



BISHOP HOGARTH
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Summer Newsletter



2026

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Welcome



We have had an exceptionally busy Spring and Summer term, with plenty of fantastic news to share across Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust. It has been a pleasure to see so many achievements, both inside and outside the classroom, reflecting the spirit and ambition of our schools. Among the highlights are the amazing international adventures our students have experienced, whether organised by their schools or through the Turing Scheme, helping to broaden horizons and create lasting memories.

We are also incredibly proud of the sporting success across our Trust, with two of our primary schools travelling to Wembley to compete in a national football final – an outstanding achievement and a testament to the talent, teamwork and determination of our pupils. Alongside this, we have received positive outcomes from both Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate, highlighting the fantastic work that takes place in our schools each and every day.

There is so much to celebrate, and these successes are only possible because of the collective effort of our whole community. As always, thank you to all the staff across BHCET – your talent, dedication and care are second to none, and our schools are better places for our pupils because of your hard work. Thank you also to our students, families and communities for your continued support.

I wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Stuart McGhee

Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust





Media Correspondents: **Giving Our Pupils a Voice**

This term saw the exciting launch of our new Media Correspondents initiative, introduced by the Trust's Marketing, Media and Communications (MMC) team. The aim was simple but powerful: to give pupils the opportunity to become storytellers for their own schools, capturing the moments, achievements and everyday experiences that make each community special.

The response from pupils across our Trust was fantastic. We received a large number of applications, all showcasing creativity, enthusiasm and a genuine passion for sharing school life. Choosing just a small group of correspondents was no easy task, highlighting the wealth of talent across our schools.

Our newly appointed Media Correspondents have now begun their roles, bringing a fresh and authentic student perspective to Trust news. They have taken part in dedicated sessions with the MMC team, where they explored story ideas, learned more about reporting and photography, and gained hands-on experience with professional equipment. Each pupil was also awarded a special Media Correspondent badge to recognise their achievement.

This initiative marked an exciting step forward in elevating student voice across BHCET. We look forward to seeing the stories, photographs and unique perspectives our young correspondents will continue to share.







Journey to Wembley: **A Day to Remember**

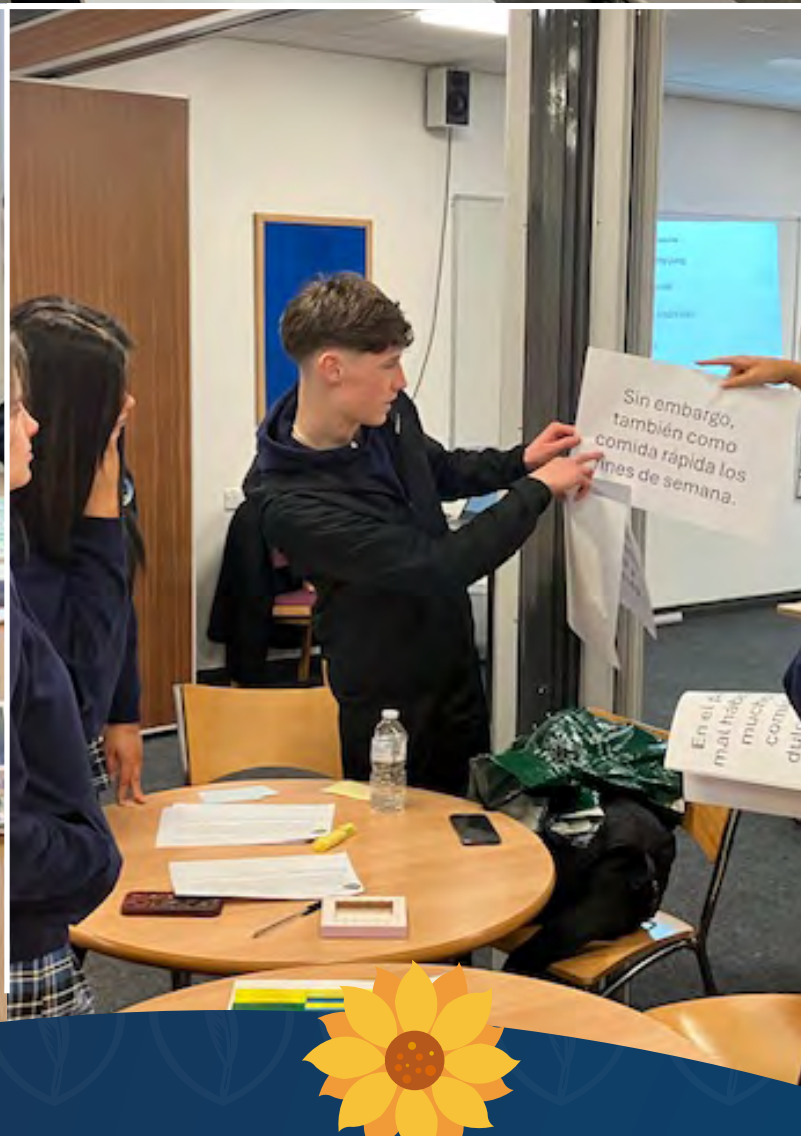
There was a fantastic sense of pride and celebration across our Trust following an unforgettable day at Wembley in May, as two of our primary schools reached the final of the National League Trust competition.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School's under-11 girls' team made history as they were crowned national champions, securing a thrilling 2-1 victory in the final. The Hartlepool team delivered an outstanding performance, capping off an incredible journey through local, regional and northern rounds. Playing with confidence, determination and teamwork, the girls rose to the occasion in front of a proud crowd of staff, families and supporters, bringing the trophy back to the North East.

On the same day, St Augustine's Catholic Primary School's under-11 boys' team also competed in their national final at Wembley. Despite a hard-fought match, which ended in a 2-0 defeat, the Darlington side should be immensely proud of their achievement. Their journey to the final marked a historic milestone, as they became the first primary school team from Darlington to reach a Wembley final.

Both teams represented their schools, communities and Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust with pride throughout the competition. Their success reflects not only sporting excellence, but also resilience, teamwork and the dedication of staff who support and inspire our pupils every day.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the players involved, and our thanks to the staff, families and supporters who travelled to London to be part of such a special occasion. It was a truly memorable day and one that will remain a highlight of the year across our Trust.





Celebrating Languages Across Our Trust

This term, schools across BHCET have come together to promote a love of languages through a range of exciting and enriching Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) initiatives.

At Carmel College, over 100 Year 11 pupils from across our five secondary schools gathered for a highly successful MFL Super Learning Event. Designed to support students in the lead-up to their GCSE examinations, the event focused on building confidence and strengthening key skills in Spanish and French through a carousel of engaging workshops. Pupils took part in sessions including writing development, translation challenges, speaking activities and even escape room-style tasks, all carefully structured to deepen understanding and apply learning to exam-style questions.

The dedication and enthusiasm shown by pupils was outstanding, particularly for an evening session. Their focus, positive attitude and commitment to success were evident throughout, showcasing the strong culture of aspiration across our Trust. This collaborative approach highlights the power of schools working together to deliver high-quality learning experiences that make a real difference.

Alongside this, students from across our Trust also took part in a vibrant cross-school project celebrating the history, culture and significance of the famous El Camino pilgrimage. Through their studies, pupils explored the journeys of pilgrims

from over 500 years ago, developing not only their language skills but also a deeper appreciation of international culture and storytelling.

The project culminated in a celebration event hosted by St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form, where students presented their work with confidence and pride. The event was further enriched by the presence of special guests, Manuel Mirás Franqueira and Cristóbal Ramírez, whose insights brought real-life context to the students' learning. Certificates and awards were presented to recognise the exceptional quality and effort demonstrated by participants across all schools.

Together, these initiatives reflect our Trust's strong commitment to promoting languages, broadening cultural understanding, and providing opportunities that inspire pupils beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of all students and staff involved in making these experiences so successful.





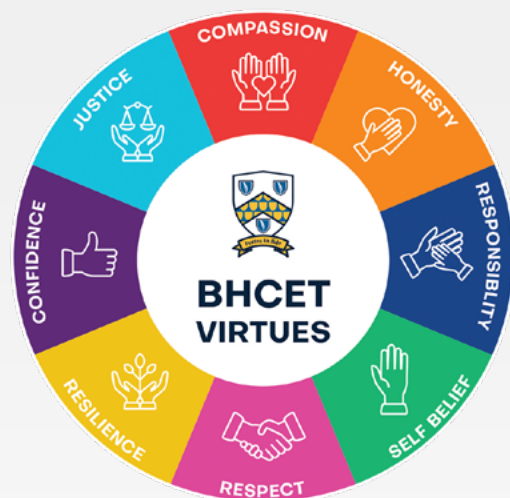
Living Out Our Virtues Every Day

Across Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, our shared virtues – justice, responsibility, confidence, compassion, self-belief, respect, honesty and resilience – are at the heart of everything we do. These values are not just words, but are lived out each day by our pupils and staff, shaping our schools into communities where everyone is encouraged to flourish.

We see these virtues in action in so many ways. Our pupils demonstrate confidence when representing their schools in competitions, performances and wider opportunities, taking pride in all that they do. Self-belief and resilience have been particularly evident in our GCSE and A-Level students, who have shown determination and perseverance as they prepare for and complete their examinations. Their commitment to achieving their best is a true reflection of the supportive environments within our schools.

Compassion continues to shine through the many charitable and community-focused activities taking place across our Trust. From fundraising events to supporting local causes, our pupils and staff consistently show kindness and a genuine desire to make a positive difference. Responsibility is also evident in initiatives such as litter picks and environmental projects, where pupils take an active role in caring for their surroundings and contributing to the common good.

Alongside this, values such as respect, honesty and justice underpin daily life in our schools, guiding how we treat one another and fostering a strong sense of community. We are incredibly proud of the way our Trust family continues to live out these virtues, creating nurturing, aspirational environments where every individual is supported to grow and succeed.





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St Joseph's Pupils Embrace Life-Changing Spanish Experience

Pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Coundon enjoyed an unforgettable week in Estepona, Spain, as part of the UK Government's Turing Scheme.

The visit offered young people the chance to step outside their everyday surroundings and experience a different culture first-hand. Throughout the week, pupils developed their independence, communication skills and confidence while exploring life on the Costa del Sol.

One of the most memorable aspects of the trip was spending time at Queen's British Grammar School in Estepona. Pupils joined lessons, met students from different backgrounds and gained a valuable insight into education in another country, forming new friendships along the way.

Beyond the classroom, the group discovered more about Spanish history and culture through visits to Estepona's town centre, the bullring museum and Estepona Town Hall, where they had the opportunity to meet the Mayor. Pupils also sampled traditional Spanish cuisine and practised their language skills in authentic everyday settings.

Additional highlights included a visit to Selwo Aventura wildlife park and time exploring the local coastline, before rounding off the experience with a day in Málaga, taking in some of the city's most famous sights.

Staff praised the pupils for the enthusiasm, maturity and excellent conduct they displayed throughout the trip. The experience reflected the aims of the Turing Scheme by broadening horizons, encouraging resilience and helping pupils develop a greater understanding of the wider world.



**Estepona
Video**





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St John's Students Explore Innovation and Culture in Singapore

From cutting-edge technology to vibrant cultural experiences, students from St John's Catholic School in Bishop Auckland discovered why Singapore is regarded as one of the world's most forward-thinking cities during a Turing Scheme visit.

Designed to expand students' understanding of innovation, sustainability and global opportunities, the trip combined practical learning with cultural exploration. Throughout their time overseas, students embraced new experiences and demonstrated a strong commitment to learning.

STEM was at the heart of the programme. Students took part in a Minecraft coding workshop, putting their teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test, before exploring sustainable food production through visits to Kok Tah Technical Farm and local aquaponics facilities. Interactive exhibits at the Science Centre Singapore further brought scientific concepts to life.

The group also visited the Singapore Institute of Management, gaining valuable insight into higher education and career pathways in a global context. The experience encouraged students to think ambitiously about their future opportunities.

Away from the academic programme, students experienced some of Singapore's most iconic attractions, including Marina Bay Sands, Sentosa Island and the Singapore Flyer, while exploring local markets and immersing themselves in the city's diverse culture.

Students were commended for their professionalism, curiosity and exemplary behaviour throughout the visit. The experience successfully supported the ambitions of the Turing Scheme, raising aspirations and equipping students with skills and perspectives that will benefit them long into the future.



**Singapore
Video**



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Berlin Trip Opens Doors to Culture and Careers for **English Martyrs Students**

History, innovation and career exploration came together for students from The English Martyrs Catholic School in Hartlepool during a Turing Scheme visit to Berlin.

