11.15am				Year 4 to lead Stations of the Cross in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.		
Saturday 14 th March							
Sunday 15 th March							



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Monday 16 th March		Whole School			Careers Week		
Tuesday 17 th March							
Wednesday 18 th March							
Thursday 19 th March							
Friday 20 th March		Year 2 & Year 3		Year 3 to lead Stations of the Cross in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.			
Saturday 21 st March							
Sunday 22 nd March							
Monday 23 rd March		Whole School		Wellbeing Week			
Tuesday 24 th March							
Wednesday 25 th March		Year 2		Year 2 visit to Open Zone (computing unit) and library			
Thursday 26 th March		Whole School 10.00am		Penitential Mass at St. Bede's Church. Families are warmly invited to join us.			
Friday 27 th March		Mini Vinnies 11.15am		Mini Vinnies to lead Stations of the Cross in St. Bede's Church - families welcome to join us.			
Saturday 28 th March							
Sunday 29 th March							
Monday 30 th March							
Tuesday 31 st March							
Wednesday 1 st April	Reception 9.00am		Reception Class Celebration of the Word - Families warmly invited to join us in school				
Thursday 2 nd April		Whole School	Break up for Easter Holidays. Children to be collected at 1.15pm				

We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements so far and the positive attitudes they continue to demonstrate every day.

As always, please do take a moment to check the key dates listed on our website and add them to your calendars to help stay up-to-date with upcoming events, term dates and important notices. Please note these dates are all provisional and are subject to change. We will notify you of any additional dates or changes as soon as we can.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we ensure that with Christ at our side to guide us—our children shine in all that they do.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Carol Devine