The programme was designed to help students gain a deeper understanding of Germany's capital while exploring a range of industries and future career possibilities. A guided tour at the beginning of the visit provided an introduction to Berlin's unique character, history and cultural significance.

Students examined themes of sustainability and conservation through a visit to Berlin Zoo, before learning more about one of Europe's defining historical periods at the Berlin Wall Memorial. A trip to the Berlin TV Tower offered spectacular views across the city and a new perspective on its development and geography.

The visit also included opportunities to explore enterprise and creativity. Practical workshops at the LEGOLAND Discovery Centre and Ritter Sport gave students an insight into manufacturing, design, business and teamwork through engaging hands-on activities.

Throughout the week, students encountered a variety of sectors, from tourism and conservation to digital creativity, helping them make connections between classroom learning and future employment. The experience concluded with a river cruise along the River Spree, offering a memorable final look at the city's landmarks.

Students represented their school and the Trust with distinction, demonstrating maturity, curiosity and excellent conduct throughout. The visit successfully embodied the aims of the Turing Scheme, encouraging independence, confidence and informed aspirations for the future.





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Geneva Experience Brings Global Learning to Life for **St John's Students**

For Year 8 students from St John's Catholic School in Bishop Auckland, Geneva became a classroom without walls during a fascinating Turing Scheme visit focused on science, international cooperation and global citizenship.

The trip brought together a range of experiences designed to expand students' understanding of how science and global organisations shape the modern world. Their visit began with a scenic boat tour on Lake Geneva, providing a memorable introduction to the city and its surroundings.

Students gained first-hand insight into international diplomacy during a visit to the United Nations headquarters, learning how countries work together to address global challenges. They also explored scientific discovery through a visit to the History of Science Museum.

A particular highlight was the opportunity to visit CERN, home to the Large Hadron Collider, where students learned about groundbreaking research in particle physics. The programme also included the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, encouraging reflection on humanitarian work and the importance of global responsibility.

Alongside these educational experiences, students were able to sample Swiss culture, including a traditional chocolate tasting that added a local flavour to the visit.

Teachers praised students for their excellent attitudes, enthusiasm and maturity throughout the programme. By combining science, culture and global awareness, the visit delivered on the objectives of the Turing Scheme and inspired students to think more broadly about their place in the world.



**Geneva
Video**



Raising the Roof with **Sister Act**

Filled with laughter, soul and spectacular music, Sister Act brought a touch of the West End to Carmel College. The uplifting musical followed Deloris Van Cartier's unforgettable journey from nightclub singer to convent resident, with audiences quickly swept up in the fun, warmth and energy of the story.

The cast embraced the show's memorable characters and powerful soundtrack, delivering performances full of personality and confidence. The transformation of the convent choir proved a particular highlight, with rousing musical numbers bringing plenty of applause and smiles from the audience.

The success of the production reflected the commitment of everyone involved, both on stage and behind the scenes, creating an experience that celebrated talent, confidence and a love of performance.



Tomorrow Shines Bright in **Annie**

With optimism, heart and a little bit of sunshine, Annie delighted audiences during a memorable run at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre. Presented by The English Martyrs School & Sixth Form College, the beloved musical transported audiences from Miss Hannigan's orphanage to the bright lights of New York.

The cast captured the charm and emotion of the classic story, bringing its well-known characters to life with confidence and enthusiasm. Musical favourites including Tomorrow and It's the Hard-Knock Life were performed with energy and spirit, earning enthusiastic applause across all three performances.

The production was the culmination of months of hard work and dedication, providing students with a valuable opportunity to develop their confidence, creativity and passion for the performing arts while creating lasting memories for everyone involved.



On Stage: Performances



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A Show-Stopping Production of **High School Musical**

The halls of East High came to life as *High School Musical* took centre stage at Our Lady & St Bede Catholic Academy. Audiences were treated to a vibrant celebration of friendship, ambition and self-belief as Troy, Gabriella and the Wildcats navigated the challenges of school life through a series of energetic musical numbers.

From the opening scenes to the final curtain call, the cast delivered confident performances, impressive choreography and plenty of school spirit. Popular songs from the much-loved Disney musical had audiences fully engaged, while the show's uplifting message about stepping outside expectations resonated throughout.

Months of dedication from performers, staff and backstage teams helped create a memorable production that showcased not only musical talent, but also teamwork, determination and creativity.



Feeding the Audience's Appetite with **Little Shop of Horrors**

A mysterious plant, a hapless florist and a darkly comic storyline combined to create an unforgettable production of *Little Shop of Horrors* at St John's School & Sixth Form College.

Bringing the cult musical to life with flair and creativity, the cast expertly balanced comedy, drama and suspense as Seymour's discovery of the infamous Audrey II began to spiral out of control. From the show's iconic songs to its larger-than-life characters, every performance kept audiences entertained from start to finish.

The production showcased exceptional commitment from performers, musicians and technical teams alike, highlighting the creativity, teamwork and theatrical talent that made the show such a success.







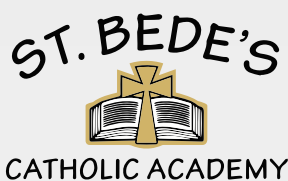
Pupils Shine in Macbeth Performance at Hartlepool **Town Hall Theatre**

Pupils from four Trust schools took to the stage in March for an impressive performance of Macbeth at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre. The collaboration brought together St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, supported by the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC).

As an Associate Lead School in the RSC's Associate Schools Programme, St Cuthbert's has championed creative learning since 2017, helping embed drama, language and performance across the curriculum. The performance showcased pupils' growing confidence, oracy and storytelling skills, with even the youngest performers demonstrating remarkable confidence on stage.

The production featured powerful performances and strong teamwork, with pupils impressing an audience of over 360. Staff and RSC representatives praised the children's creativity, resilience and professionalism, as well as the dedication of teachers who supported the project.





St Bede's Celebrated Exceptional Ofsted Outcome

St Bede's Catholic Academy in Stockton-on-Tees celebrated a remarkable Ofsted outcome, receiving "exceptional" and "strong" judgements under the new inspection framework – a distinction achieved by only a small number of schools nationally.

The school was rated 'exceptional' for behaviour and attendance, alongside 'strong practice' in inclusion, personal development and wellbeing, curriculum, teaching, leadership and governance. Early Years provision was judged to be at the expected standard, ensuring children began their learning journey with secure foundations.

Inspectors described the academy as a place where pupils received "a warm welcome and a safe place to thrive within its aspirational and caring community." Behaviour across the school was praised as impressive, with calm, purposeful classrooms where learning flourished and bullying described as extremely rare.

The report also highlighted the school's strong commitment to inclusion, recognising the dedication of staff and their focus on ensuring every pupil received an excellent education and the care they needed. The curriculum was praised for being rich and ambitious, supporting pupils from Early Years through to Year 6.

Headteacher Bernadette Rizzi-Allan said:

"At St Bede's, children are truly at the heart of everything we do. This report reflects the love, effort and dedication that go into their school experience every day. This achievement belongs to every child, every family and every member of staff. Together, we have created something very special."





St John the Evangelist Celebrated Positive **Ofsted Report**

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School in Billingham celebrated a highly positive Ofsted report, marking an important step in its journey of improvement. The small, close knit school was praised for the strong progress it had made, achieving the expected standard across six key areas.

Inspectors recognised the collective efforts of leaders, staff and pupils in creating a supportive, ambitious and nurturing environment. The school's strong focus on attendance was highlighted, with staff working closely with families and using effective tracking systems to ensure pupils attended regularly.

Pupils' positive attitudes to learning were also commended. Inspectors noted that children took pride in their work, were motivated to succeed, and benefited from warm, respectful relationships with staff. The curriculum was described as ambitious and broad, with high expectations for all.

The newly formed leadership team received particular praise for its clear vision and commitment to continuous improvement.

Promoting positive mental health was also identified as a key strength, with pupils reporting that they felt safe, valued and listened to.

Headteacher Mrs Linzi Nelson said:

"We are incredibly proud of this report and of our whole school community. Our children, staff, families and governors have worked so hard, and it is wonderful to see that reflected in this outcome. St John's is a small school with a big heart, and this recognition is a testament to the dedication, warmth and ambition that drives everything we do for our pupils."



St Cuthbert's Praised in Outstanding CSI Report

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School in Stockton-on-Tees celebrated an outstanding achievement after being graded Outstanding in its recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI) report.

The inspection recognised the school's strong commitment to Catholic life and religious education, noting how its values of faith, inclusion and aspiration are embraced across the community. The school's mission was "known, understood and lived by the whole community," reflected in the warm, respectful relationships seen throughout the school.

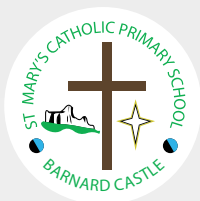
The report highlighted St Cuthbert's as both a "safe and welcoming haven" and "a beacon of aspiration and hope," capturing the strong impact the school had on its pupils and families. Parents also shared very positive feedback, reinforcing how deeply the school's values were embedded in daily life.

Pupils were commended for their pride in their learning, with religious education work described as beautifully presented and demonstrating strong understanding and creativity. Inspectors also recognised the school's success in supporting pupils' spiritual development through a balance of tradition and engaging, creative approaches to prayer.

Headteacher Sian Parnell said:

"We are incredibly proud of our CSI report, and we are thrilled that it captures our whole school community which encourages all to 'flourish' with 'Christ at the heart...within a climate of love'."





St Mary's Celebrated Outstanding CSI Report

St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Barnard Castle celebrated an exceptional achievement after receiving the highest possible judgement in its recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI) report.

Inspectors praised the school's warm and welcoming atmosphere, recognising that it was "deeply rooted in its Catholic identity and mission," which was clearly evident throughout the school. They highlighted the strong and dedicated leadership team, noting their commitment to ensuring every pupil felt valued and loved by God. Inspectors also remarked that the strength of the school's Catholic ethos was immediately apparent.

Behaviour was described as outstanding, with pupils showing exceptional respect for themselves and others. Children were commended for their confidence, independence and ability to engage in thoughtful discussion, as well as their strong listening and collaboration skills.

The report also recognised the high quality of religious education, with pupils demonstrating an impressive understanding of their faith. Their work was described as

beautifully presented, and they were praised for their ability to articulate their learning with confidence. Pupils' enthusiastic participation in prayer and liturgy, both in school and within the parish, was highlighted as a key strength.

Headteacher Lesley Box said:

"We are delighted with the report and feel it reflects the life and mission of St Mary's perfectly. Hearing inspectors say that, within an hour of being in the school, they could feel the Catholic ethos was outstanding is something we will treasure for a long time. I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school - working with an exceptional staff team, adorable pupils and parents who are as proud as we are of our achievements here at St Mary's."



St Paul's Celebrates 'Good' CSI Report

St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Billingham is celebrating a positive outcome following its recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI) inspection, where it was judged to be Good.

Inspectors recognised the school as a strong and vibrant Catholic community, with faith at the heart of daily life. Leaders were praised as dedicated role models who create a culture of care, support and belonging for pupils, staff and families.

The report highlighted the school's welcoming and inclusive environment, where everyone feels valued, particularly vulnerable pupils and those with special educational needs. This strong community spirit is reflected in pupils' excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.

Prayer and worship play a central role in school life. Inspectors commended pupils' confidence and reverence during prayer, their enthusiasm for singing, and their ability to share the Word of God respectfully.

Pupils were also recognised for putting their faith into action. Groups such as the Mini Vinnies, prayer leaders and Faith in Action team were praised for supporting others through initiatives including the Big Lent Walk, Fairtrade events and charity projects.

Sheena Sinclair, Headteacher at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, said:

"I am delighted to share the positive outcomes from our recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate inspection.

Inspectors recognised that "there is a strong, vibrant and proud Catholic community, where everyone is welcomed and feels supported, especially the most vulnerable pupils". We are immensely proud of this affirmation of our work and remain committed to continuing to grow and serve our community with faith, care and dedication."





St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Opens **Doors to New Building**

Pupils and staff at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Billingham celebrated a significant milestone on Monday 5 January as they officially moved into their brand new school building for the first time.

Following a long-awaited transition, children arrived full of enthusiasm and excitement, eager to explore their new learning environment. The modern facility has been thoughtfully designed to support both learning and wellbeing, offering bright, welcoming spaces where all pupils can flourish.

As a proud Eco-School, St Joseph's has sustainability at its heart. The new building incorporates energy-efficient features, including solar panels capable of generating renewable energy, reflecting the school's commitment to environmental responsibility and to future generations.

More than just a new building, the development represents a shared vision for providing the very best opportunities for children. It stands as a testament

to the strength of the local community and the collaborative effort behind the project.

Angela Birrell, Headteacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, said:

"We are absolutely elated to finally be in our new school building after what has felt like a long-awaited journey. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone at Bowmer + Kirkland for their outstanding work, as well as to Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and the Department for Education for their invaluable support throughout this project. The children have settled into their new school tremendously, and we are incredibly excited to see what the future holds for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School."





Become a School Governor



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School governance is a rewarding way to give back to your community, helping to shape the future of education.

We warmly invite you to consider becoming a governor within our Trust's family of 35 schools.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a school governor. No specific knowledge or experience is required, and there is no requirement to be a parent (unless applying to be a Parent Governor). Foundation Governors are required to be practising Catholics.

Governors are at the heart of a successful school community, playing a pivotal role in shaping the lives of young people.

As a member of a school governing board, you'll help ensure that every child has access to an excellent education. Your contribution will go beyond academic outcomes—supporting pupils' spiritual, moral, and personal development as well. Serving on a local governing committee also provides valuable professional development.

It offers hands-on experience in strategic decision-making and the opportunity to build transferable skills highly valued by employers—such as leadership, financial oversight, and staff recruitment.



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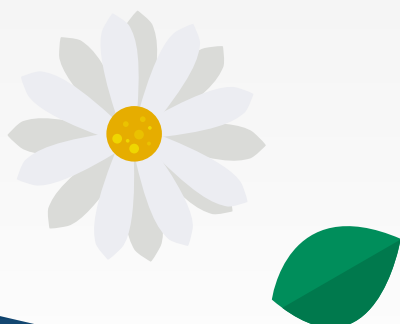


Join Today

Looking to take the next step in your career within a vibrant and values-driven Trust?

We now advertise all vacancies across our 35 schools and central Trust team through MyNewTerm. By signing up to our Talent Pool, you can express interest in roles at a specific school, multiple schools, or at Trust level – and be the first to hear about new opportunities as they go live.

Whether you're a teacher, support staff member, or looking for a leadership position, we'd love to welcome you into our Bishop Hogarth family.



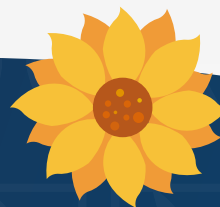


Are you ready to inspire the next generation and make a lasting impact? Carmel Teacher Training Partnership (CTTP) is here to guide you on your journey to becoming an exceptional educator. In partnership with St Mary's University, you can undertake a teacher training course that is academically rigorous and firmly rooted in the classroom.

With over 25 years of experience, we're proud to offer school-based training in over 100 partner schools in urban, semi-rural and rural settings across the North-East, from Alnwick and Tyne and Wear, to the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire.

Why choose CTTP?

- ✓ Proven success: Over 90% of our trainees secure teaching posts, often in the very schools they trained in or within our partnership.
- ✓ Personalised support: Our tailored programmes and dedicated mentors ensure every trainee achieves their full potential.
- ✓ You choose: With over 100 partner schools across the North-East, you can choose a local school that is right for you.
- ✓ Train local to teach local: Train from day one in schools close to home across our supportive North-East partnership.
- ✓ Exceptional qualifications: Earn PGCE with QTS qualifications while learning on the job from inspiring professionals.
- ✓ We don't just stop at Initial Teacher Training (ITT). Through our wider links, we'll support you from your Early Career Teacher (ECT) phase through to leadership roles like headship and beyond.





Your Future Starts With Us

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust consists of 35 academies and includes three exceptional Sixth Forms.

We provide a balance of independence and support, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in their future endeavours; whether that's university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

Arrange a visit today to explore our outstanding facilities, speak with our experienced staff, and learn more about the courses and opportunities.



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A Life-Changing New York Experience

Carmel Sixth Form students enjoyed a truly unforgettable cultural visit to New York City, offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore one of the world's most iconic destinations.

From the moment they arrived, students immersed themselves in the energy and diversity of the city. Highlights included visits to Times Square, Grand Central Terminal and the powerful 9/11 Memorial and Museum, providing moments of both excitement and reflection. A visit to the Statue of Liberty offered a deeper appreciation of its historical significance, while the breathtaking views from SUMMIT One Vanderbilt gave students a unique perspective of the city skyline.

The experience extended far beyond sightseeing. Students enjoyed a range of cultural activities, including attending an NBA game to watch the Brooklyn Nets, dining at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, and taking part in an unforgettable snowball fight in Central Park following a winter blizzard that transformed the city into a snowy wonderland. Walking across the Brooklyn Bridge and visiting key landmarks allowed students to connect their learning with real-world experiences.

Throughout the trip, students demonstrated independence, curiosity and maturity, representing Carmel Sixth Form with pride. The visit not only strengthened friendships but also broadened perspectives, providing lasting memories and inspiring students to think globally about their futures.



Celebrating the Class of 2026

Year 13 students were celebrated in style as they marked the end of their journey at Carmel Sixth Form. The day began with a meaningful Leavers' Mass, providing an opportunity for reflection, gratitude and celebration of all that the cohort has achieved.

Led by students and enriched by music from the choir, the service created a thoughtful and uplifting atmosphere, recognising both personal and collective achievements. Later, celebrations continued at the Leavers' Ball at Redworth Hall, where students came together to enjoy an evening of friendship, celebration and lasting memories.

The occasion marked both an ending and a beginning, as students prepared to move on to the next stage of their journey. Carmel Sixth Form is incredibly proud of every student and the positive contributions they have made to college life.



Success at the Senior Team Maths Challenge

Carmel Sixth Form students achieved outstanding success in the prestigious Senior Team Maths Challenge, competing against some of the brightest mathematicians in the region at the University of York.

Their impressive performance secured progression to the next stage of the competition—an achievement that highlights both their academic ability and resilience. To this sentence please : Their impressive performance secured progression to the next stage of the competition, highlighting both their academic ability and resilience.

This success reflects the strength of mathematics at Carmel and the dedication of students who consistently strive for excellence.



Celebrating Communication and Inclusion Through Sign Language

Year 12 students marked Sign Language Week with enthusiasm as they progressed through their British Sign Language (BSL) course. Focusing on real-life communication, students explored the theme of food and dining, taking part in role-play activities that mimicked real-world scenarios.

The sessions allowed students to build confidence, improve fluency and develop practical communication skills, while also deepening their understanding of inclusivity and accessibility. Their willingness to step outside their comfort zones and support one another reflected the inclusive values at the heart of Carmel Sixth Form.



The English Martyrs

Sixth Form College



A Transformational Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Students from EM6 experienced a deeply moving and memorable pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking part in a journey of faith, service and reflection that will stay with them for years to come.

From the moment they arrived, students immersed themselves in the unique atmosphere of Lourdes, a place known worldwide for prayer, healing and community. Across the week, they took part in a wide range of spiritual experiences, including Mass, times of quiet reflection and shared prayer, all of which helped deepen their faith and strengthen their sense of purpose.

One of the most powerful moments of the pilgrimage was the candlelight procession, where students joined pilgrims from across the world in a peaceful and reflective walk. The shared experience created a strong sense of unity, as each candle symbolised hope, prayer and faith.

Students also spent time reflecting on the life of St Bernadette, drawing inspiration from her humility and trust in God. These moments

encouraged them to consider their own faith journeys and the importance of saying “yes” to opportunities for growth and service.

A key highlight of the trip was the opportunity to support HCPT groups, putting faith into action through acts of kindness, compassion and care. Students built meaningful connections, demonstrated selflessness and embodied the values of service that are central to the EM6 ethos.

Celebrating Easter while in Lourdes added further significance to the pilgrimage, offering a powerful reminder of hope and renewal. The experience brought students closer together, strengthened friendships and created a lasting sense of community.

This pilgrimage was more than a visit, it was a truly transformative experience that allowed students to grow spiritually, personally and socially, leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved.

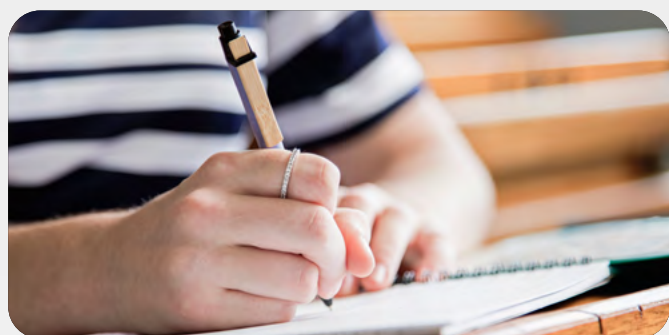


Exploring Future Pathways at the UCAS Discovery Exhibition

Year 12 students had the opportunity to explore their post-18 options during a visit to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Teesside University.

The event brought together universities and organisations from across the UK, allowing students to gather information about courses, speak directly with representatives and begin considering their next steps. The marketplace-style environment gave students a broad overview of opportunities available to them, helping them make informed decisions about their futures.

Students represented EM6 with maturity and professionalism, receiving praise for their engagement and positive attitude throughout the day. The experience was a valuable step in preparing for life beyond Sixth Form.



Inspiration from the Oxford Catalyst Programme

A group of Year 12 students took part in the Oxford Catalyst Programme at St Catherine's College, gaining valuable insight into the university application process.

Through workshops focused on personal statements and interview preparation, students developed a clearer understanding of how to present their strengths and aspirations effectively. The experience offered practical guidance while raising aspirations and encouraging students to aim high in their future ambitions.

Students returned feeling motivated and confident, with a stronger sense of direction as they plan their next steps in higher education.



Making a Difference Through the Big Lent Walk

Year 12 students demonstrated commitment and compassion through their participation in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, raising awareness and supporting communities in need.

Throughout the Lenten period, students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, showing perseverance and a strong sense of social responsibility. Each step taken reflected their desire to make a positive difference and live out their values through action.

This initiative highlights the importance of service and community at EM6, with students demonstrating how collective effort can have a meaningful impact locally and globally.



St John's

Sixth Form College



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition: A Remarkable Achievement

St John's Sixth Form is incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of 23 students who have successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, earning one of the most prestigious accolades available to young people in the UK.

A key part of this accomplishment was the completion of a challenging expedition in the Lake District, where students demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination. Trekking across demanding terrain, they faced extreme and contrasting conditions – ranging from intense 27-degree heat in the Langdale Valley to relentless rain and winds of up to 50mph across Borrowdale and the Ullswater Valley. Despite these challenges, every student successfully completed the four-day expedition, rising to the occasion with teamwork, perseverance and confidence.

Achieving the Gold Award represents a significant personal milestone, reflecting not only physical endurance but also leadership, independence and commitment over an extended period.

A particularly special highlight of this achievement is the opportunity to celebrate at Buckingham Palace. Many students have already attended this prestigious event, with others preparing to follow, marking an unforgettable recognition of their dedication and success.

With such an impressive number of students completing the Gold Award this year, this accomplishment reflects the strength of ambition and character at St John's Sixth Form. The entire school community is immensely proud of all those involved and the inspiring example they set for others.



Exploring Future Pathways in Digital Technology

Computer Science and IT students recently visited Teesside University for a full day of hands-on workshops exploring artificial intelligence and cyber security. The sessions provided valuable insight into university-level study and the rapidly evolving digital sector.

A highlight of the day was the support of former student Cory, now studying Optometry at the university, who worked alongside students and shared his experiences. The visit proved both inspiring and informative, helping students to consider their next steps with confidence.



Developing Future Educators

The Aspiring Teachers Programme continues to provide Year 12 students with meaningful insight into careers in education. Through lesson observations, practical experiences and focused sessions on topics such as behaviour management and communication, students gain a realistic understanding of classroom practice.

The programme supports students in making informed decisions about their futures, while developing valuable skills that extend beyond the classroom.



Cultural Enrichment in York

Students from Performing Arts and Art enjoyed a cultural visit to York, where they experienced a live performance of *Prima Facie*, starring Jodie Comer. The powerful production offered valuable insight into professional theatre and sparked thoughtful discussion around its themes.

Time exploring the city further enriched the experience, providing inspiration and opportunities for reflection, creativity and shared learning.





Carmel College



A Celebration of Culture and Community

Carmel College came alive for its annual Culture Festival, a vibrant and joyful celebration of the diverse cultures that make up our school community. The event transformed the school hall into a global showcase filled with colour, music, dance and conversation, as students and staff came together to celebrate identity, heritage and belonging.

Students proudly represented a wide range of countries and regions, including Azerbaijan, Poland, Nigeria, Myanmar, Fiji and the Middle East. Each table offered a unique insight into different traditions, with students sharing personal stories, artefacts and customs. Throughout the day, students from all year groups explored the displays, sampling traditional foods, asking thoughtful questions and learning from one another in an atmosphere of curiosity and respect.

The variety of food on offer created a true 'tour of the world', from rich, spicy dishes to delicate sweets such as baklava and freshly prepared spring rolls. The experience provided not only a celebration of culture but also an opportunity to build understanding and strengthen connections across the school.

A standout moment of the day was a powerful, student-choreographed dance performance. Blending Afrobeat, Bollywood-style Indian dance and traditional Fijian Meke, the routine showcased both exceptional talent and the creativity that emerges when cultures come together. The electrifying performance had the entire hall cheering and perfectly captured the spirit of unity at the heart of the festival.

The day truly reflected Carmel's values of inclusivity, respect and pride in one another. It was a meaningful celebration of the richness of the community and a reminder of the strength found in diversity, an event that students and staff will remember long after the day itself.



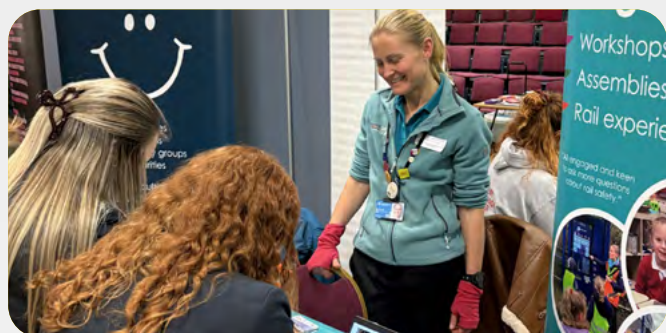


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Outstanding Performances and Record-Breaking Success

Students from Years 7–10 recently represented Carmel College at the first round of the English Schools Track & Field Cup at Monkton Stadium. Competing against some of the region's strongest schools, Team Carmel demonstrated exceptional determination, teamwork and school spirit throughout a highly competitive day.

Highlights included two new school records, with Ollie excelling in the 1500m and Charlie achieving a record-breaking performance in the discus. Every student displayed commitment, enthusiasm and pride, making it a truly impressive team effort.



Big Futures Start at Carmel College

Carmel College hosted a highly successful whole-school Careers Fair, giving students the opportunity to explore a wide range of future pathways. From universities and apprenticeship providers to national organisations including the NHS, Armed Forces and Civil Service, students engaged thoughtfully and showed strong curiosity about their next steps.

Visitors praised the confidence, conduct and ambition of Carmel students, reflecting the college's ongoing commitment to preparing young people for bright and fulfilling futures.



North East Choir of the Year 2026

Carmel College is proud to celebrate the success of its Senior Choir, who have been named North East Choir of the Year 2026. After months of dedication and rehearsal, the choir delivered an outstanding performance, impressing judges with their confidence, expression and vocal excellence. This recognition reflects the talent, teamwork and commitment of Carmel's students, as well as the support of staff, families and the wider community.





The English Martyrs

Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Sporting Excellence at EMS A Remarkable Town Cup Triumph

The English Martyrs School & Sixth Form College is celebrating an exceptional sporting achievement, as its football teams secured an incredible five Hartlepool Schools Town Cup titles. This accomplishment showcases the depth of talent, dedication and teamwork across the school.

This outstanding success reflects not only the skill of the players, but also the commitment, resilience and determination they have demonstrated throughout the season. Competing at the highest level across multiple age groups, EMS teams consistently rose to the challenge, supporting one another and representing the school with pride and professionalism.

Winning five Town Cup finals is a remarkable feat and highlights the strength of sport at EMS. It is a testament to the hard work of students, the guidance of staff and coaches, and the culture of excellence that encourages

every student to strive for their best. Across the teams, players displayed discipline, teamwork and a shared ambition to succeed, qualities that underpin sporting success and personal development alike.

The school community came together to celebrate this incredible achievement in style. Players were invited to a special champions' breakfast, offering an opportunity to reflect on their success and recognise the effort behind each victory. Later, in a whole-school celebration, the teams proudly stood before their peers, lifting their trophies to loud cheers, a moment of pride not only for the players, but for the entire EMS community.

EMS is immensely proud of every player who contributed to this success. Their achievements will inspire future teams and stand as a lasting example of sporting excellence within the school.





Inspiring the Next Generation of Performers

EMS was delighted to welcome former student and West End performer Jay Allan back to school, where he delivered an inspiring workshop for aspiring performers from Year 9, Year 10 and the Sixth Form. Bringing the magic of Mary Poppins to life, Jay led students through elements of the show's repertoire, offering a valuable insight into the demands and excitement of professional performance.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where students gained first-hand advice and industry insight. It was a truly uplifting experience, leaving students feeling motivated and inspired to pursue their own creative ambitions.



An Unforgettable Alpine Adventure

Students embraced challenge and adventure during a highly successful ski trip to Austria. From their first moments on the slopes, students demonstrated determination and resilience, quickly developing confidence and new skills in a stunning alpine setting.

The trip offered far more than skiing, with opportunities to build teamwork, independence and lasting friendships. Evenings provided time to relax and reflect, with activities bringing plenty of laughter after active days outdoors. It was a memorable experience that will stay with students for years to come.



A Unique Computing Experience at Disneyland Paris

Students from Computer Science and Digital Media enjoyed an unforgettable educational visit to Disneyland Paris, combining cutting-edge learning with a truly memorable setting.

At Computing LIVE!, students explored topics such as ethical hacking, artificial intelligence and the technology behind large-scale digital experiences. The opportunity to see real-world applications of computing gave students valuable insight into future careers in the tech industry.



Our Lady & St Bede's

Catholic Academy



A Life-Changing Pilgrimage to Rome

Pupils from Our Lady & St Bede Catholic Academy returned from an unforgettable pilgrimage to Rome, experiencing a journey that brought faith, history and culture vividly to life. Over several days in the Eternal City, pupils explored some of the world's most iconic landmarks while deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith.

The visit offered a unique opportunity to walk through the history of ancient Rome, with pupils exploring sites such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and the Catacombs of San Callisto. These experiences brought their learning to life in a powerful and memorable way, sparking curiosity and reflection.

A central part of the pilgrimage was visiting the city's magnificent basilicas, including St Peter's Basilica, St John Lateran and St Paul Outside the Walls. In these sacred spaces, pupils took time for prayer and reflection, strengthening their connection to the global

Church and its rich heritage. A highlight for many was visiting the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, followed by the opportunity to climb the dome of St Peter's for breathtaking views across the city.

Alongside these meaningful experiences, pupils also enjoyed the vibrant culture of Rome, from visiting the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain to sharing meals and exploring the city together. Throughout the trip, pupils demonstrated maturity, respect and enthusiasm, building friendships and creating lasting memories.

This extraordinary pilgrimage provided far more than a cultural visit, it was a journey of faith, personal growth and discovery. The experience has left a lasting impact on all involved and reflects the school's commitment to providing opportunities that enrich learning and broaden horizons.





Standing Together for Equality and Respect

Year 9 and Year 10 pupils represented the school with pride at the Show Racism the Red Card event at the Riverside Stadium, hosted by the Middlesbrough FC Foundation. Through a series of workshops and discussions, pupils explored important issues around equality, inclusion and challenging discrimination.

The experience encouraged pupils to think critically about their role in promoting respect and dignity within society, reflecting the core values of the school. Their maturity, engagement and thoughtful contributions made them excellent ambassadors for the academy.



A Meaningful Year 8 Retreat Experience

Year 8 pupils took part in a three-day residential retreat at the Diocesan Youth Village, providing a valuable opportunity for reflection, personal development and spiritual growth. Through a programme of activities, prayer and discussion, pupils explored their faith while strengthening friendships and building confidence.

The retreat created a supportive environment for pupils to step outside their comfort zones and reflect on their values and experiences. It was a memorable and enriching experience that highlighted the importance of faith and community in school life.



Leading Music at the Diocesan Good Shepherd Mass

A group of talented pupils had the honour of leading the music at the Diocesan Good Shepherd Mass in Hartlepool. Their performance demonstrated confidence, reverence and musical excellence, enhancing the celebration and creating a meaningful experience for all who attended.

Representing the school with pride, pupils showed dedication and professionalism, reflecting the strength of music within the academy.



St Michael's

Catholic Academy



A Life-Changing New York Adventure

Students from St Michael's Catholic Academy returned from a truly unforgettable trip to New York City, an experience filled with culture, history and once-in-a-lifetime moments that will stay with them for years to come.

The adventure began with a visit to one of the world's most iconic landmarks, the Statue of Liberty. Standing before this powerful symbol of freedom and hope, students explored its history and significance, setting the tone for a journey rich in learning and discovery.

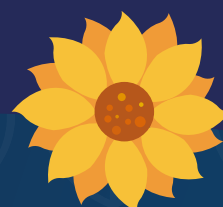
Their exploration of the city continued with a visit to the National September 11 Memorial, offering a moment for reflection and deeper understanding of a key moment in global history. From there, students experienced the architectural grandeur of Grand Central Terminal before walking across the Brooklyn Bridge, taking in breathtaking views of Manhattan's famous skyline.

One of the standout moments of the trip was the visit to the top of the Empire State Building at sunset. Watching the city transform beneath them, with skyscrapers lit against a glowing sky, created a shared experience that students will never forget.

The itinerary provided a true taste of New York life, including visits to the High Line, Chelsea Market, Rockefeller Center, Times Square and even Nintendo World. A meal at Ellen's Stardust Diner, complete with singing waitstaff, added a unique and memorable theatrical element to the experience.

The final day offered a more relaxed pace, with time spent exploring Central Park and visiting the zoo, providing a perfect balance to an action-packed week.

Throughout the trip, students represented St Michael's with pride, demonstrating excellent behaviour, curiosity and enthusiasm. They returned home with greater confidence, a broader understanding of the world and memories that will last a lifetime. This remarkable visit truly captured the spirit of adventure and opportunity that defines the school's approach to learning beyond the classroom.





Champions on Court: Padel Tournament Success

Year 9 and Year 10 students achieved fantastic success in a recent padel tournament, returning as champions after a series of impressive performances. Throughout the competition, students demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and determination, representing the school with pride both on and off the court.

This achievement highlights the growing strength of sport at St Michael's, as well as the dedication and positive attitude shown by students in all areas of school life. It is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through commitment, teamwork and a drive to succeed.



Rewarding Commitment: A VIP Football Experience

Students who achieved 100% attendance were rewarded with a memorable visit to the Riverside Stadium, where they watched Middlesbrough vs Bristol City from a hospitality suite. This incredible experience celebrated not only attendance but also commitment, reliability and a positive attitude to school life.

The day was made even more special with a surprise meet-and-greet with professional footballer Aidan Morris, creating a moment of excitement and inspiration for all involved. The opportunity recognised the importance of dedication and reinforced the value of striving for excellence every day.



Celebrating Determination: Duke of Edinburgh Success

St Michael's proudly celebrated the achievements of 18 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The evening recognised not only their accomplishments, but also the resilience, commitment and personal growth demonstrated throughout their journey.

Students completed a wide range of challenges, including volunteering within the community, developing new skills such as cooking and music, and improving their physical fitness through sport and personal goals.



St John's

Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Celebrating Character at the Virtue Awards Evening

At St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form, we were proud to host our third annual Virtue Awards Evening, celebrating the outstanding character and values demonstrated by our students.

This special event recognises the virtues at the heart of our school community, including respect, compassion, resilience, justice, honesty, self-belief, responsibility and confidence. In keeping with our inclusive ethos, every student in attendance received an award, reflecting our belief in celebrating young people for who they are, as well as what they achieve.

Alongside the main awards, we were delighted to present a number of prestigious honours. These included our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Eagle Awards, recognising students who consistently embody all of our core virtues, as well as special awards such as the Bishop Kevin Dunn Award, Community Angel Award, Sara Davies Award for Creativity and Innovation, and the Leo Robinson Award.

We were honoured to welcome former student and entrepreneur Sara Davies MBE as our guest speaker for the evening. Sara spoke passionately about the importance of character, sharing how the values she developed at St John's, particularly honesty, resilience and confidence, have shaped her personal and professional journey. Her message was both inspiring and affirming for our students and families.

The evening was filled with pride and celebration, as families joined us to recognise the positive contributions our students make every day within our school and wider community. It was a powerful reminder of the incredible young people who make St John's such a special place.





A Spectacular Celebration of Performing Arts

St John's hosted its fourth annual Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts, an inspiring evening that showcased the exceptional talent and creativity of students across the school and Sixth Form.

Twelve finalists delivered outstanding performances in acting, dance and singing, demonstrating confidence, skill and passion on stage. The evening was further enhanced by performances from the school's ensembles, including the choir, chamber choir, orchestra and the cast of Little Shop of Horrors, all contributing to a vibrant and memorable celebration of the arts.



Congratulations to this year's winners: Ruby (Year 13), Pippa (Year 9) and Willow (Year 7), alongside all finalists who performed with such professionalism and pride. The event highlighted not only the depth of talent at St John's but also the dedication of students and staff, supported by families and the wider community.



Regional Success in CyberFirst Girls Competition

St John's is proud to celebrate the success of four Year 8 students who were crowned winners at the CyberFirst Girls Regional Finals. Competing against seven other schools, the team demonstrated exceptional problem-solving, teamwork and resilience across a series of challenges set by industry professionals.

Their victory is a testament to their commitment and enthusiasm, having prepared through weekly enrichment sessions. The competition highlights the importance of encouraging young people, particularly girls, to explore opportunities in cyber security and technology, sectors that continue to grow and evolve.



Celebrating Musical Achievement

St John's continues to nurture musical talent, with students recently recognised through Durham Music Service's Secondary Framework. Twelve students achieved their One-Star awards, reflecting their commitment, perseverance and progress in learning an instrument.

Awards were achieved across bronze, silver and gold levels, showcasing the range of ability and dedication among students.



Blessed John Duckett

Catholic Primary School



Celebrating Creative Success in the Market Makers Project

Blessed John Duckett is proud to celebrate a fantastic achievement, as Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were awarded the Creative Mastermind Award as part of the Market Makers enterprise project.

This prestigious award recognises the team that demonstrated the most creativity, originality and innovative thinking. Class 4 impressed judges with their imaginative approach and willingness to explore bold ideas, showcasing their ability to think independently and approach challenges with confidence.

Throughout the project, pupils worked collaboratively to design, develop and refine their products, demonstrating strong teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Their journey culminated in a successful Market Day, where they confidently presented their ideas and engaged with others, bringing their creations to life.

The experience provided valuable real-world learning, helping pupils to develop communication, enterprise and creativity skills. This well-deserved success reflects the dedication and enthusiasm of the pupils and highlights the school's commitment to nurturing confident, innovative learners.





A Memorable Visit to Newcastle Castle

Pupils across the school enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Newcastle Castle, bringing their history learning to life through an engaging and immersive experience.

Reception and Key Stage 1 explored how the castle was built and defended, learning about the roles of people who lived there, including the fascinating role of the food taster. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 pupils developed a deeper understanding of Norman history, exploring the purpose of castles and learning about the lives of knights through hands-on activities and reenactments.

A highlight for many pupils was climbing the 99 steps to the top of the castle, taking in the impressive views of the surrounding area. The visit provided a perfect balance of learning, fun and exploration, leaving pupils with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation of history.



Creating a New Woodland Habitat

Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils took part in an inspiring tree planting project, working alongside the OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) team as part of a wider woodland creation initiative.

Pupils worked together to plant an impressive number of trees, learning about the importance of biodiversity, sustainability and caring for the environment. The activity provided a valuable opportunity to develop teamwork, resilience and a sense of responsibility for protecting the natural world.

Despite challenging weather conditions, pupils approached the task with enthusiasm and pride, knowing their efforts will contribute to a thriving woodland habitat for years to come.



Exploring Living Things and Their Habitats

Class 3 pupils brought their science learning to life during an outdoor exploration of their local environment, focusing on living things and their habitats.

During the walk, pupils carefully observed their surroundings, identifying features that support wildlife, such as green spaces and plant life, as well as factors that could have a negative impact, including litter and busy roads. The experience encouraged thoughtful discussions about the relationship between humans and the natural world.



Holy Family

Catholic Primary School



Inspiring Future Engineers Through STEM

Year 5 pupils at Holy Family enjoyed an exciting and inspiring hands-on STEM event, designed to spark curiosity and bring learning to life through science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a wide range of engaging and practical activities, tackling creative challenges that required problem-solving, teamwork and innovation. Whether designing, building or experimenting, every task encouraged pupils to think critically and apply their knowledge in real-world contexts.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore how STEM subjects connect to everyday life and future careers. As they worked collaboratively, pupils demonstrated excellent communication skills, resilience and determination, embracing challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

It was clear that the experience ignited a genuine excitement for learning, with many pupils showing a natural talent for engineering and scientific thinking. The day not only deepened their understanding but also encouraged them to think more widely about the possibilities open to them in the future.





Exploration and Adventure on Holy Island

Year 6 pupils from Holy Family enjoyed a memorable and enriching visit to Holy Island, combining outdoor learning with an opportunity to explore one of the North East's most historic and unique locations.

A highlight of the day was walking along the Pilgrim's Way, experiencing the traditional route taken to reach the island during low tide. The visit offered pupils the chance to immerse themselves in the natural surroundings, with changing weather adding to the sense of adventure.

Throughout the trip, pupils demonstrated enthusiasm and resilience, embracing the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom while building confidence and strengthening friendships. The day created lasting memories for the Year 6 cohort as they approach the end of their primary school journey.



Growing Together: A Whole-School Gardening Day

Holy Family pupils came together for a vibrant and energetic whole-school Gardening Day, transforming outdoor spaces through teamwork, creativity and care for the environment.

Throughout the day, pupils worked collaboratively to weed, plant and water flower beds, taking pride in enhancing the school grounds. Their enthusiasm and sense of responsibility were evident as every class contributed to creating a brighter and more welcoming environment.

Alongside the practical gardening activities, pupils took part in a variety of creative and educational experiences. These included designing plant care guides, producing artwork inspired by nature and participating in a mini beast scavenger hunt.



A Wonderful Performance at the Festival of Choirs

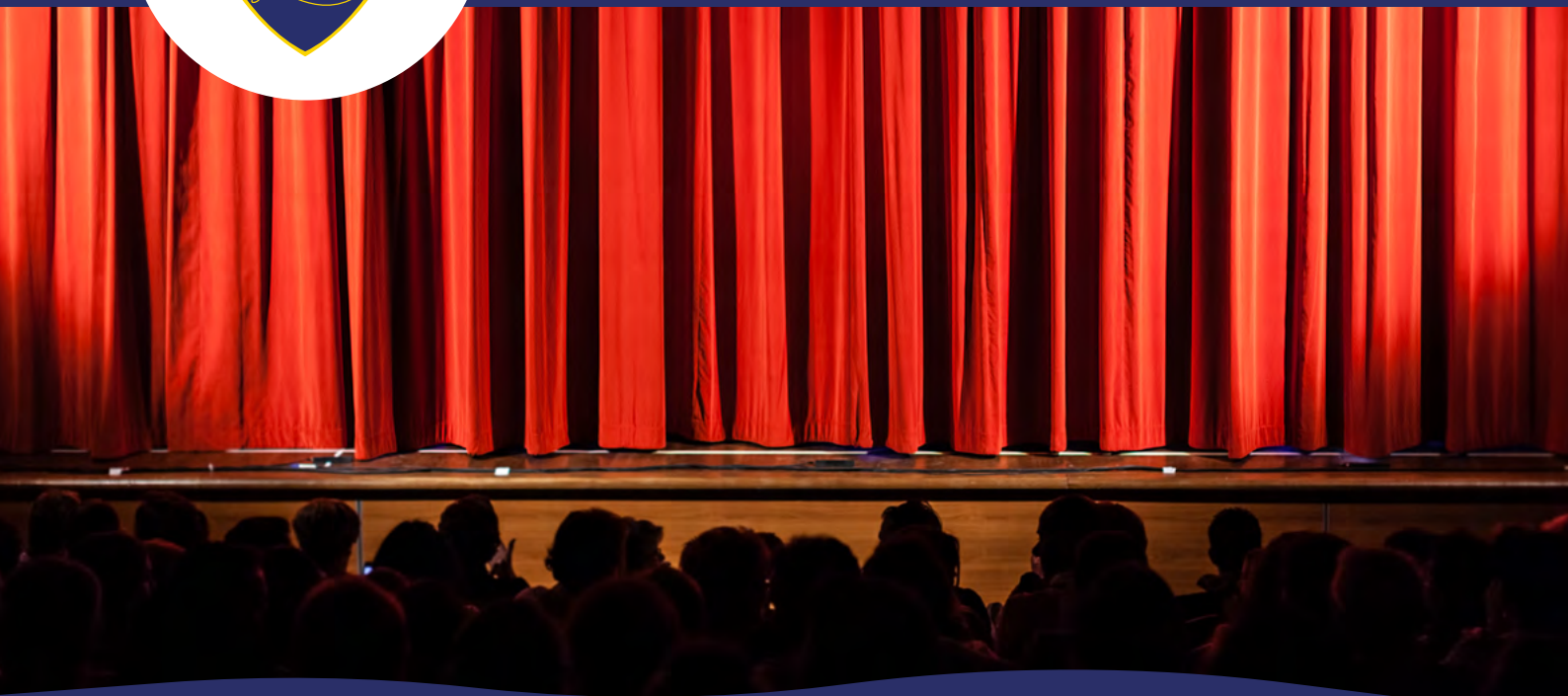
Holy Family's school choir delivered a fantastic performance at the Carmel Festival of Choirs, proudly representing the school alongside other Trust schools in a special celebration of music.

The choir performed with confidence and enthusiasm, captivating the audience with their own rendition of a song from Encanto, as well as contributing to a powerful combined performance. Their teamwork and dedication were evident throughout, reflecting the hard work and commitment they have shown in rehearsals.



Our Lady & St Thomas

Catholic Primary School



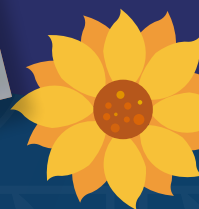
A Stunning Performance of *The Tempest*

Pupils from Our Lady & St Thomas Catholic Primary School delivered an outstanding performance of *The Tempest* at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, showcasing their confidence, creativity and teamwork in a truly memorable production.

Taking part in the Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme, pupils were given the opportunity to engage deeply with Shakespeare's work and bring it to life in a professional theatre setting. Performing on stage, they demonstrated excellent speaking skills, strong characterisation and a real sense of collaboration, captivating the audience throughout.

The experience allowed pupils to grow in confidence, develop their communication skills and explore classic literature in an engaging and accessible way. It also provided a valuable cultural opportunity, helping pupils to connect with Shakespeare's work beyond the classroom.

This fantastic achievement reflects the dedication of both pupils and staff, and highlights the school's commitment to high-quality performing arts experiences. It is an accomplishment that will remain a proud and lasting memory for everyone involved.





Bringing Literature to Life with *Oliver Twist*

Pupils were treated to a captivating live performance of *Oliver Twist*, delivered by M&M Productions. The energetic and engaging adaptation brought Charles Dickens' classic story to life, capturing pupils' imaginations and drawing them into the world of the characters.

The performance supported learning in a meaningful way, helping pupils to better understand the plot, themes and historical context of the story. It also encouraged empathy and reflection, as pupils explored ideas of fairness, resilience and kindness.

Live theatre experiences such as this play an important role in developing listening, communication and creative skills. The visit provided inspiration for further learning in the classroom, sparking discussion, creativity and a deeper appreciation for literature.



Celebrating Reading on World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across the school, as pupils arrived dressed as their favourite book characters, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere.

A visit to Willington Library was a highlight of the day, where pupils took part in storytelling sessions and explored a wide range of books. The experience encouraged a love of reading and helped pupils engage with stories beyond the classroom environment.

Creative activities further enriched the day, including collaborative storytelling where pupils worked together to create imaginative and original tales.



A Well-Deserved Celebration for Year 6

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable picnic in the park as a reward for their hard work and dedication during their SATs.

The outing provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to unwind, spend time together and celebrate their achievements in a calm and positive setting. Surrounded by friends, fresh air and sunshine, pupils were able to reflect on their efforts and enjoy a well-earned break.

It was a simple but meaningful way to recognise the commitment shown by Year 6 throughout the year and to celebrate their successes as they move towards the next stage of their education.



Our Lady of The Most Holy Rosary

Catholic Academy



A Memorable Adventure at Carlton

Pupils from Holy Rosary enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Carlton, packed with exciting challenges, new experiences and opportunities for personal growth.

During their time away, pupils took part in a wide range of outdoor activities including canoeing, archery, orienteering, night line and high challenge. Each experience encouraged them to develop new skills while building confidence and independence.

For many, the visit provided the chance to step outside their comfort zones and try something completely new. Pupils embraced every activity with determination and enthusiasm, supporting one another and demonstrating

excellent teamwork throughout. Their resilience and positive attitudes were evident as they tackled both group and individual challenges.

The residential also provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen friendships and celebrate their time together as a cohort. Staff were incredibly proud of how pupils represented the school, showing courage, cooperation and a willingness to give their best in every situation.

This enriching experience reflects Holy Rosary's commitment to outdoor learning and personal development, creating lasting memories that pupils will carry with them for years to come.





A Cultural Experience to Remember

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a memorable visit to Newcastle Theatre Royal, where they watched *Weird*, a modern musical inspired by Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. The experience provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to engage with live theatre in one of the region's most iconic venues.

The production brought Shakespeare's classic story to life in a creative and accessible way, capturing pupils' imaginations through energy, humour and innovative storytelling. The visit helped deepen their understanding of key themes while encouraging a greater appreciation for the performing arts beyond the classroom.

Pupils represented the school exceptionally well throughout the trip, demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour. It was a truly enriching experience that will support their learning and inspire future engagement with theatre and the arts.



A Celebration of Colour, Community and Fun

Holy Rosary came together for a vibrant and joyful Colour Run, creating a fantastic afternoon filled with energy, laughter and community spirit. Pupils, staff and families all played their part in making the event such a memorable occasion, with a brilliant atmosphere from start to finish.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together as a school community, highlighting the strong relationships between pupils, families and staff. A special highlight of the day was the involvement of Stockton's Red Watch Fire Brigade, whose presence added even more excitement and enjoyment for the children.

As well as being a fun-filled event, the Colour Run helped raise valuable funds to support the school.



Building Confidence Through First Aid Skills

Pupils across Holy Rosary have been developing valuable life skills through a series of engaging first aid workshops, helping them build confidence and awareness in emergency situations.

Younger pupils in Years 1 and 2 took part in the First Aid Friends programme, learning how to stay calm, recognise when help is needed and understand simple ways they can help keep others safe.

Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 took part in Mini Medics sessions, where they explored more advanced first aid skills. Pupils practised CPR, learned how to place someone in the recovery position.





Sacred Heart

Catholic Primary School



National Champions! A Proud Moment for Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart is celebrating an extraordinary achievement as the girls' football team were crowned national champions following an outstanding performance at Wembley Stadium.

The team's journey to the national stage has been defined by determination, resilience and an unwavering belief in their ability to succeed. On the day, the players rose to the occasion with confidence and composure, demonstrating exceptional skill, teamwork and sportsmanship to secure their place as the best primary school team in the country.

This remarkable success has been supported by the whole school community, who came together to raise over £5,000 to enable families

to attend and support the team at Wembley. The overwhelming encouragement from pupils, staff, families and local organisations created an atmosphere of pride and unity that made the achievement even more special.

The school extends its sincere thanks to everyone who supported the team on their journey, including dedicated staff and coaches who guided the players every step of the way. This national title is not only a reflection of sporting excellence, but also of the strength, spirit and support of the Sacred Heart community.

It is a truly unforgettable accomplishment, and one that will inspire future generations of pupils for years to come.





Inspiring a Love of Reading Early Years

Sacred Heart welcomed families for a special early reading Stay and Play session, designed to promote a love of books and support early literacy development.

Led by a local library representative, the session helped families understand the importance of reading from a young age and provided practical ways to support children's development at home. Pupils and their families explored stories together, strengthening confidence, language skills and enjoyment of reading.

A highlight of the event was the distribution of Bookstart packs, giving every child access to books and resources to continue their reading journey at home. The session also strengthened links with local library services, encouraging families to engage with community resources and reading opportunities.



Netball Team Celebrates Tournament Success

Sacred Heart's Year 5 and 6 netball team delivered an exceptional performance in a recent competition, showcasing impressive teamwork, skill and determination throughout.

After winning all of their matches in the early stages, the team progressed to the Super Cup semi-final, which they won with confidence. The final proved to be a closely contested and exciting match, finishing in a draw before going into extra time. Showing resilience and composure, the team secured victory with a well-earned win.

This success highlights the strength of sport at Sacred Heart, with pupils demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and pride in representing their school. The entire community is incredibly proud of their achievement.



Living Out Faith at the Good Shepherd Mass

Sacred Heart pupils joined others from across the Hartlepool Catholic community at the annual Good Shepherd Mass, taking part in a meaningful celebration of faith, prayer and reflection.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to recognise the success of a recent sponsored walk, with funds raised supporting both CAFOD and St Cuthbert's Care. This reflects the school's ongoing commitment to charity and service, helping both local and global communities.

Pupils represented the school with pride and reverence, demonstrating compassion, generosity and a strong sense of social responsibility. The experience highlighted the importance of living out faith through action and supporting those in need.



St Augustine's

Catholic Primary School



A Wembley Journey to Remember

St Augustine's celebrated an extraordinary sporting moment as the school football team took to the pitch at the iconic Wembley Stadium, an unforgettable experience and a huge source of pride for the entire school community.

In the lead-up to the match, the team were given a unique and inspiring opportunity to meet former professional footballer David Hodgson. Drawing on his experience at clubs including Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Liverpool, David shared valuable advice, insights and encouragement, helping to build confidence, focus and determination within the squad ahead of the big day.

Match day itself was a truly special occasion. Stepping out onto the national stage at Wembley, the players represented St Augustine's with pride, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the game. Despite a 2-0 defeat, the team gave their all and showed great character against strong opposition.

Reaching Wembley is an incredible achievement in itself, reflecting the dedication, commitment and hard work of the players over time. Their journey has inspired the wider school community, showing what can be achieved through perseverance and teamwork. It is an experience the pupils will remember for years to come and one that highlights the strength of sport within the school.





A Buzzing Celebration of Learning

Pupils across our school enjoyed a vibrant celebration of World Bee Day, taking part in a range of creative and educational activities designed to highlight the importance of bees in our world.

Key Stage 1 pupils explored interesting facts through engaging storytelling, while Reception children demonstrated excellent listening and creativity as they created detailed bee drawings. In Nursery, hands-on activities including shape matching, craft work and printing supported early learning in a fun and interactive way.

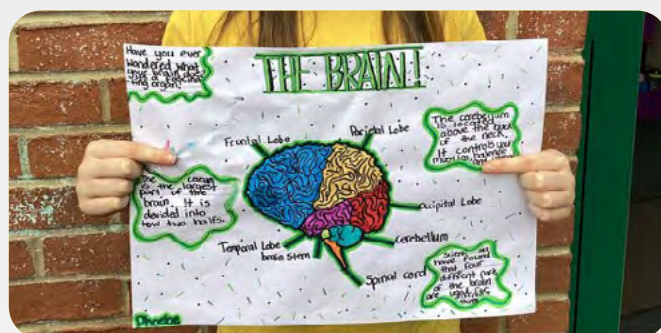
The day was filled with curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm, helping pupils to develop their understanding of the natural world while enjoying a memorable and engaging learning experience.



A Standout Musical Performance

St Augustine's choir represented the school with pride at the Mayor's Song Contest, delivering a confident and uplifting performance that showcased their talent and dedication.

Singing with energy, harmony and enthusiasm, the choir captivated the audience and demonstrated the results of their hard work in rehearsals. The evening became even more special when they received a recognition award, celebrating their achievement and commitment to music.



Celebrating Neurodiversity and Individual Strengths

St Augustine's marked Neurodiversity Celebration Week with a range of thoughtful and creative activities that encouraged pupils to recognise and celebrate the different ways people think and learn.

Throughout the week, pupils explored their own strengths and talents, producing artwork and writing that reflected their individuality.



St Bede's

Catholic Primary School



Choir Crowned Regional Champions

St Bede's is delighted to celebrate an exceptional musical achievement, as the school choir has been crowned Regional Choir of the Year 2026 following a standout performance at The Glasshouse in Gateshead.

The choir, led by Mrs Derbyshire, delivered a captivating performance that impressed both judges and audience, showcasing their confidence, vocal excellence and passion for music. This remarkable success reflects not only the talent of the pupils, but also their commitment, teamwork and dedication shown through many hours of rehearsal.

Being recognised at this level is a significant accomplishment and a proud moment for the entire school community. The choir's success highlights the strength of performing arts at St Bede's and the opportunities pupils are given to develop their skills and confidence.

Everyone at St Bede's is immensely proud of the choir and this outstanding achievement, which will inspire future performers for years to come.





Developing Skills on the Golf Course

Upper Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed an engaging and rewarding visit to Darlington Golf Club, where they took part in a range of practical workshops to develop their golfing skills. From putting and chipping to driving range challenges, pupils embraced the experience with enthusiasm and determination.

As well as developing new techniques, pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, respect and behaviour throughout the visit, proudly representing the values of St Bede's. Special congratulations go to Thomas for winning the 'Closest to the Hole' challenge, an impressive achievement. The school extends its thanks to the Darlington School Sport Partnership and Darlington Golf Club for providing such a valuable opportunity.



A Meaningful Eco Morning

St Bede's Eco Warriors led a thoughtful and inspiring Eco Morning, encouraging pupils across the school to reflect on their responsibility to care for the environment. Activities included taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch, exploring nature through a sensory colour walk, and creating environmentally themed artwork and resources.

Throughout the morning, pupils considered the importance of sustainability and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of stewardship. They also created posters promoting simple ways to reduce energy use, helping to raise awareness across the school community.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to connect with the natural world, support their wellbeing and take practical steps towards protecting the environment.



Inspiring Future Careers in Aviation

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were inspired during an exciting aviation careers workshop led by Stuie Ellerton from SimFly Aviation Training, a former St Bede's pupil. The session introduced pupils to a wide range of opportunities within the aviation and travel industries, from piloting and engineering to air traffic control and cabin crew roles.

Through hands-on activities and role-play scenarios, pupils gained a deeper understanding of how STEM subjects play a vital role in aviation careers.



St Bede's

Catholic Academy



Raising Aspirations at Stockton Riverside College

A group of Key Stage 2 pupils from St Bede's took part in an inspiring series of visits to Stockton Riverside College, offering them a valuable insight into future learning and career opportunities.

Led by experienced college tutors, the sessions allowed pupils to step beyond the classroom and experience a different style of learning. They engaged in a range of hands-on activities, including joinery, bricklaying and motor vehicle work, gaining practical skills while exploring potential career pathways.

The experience helped pupils to build confidence, develop independence and begin to think about their futures in a meaningful way. By working in a college environment, they were able to see how their current learning connects to real-world opportunities, broadening their aspirations and understanding of the choices ahead.

The visits proved both engaging and motivating, leaving pupils inspired by the possibilities available to them and offering a valuable step in preparing them for the future.





Bringing World War II to Life at Eden Camp

Year 5 pupils deepened their understanding of World War II during a memorable visit to Eden Camp, where they explored life on the Home Front through immersive exhibits and real artefacts.

The visit provided a powerful insight into wartime experiences, allowing pupils to connect their learning to real stories and environments. A particular highlight was the opportunity to speak with someone who had lived through the war, giving pupils a unique and personal perspective on history.

This engaging experience helped to bring the past to life, supporting both knowledge and empathy while making learning meaningful and memorable.



Exploring the Local Environment

Pupils made the most of a visit to Stockton's Waterfront Urban Park, enjoying the opportunity to explore its modern facilities and beautiful riverside setting.

Throughout the visit, pupils demonstrated enthusiasm and teamwork as they made use of the play areas and open spaces. The experience encouraged physical activity and supported wellbeing, while also allowing pupils to develop an appreciation of their local environment and its history.

It was a valuable opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom and celebrate the rich opportunities available within the local community.



Developing Skills Through Cricket

Pupils at St Bede's enjoyed an exciting visit from Durham Cricket Club, providing a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills and enthusiasm for sport.

Working with a professional coach, pupils from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in a range of engaging activities designed to improve their technique, coordination and understanding of the game. The sessions encouraged teamwork and communication, with pupils supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes.

The experience not only promoted physical development but also built confidence and resilience.



St Bega's

Catholic Primary School



Inspiring Futures Through Careers Day

Pupils at St Bega's enjoyed an engaging and inspiring Careers Day, designed to introduce them to the wide range of opportunities available in the world of work.

Throughout the day, pupils met a variety of visiting professionals who shared their personal career journeys, experiences and advice. These real-life insights helped pupils begin to understand how different skills, interests and ambitions can lead to diverse and exciting career paths.

The sessions sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, with pupils asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine interest in learning about

different professions. From creative roles to practical careers, the experience encouraged children to think more broadly about their futures and the many routes they could take.

Importantly, the day reinforced key messages about ambition, resilience and self-belief. Pupils were encouraged to recognise that with hard work and determination, they can achieve their goals and follow their interests. It was wonderful to see such confidence and curiosity emerging at an early stage, laying strong foundations for future aspirations.





Bringing History to Life at the Heugh Battery

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a memorable and meaningful visit to the Heugh Battery Museum, where they brought their World War One learning to life through real historical experiences.

Exploring the site of the Bombardment of Hartlepool, pupils were able to engage with artefacts, walk through recreated trench environments and learn about the lives of soldiers during this period. Their curiosity and thoughtful questions demonstrated a deep engagement with the subject matter.

The visit provided both an educational and reflective experience, helping pupils to connect emotionally with history and develop a greater understanding of its significance.



Developing Confidence Through Oracy and Creativity

St Bega's recently launched its new Super Speaker certificates, recognising pupils who are developing confidence and excellence in speaking and listening. Introduced during House Saints' Day, the initiative highlights the importance of oracy in helping pupils express their ideas clearly and confidently.

Classrooms were filled with discussion, debate and collaborative learning, as pupils explored ideas and built on one another's thinking. The day also marked the culmination of Design and Technology Week, where pupils proudly shared their creative projects, from food design to practical inventions. It was a fantastic celebration of communication, creativity and problem-solving across the school.



Caring for Our Common Home

St Bega's Mini Vinnies took part in an informative visit to the J&B Recycling Centre, learning about the journey of recycling and the importance of environmental responsibility.

During the visit, pupils discovered how materials are sorted and reused, gaining a better understanding of how small actions can have a positive impact on the planet. The experience supported their role as stewards of creation, living out the school's values through practical action.

Pupils approached the visit with enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility, demonstrating their commitment to caring for the world around them.



St Chad's

Catholic Primary School



Bringing History to Life at Hopetown Darlington

Pupils from St Chad's enjoyed an inspiring and memorable visit to Hopetown Darlington, where they explored the birthplace of the modern railway and experienced history in a truly engaging way.

Throughout the visit, pupils were immersed in the story of how Darlington helped shape global transport. Exploring interactive exhibits and authentic historical surroundings, they were able to connect their classroom learning with real-life experiences, deepening their understanding of both history and science.

The trip included a range of hands-on activities, allowing pupils to explore artefacts, tackle challenges and learn about the innovators behind railway development. Outdoor exploration in the Wagon Woods

area further encouraged teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, providing a balanced and enriching experience.

Pupils were praised for their exemplary behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity, earning recognition as "Stars of the Week." Their positive attitudes and pride in representing the school were evident throughout the day, making it a truly special experience for both pupils and staff.

This visit highlighted the power of educational trips in inspiring young minds, giving pupils the opportunity to experience learning beyond the classroom while building confidence and curiosity about the world.





A Celebration of Creativity During Storytelling Week

St Chad's marked National Storytelling Week with a vibrant programme of activities that celebrated imagination, creativity and a love of reading.

Pupils took part in a range of engaging experiences, including a rap workshop led by the National Literacy Trust, where they explored storytelling through rhythm and performance. Younger and older pupils came together to share stories and support one another, strengthening connections across the school.

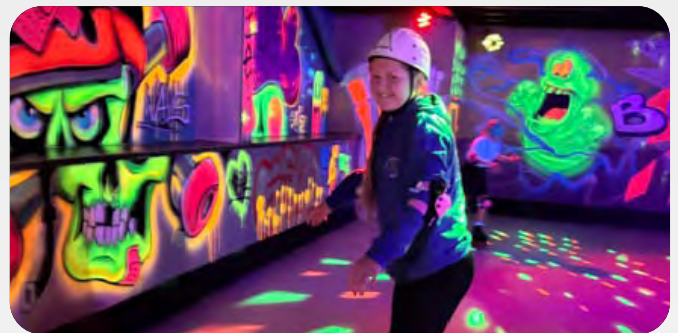
A highlight of the week was a workshop with visiting author Annemarie Anang, who brought storytelling to life through music, movement and expression. The week provided a rich and memorable opportunity for pupils to explore storytelling in different forms and celebrate their creativity.



Community Spirit Shines in Pancake Fundraiser

St Chad's School Council demonstrated outstanding community spirit by organising a Shrove Tuesday pancake flip fundraising event, raising an incredible £2,279 for St Cuthbert's Hospice and in memory of a member of the local community.

Pupils across the school took part with enthusiasm, competing to achieve the most pancake flips while contributing to a meaningful cause. The event combined fun with a strong sense of compassion and generosity, reflecting the values of the school community.



A Well-Deserved Treat for Year 6

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic 'Treat Day' at Planet Leisure, celebrating their hard work and time at St Chad's with a day full of fun and excitement.

The visit included roller skating, where pupils embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, followed by a lively ten-pin bowling competition. A dramatic tie-break final added to the excitement, creating a memorable highlight for the group.

The day concluded with lunch and time in the arcades, giving pupils the chance to relax and enjoy time together.



St Charles

Catholic Primary School



A Memorable Visit to the Heart of British Democracy

Year 5 pupils from St Charles Catholic Primary School enjoyed an unforgettable and enriching visit to London, with a highlight tour of the historic Houses of Parliament. The day began bright and early as pupils travelled by train from Durham to the capital, full of excitement for the experience ahead.

On arrival, the group made their way through London by bus, taking in the sights of the city before arriving at Parliament. During the visit, pupils explored the historic building and learned about its rich history, its role in shaping the country, and how laws are debated and passed. The experience brought classroom learning to life, giving pupils a deeper understanding of democracy and the importance of civic responsibility.

A particularly special moment of the visit was meeting local MP Alan Strickland. Pupils had the opportunity to ask thoughtful and insightful

questions about his role, gaining a first-hand perspective on the work of an MP and how decisions are made at a national level. The visit was made even more meaningful through his support in helping to organise the experience.

Following their time at Parliament, pupils enjoyed a walking tour of London, taking in some of the capital's iconic landmarks and even spotting a newly created piece of Banksy artwork. The day concluded with a well-earned meal together before the journey home.

Throughout the trip, pupils were exemplary ambassadors for St Charles, with members of the public commenting on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respect. The experience not only enriched their understanding of British values and democracy but also created lasting memories that will stay with them for years to come.





A Community United: CAFOD Big Lent Walk Success

St Charles Catholic Primary School came together in a powerful display of faith, compassion and community spirit during the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. With a whole-school target of 200km, pupils and staff exceeded all expectations, covering an incredible 350km in a single afternoon.

The event was not only a celebration of teamwork and determination, but also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of supporting those in need. Through prayer and reflection, pupils were reminded of CAFOD's vital work across the world, making the experience both meaningful and memorable for all involved.



Adventure and Growth at Derwent Hill

Pupils embarked on an unforgettable residential visit to Derwent Hill in the Lake District, where they embraced new challenges and developed confidence through outdoor adventure. Activities including canoeing, hill walking, ghyll scrambling and climbing encouraged resilience, teamwork and independence.

Throughout the week, pupils supported one another, formed new friendships and discovered what they could achieve when stepping outside their comfort zones. The experience provided lasting memories and valuable life skills that will stay with them well beyond the classroom.



Inspiring Young Scientists

Year 2 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Life Science Centre in Newcastle, where they explored interactive exhibits and took part in hands-on experiments. A highlight of the day was the engaging 'Who Wants to be a Scientist?' workshop, which encouraged curiosity and creativity while bringing science to life. The visit sparked enthusiasm and wonder, inspiring pupils to ask questions, explore new ideas and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.



St Cuthbert's

Catholic Primary School, Crook



Powering the Future with Solar Energy

St Cuthbert's is taking an exciting step towards sustainability following an inspiring visit from Solar for Schools, launching plans for the introduction of solar panels at the school.

During a whole-school assembly, pupils learned about renewable energy and how solar panels use the sun's power to generate electricity. The session captured pupils' interest straight away, with many asking thoughtful questions and showing real enthusiasm for how the technology works and why it is important.

The assembly also highlighted the wider importance of renewable energy in protecting the environment. Pupils explored how using

clean, green energy can reduce pollution and help care for the world, linking closely to the school's commitment to stewardship and Catholic Social Teaching.

With plans for solar panels to be installed at the school, pupils were excited to learn that St Cuthbert's will soon be generating its own renewable energy. This project represents an important step forward in creating a more sustainable future and empowering pupils to understand their role in protecting the planet.





Outdoor Adventure at Hamsterley Forest

Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting and enriching experience at the OAA Festival in Hamsterley Forest, taking part in a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities.

Throughout the day, pupils worked together on challenges such as den building and survival skills, developing confidence, teamwork and resilience. The experience encouraged pupils to step outside their comfort zones while supporting one another and embracing the natural environment.

Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes were evident throughout, making the day a valuable opportunity for both personal development and enjoyment beyond the classroom.



Living Out Faith Through Action

St Cuthbert's pupils deepened their understanding of faith and social responsibility during a visit from CAFOD, learning about global communities and the ways in which small actions can make a big difference.

Pupils were particularly inspired by learning about innovative solutions in Bangladesh, where communities have created floating gardens to overcome environmental challenges. This led to thoughtful reflection on how they can support others both locally and globally.

The children then put their learning into action through the Big Lent Walk fundraiser, showing determination, teamwork and enthusiasm as they raised funds for CAFOD.



Science Comes to Life

Pupils were inspired during a special visit from the Royal Institution, bringing science vividly to life through an engaging and interactive show.

Focusing on nutrition, the session helped pupils understand how food supports growth and wellbeing, while exciting demonstrations, including fire displays and controlled explosions, captured their imagination and curiosity. The experience made scientific concepts memorable and accessible, encouraging pupils to ask questions and think critically.

Events such as this play an important role in developing a love of science and supporting pupils' curiosity about the world around them.



St Cuthbert's

Catholic Primary School, Stockton



A Memorable Football Tournament at the Riverside Stadium

Year 6 pupils from St Cuthbert's enjoyed an unforgettable sporting experience as they took part in a football tournament at the Riverside Stadium, stepping onto a professional pitch and representing their school with pride.

Walking through the players' tunnel and out onto the stadium pitch was a special moment that pupils will remember for years to come. Once the matches began, the team delivered an outstanding performance, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and resilience, particularly in challenging weather conditions.

Across their fixtures, the team played four matches, winning three and drawing one, while conceding just a single goal. Their strong defensive organisation and positive attacking play reflected both their skill and commitment.

Beyond the results, pupils displayed exceptional sportsmanship, supporting one another and representing the school with positivity throughout the day. It was a fantastic achievement and a memorable experience that celebrated both sporting success and teamwork.





A Joyful Celebration of St Cuthbert's Day

The school community came together to celebrate St Cuthbert's Day with a vibrant and joyful programme of activities that highlighted pupils' talents and school spirit.

A highlight of the day was the Shine Concert, where pupils performed with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing a wide range of creative talents. The celebration was filled with pride, energy and a strong sense of community.

The day concluded with a special treat, as pupils enjoyed biscuits prepared by the school kitchen team, a fitting end to a memorable and uplifting celebration.



Walking Together in Faith: The Big Lent Walk

St Cuthbert's pupils and staff came together to take part in the Big Lent Walk, demonstrating compassion and commitment to supporting others through their fundraising efforts for CAFOD.

Collectively, the school community walked an impressive 469.7 miles, with pupils of all ages contributing in different ways, from younger children completing laps of the playground to older pupils undertaking longer journeys to local landmarks.

The event reflected the school's values of generosity, perseverance and faith in action, showing how collective effort can make a meaningful difference to communities in need. It was a powerful reminder of the positive impact of working together for a shared cause.



Growing Responsibility Through Gardening Club

St Cuthbert's Key Stage 1 Gardening Club has been actively developing pupils' understanding of stewardship through hands-on care of the school environment.

Pupils have taken part in planting, watering and maintaining garden areas, learning how to nurture living things and take responsibility for shared spaces. Working collaboratively, they have demonstrated excellent teamwork, kindness and respect for nature.

These experiences help pupils grow not only their knowledge of the natural world, but also their confidence and sense of responsibility, reflecting the school's commitment to caring for God's creation.



St Cuthbert's

Catholic Primary School, Hartlepool



St Cuthbert's Opens 'Helping Hands Hub' to Support its Community

There was a real sense of joy and togetherness at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School in Hartlepool as pupils, families and guests came together to celebrate the opening of the school's new Helping Hands Hub.

The special launch event, held on Friday 19th June, began with uplifting performances from the children, who sang beautifully to welcome parents, carers and governors into school. Their enthusiasm set the tone for what was a truly meaningful occasion.

At the heart of the celebration was the official opening of the Helping Hands Hub, a dedicated space within the school designed to provide practical support for families. Headteacher Jo Wilson had the honour of cutting the ribbon, marking the beginning of this important new chapter for the school community. The occasion was made even more special by

the presence of Bishop Stephen, who offered a blessing for the hub and all those who will benefit from it.

The Helping Hands Hub has been created to support families by providing access to clothing and toys for children, ensuring that everyone in the school community feels cared for and supported. Rooted in Catholic social teaching, the initiative reflects St Cuthbert's strong commitment to serving others with compassion and dignity.

The Helping Hands Hub is a wonderful example of St Cuthbert's dedication to making a difference beyond the classroom. By putting faith into action, the school continues to strengthen its role at the heart of the community, ensuring that every child and family feels supported, valued and uplifted.





Gardening Club Achievements and Environmental Action

The Gardening Club continues to flourish at St Cuthbert's, with pupils showing dedication, enthusiasm and a strong commitment to caring for the environment. Their efforts have been recognised with the Woodland Trust Silver Award, with Gold now within reach, as well as a Level 1 award from the RHS.

Alongside developing practical gardening skills, pupils have taken part in wider environmental initiatives, including the Hedgehog Walk organised by the Wildlife Trust. During this sponsored challenge, pupils not only completed a 3km walk but also collected litter along the route, demonstrating their sense of responsibility and care for their local community.

These activities have helped pupils grow in confidence while developing a deeper appreciation for nature, teamwork and environmental stewardship. The Gardening Club is a wonderful example of how pupils are making a positive difference both within school and beyond.



A Memorable Performance of Macbeth

Year 1 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable experience performing Macbeth at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, supported by the Royal Shakespeare Company. This exciting opportunity brought together pupils from across BHCET, allowing them to collaborate and bring a classic text to life.

St Cuthbert's pupils performed with confidence, enthusiasm and impressive oracy skills, captivating the audience and showcasing their creativity and talent on stage. Performing in a professional theatre setting was a significant achievement and a proud moment



Exploring Nature Through Big Schools' Birdwatch

St Cuthbert's Gardening Club showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm as they took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, braving cold and wet conditions to explore wildlife around the school grounds.

Using binoculars, pupils observed and identified a range of bird species, including wood pigeons, crows, starlings and a blackbird, contributing their findings to this important national survey. The experience provided a valuable opportunity to learn about local wildlife and the importance of conservation.



St Gregory's

Catholic Academy



Wellbeing Ambassadors Making a Difference

St Gregory's Wellbeing Ambassadors have been leading an inspiring initiative that is making a real difference both within school and across the wider community. Through their hard work and leadership, pupils have developed a new partnership with McDonald's on Durham Road, helping to promote positivity, wellbeing and community responsibility.

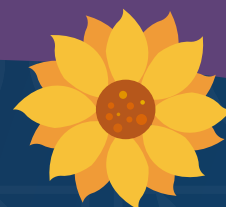
As part of this collaboration, the school has introduced a half-termly Wellbeing Award, recognising one pupil from each class who demonstrates kindness, leadership and a commitment to supporting others. Each award winner receives a certificate alongside a voucher, celebrating the small but powerful actions that help create a caring and inclusive school environment.

Beyond school, the ambassadors have taken their work into the community by supporting the "Love Where You Live" campaign. From planning initiatives during working sessions to taking part in a litter pick at Hardwick Dene Nature Reserve, pupils have shown

outstanding commitment to caring for their local environment. Despite challenging weather conditions, they demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork and a strong sense of responsibility, making a positive impact on the area while developing valuable life skills.

The experience also included collaborating with community partners and learning about safety from the Cleveland Fire Brigade, further enriching the pupils' understanding of civic responsibility. Their compassion extended even to the natural world, with thoughtful actions such as rescuing wildlife during their activities.

This initiative is a powerful example of pupil leadership in action. St Gregory's is incredibly proud of its Wellbeing Ambassadors, who continue to embody the school's values and show how young people can make a meaningful difference.





Deepening Understanding of Parish Life

Year 4 pupils developed their understanding of faith in action through a visit to local parishes, including English Martyrs and SS Peter and Paul. During their visit, they attended Mass and spoke with parish volunteers, learning about the many roles that support church life and the importance of service within the community.

The experience provided valuable insight beyond the classroom, helping pupils to connect their Religious Education learning with real-life examples. Pupils represented the school with respect and curiosity, making the visit both meaningful and memorable.



Swimming Success for Year 5

Year 5 pupils successfully completed a two-week swimming programme, developing important water safety skills and building confidence in the pool. Throughout the sessions, pupils demonstrated determination and progress, with many growing in both ability and self-assurance.

The programme concluded with each pupil receiving a certificate in recognition of their achievements, celebrating their effort and success. It was a rewarding experience that highlights the importance of physical education and life skills within the curriculum.



An Outdoor Adventure in Orienteering

Year 4 pupils also enjoyed an exciting orienteering experience at Wharton Park, where they worked in teams to navigate the course and solve clues. Using maps and problem-solving skills, they showed determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the challenge.

The activity provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop confidence and collaboration skills while enjoying learning in an outdoor environment.



St John the Evangelist

Catholic Primary School



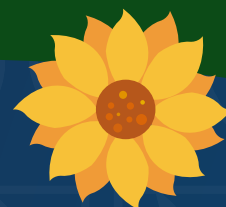
Bringing Shakespeare to Life with the Royal Shakespeare Company

Pupils from St John the Evangelist delivered a remarkable performance of Macbeth at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme. This unforgettable experience brought together pupils from across the Trust, giving them the opportunity to perform on a professional stage and engage deeply with one of Shakespeare's most iconic plays.

Throughout the process, pupils developed confidence, creativity and strong oracy skills, working collaboratively to bring the

story to life. On stage, they performed with enthusiasm, courage and impressive expression, captivating the audience and showcasing their talent.

The experience not only enhanced pupils' understanding of literature but also supported the development of communication, teamwork and self-belief. It was a proud moment for the school community and a powerful example of how the arts can inspire young learners and create lasting memories.





A Creative Visit from Illustrator Liz Million

Pupils across the school were inspired by a visit from professional illustrator Liz Million, who led engaging workshops focused on creativity and self-expression.

During the sessions, pupils learned practical drawing techniques and explored how to create characters and illustrations using simple shapes and ideas. The workshops encouraged creativity, confidence and individuality, reinforcing the message that everyone's ideas and artistic style are unique.

Liz also shared her journey as an illustrator, helping pupils understand how creativity can lead to exciting career opportunities. The visit was a valuable and inspiring experience that promoted imagination and a love of art.



A Theatrical Experience with Oliver!

Pupils enjoyed a vibrant and engaging performance of Oliver! by M&M Productions, bringing the well-known story of Oliver Twist to life within the school hall.

The performance captured pupils' attention through lively acting, music and storytelling, helping them connect with the characters and themes of the story. Following the show, Year 5 pupils took part in a hands-on workshop, exploring drama techniques and learning how to develop characters through movement and voice.

This immersive experience supported learning beyond the classroom, inspiring creativity, confidence and an appreciation for the performing arts.



Celebrating Success After SATs Week

Year 6 pupils celebrated the end of SATs week with a well-earned afternoon of fun and relaxation, recognising their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Following a week of tests, pupils enjoyed a visit to District23, where they took part in games and friendly competitions, providing the perfect opportunity to unwind and celebrate together. The event highlighted the strong sense of community within the year group and gave pupils time to reflect on their achievements.

The school is incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positivity shown by all Year 6 pupils.



St John Vianney

Catholic Primary School



Exploring History at Hadrian's Wall and Cragside

Year 4 pupils at St John Vianney enjoyed a rich and memorable educational visit to Hadrian's Wall and Cragside, bringing their history learning to life through first-hand experience and exploration.

The day began at Hadrian's Wall, where pupils embraced the opportunity to explore one of Britain's most significant historical landmarks. Despite blustery weather, spirits remained high as children walked the site and learned about its importance in Roman Britain. A visit to the museum provided further insight into daily life for Roman soldiers, with pupils exploring artefacts and developing a deeper understanding of the period.

The trip continued with a visit to Cragside, where pupils explored the historic house and its impressive grounds. Through this experience, they gained valuable knowledge about how people lived in the past, making meaningful links to their classroom learning. Time spent sketching the surrounding landscape added a creative dimension to the day, allowing pupils to reflect on their experiences while developing their artistic skills.

Throughout the visit, pupils demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour, making the most of every opportunity to learn. The trip provided a powerful combination of history, creativity and outdoor learning, creating lasting memories for all involved.



A Day of Discovery in Durham

Year 6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring and enriching visit to Durham, experiencing a wide range of opportunities designed to broaden their knowledge and aspirations.

The visit began at Durham University, where pupils explored Collingwood College and gained valuable insight into university life, including time spent in a lecture theatre. In the afternoon, hands-on science workshops allowed pupils to explore new concepts while working alongside university staff, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

The day also included visits to Castle College and Durham Cathedral, where pupils explored history, developed their creative skills through sketching and reflected during Evensong. It was a well-rounded experience that combined academic inspiration with cultural and spiritual enrichment.



Outdoor Learning and Teamwork with the West View Project

Year 4 pupils took part in an engaging outdoor session with the West View Project, developing practical skills and teamwork through hands-on activities.

During the session, pupils worked together to build shelters and prepare simple food, encouraging collaboration, problem-solving and confidence. Alongside these tasks, they reflected on the importance of gratitude, considering the value of home and community.

The experience provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn new skills while developing resilience and a positive attitude.



Bringing History to Life at Beamish

Year 1 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Beamish Museum, where they experienced history in a fun and immersive way. Exploring the museum's realistic settings allowed pupils to step back in time and gain a better understanding of life in the past.

Through hands-on activities and engaging environments, pupils were able to connect their learning to real-world experiences, developing both curiosity and understanding. The visit provided a memorable introduction to history, inspiring a love of learning beyond the classroom.



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School, Billingham



Celebrating the Magic of Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week brought a real sense of joy, creativity and community to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, as pupils, staff and families came together to celebrate a shared love of reading.

Throughout the week, the school was transformed by the power of stories. Classrooms and shared spaces were filled with imagination as pupils explored new books, revisited familiar favourites and developed their confidence as readers in a range of engaging and creative ways.

A highlight of the week was the much-loved 'Starbooks' sessions, where families were warmly welcomed into school to enjoy reading together. With a relaxed and inviting atmosphere, parents, carers and grandparents joined pupils to share stories and conversations about books. These sessions

not only supported reading development but also strengthened the strong sense of partnership between home and school.

Another memorable element of the week was the buddy reading initiative, where older pupils paired with younger children to read together and share their enthusiasm for stories. These sessions were a joy to see, with older pupils acting as positive role models while younger children grew in confidence and enjoyment. The experience captured the nurturing and inclusive spirit at the heart of St Joseph's.

Storytelling Week was a wonderful celebration of imagination, connection and learning, reflecting the school's commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading. At St Joseph's, stories are not just part of the curriculum, they are at the heart of the school community.



A Celebration of Talent and Community Spirit

St Joseph's Day was marked with a joyful whole-school celebration, including the annual talent show. Pupils across all year groups showcased a wide range of talents, from dance and gymnastics to singing and comedy.

The high standard of performances made judging a challenge, but the event was a true celebration of confidence, creativity and community spirit.



Bringing History to Life at Beamish

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a truly memorable and immersive visit to Beamish Museum, where history was brought vividly to life beyond the classroom. As part of their World War Two studies, pupils experienced what life would have been like in 1940s Britain, gaining a deeper understanding through hands-on learning.

A key highlight of the visit was the evacuee workshop, where pupils stepped into the shoes of children from the wartime era. Through role play and interactive activities, they explored what it might have felt like to leave home, travel to unfamiliar places and adapt to a completely different way of life.

Throughout the day, pupils explored the museum's carefully recreated settings, from traditional homes to wartime streets, fully immersing themselves in the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the past.



Building Skills and Confidence Through Navigation

Year 5 pupils at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Billingham impressed during their two-day experience with the West View Project, successfully achieving both Star 1 and Star 2 of the National Navigation Qualification. Over the course of the programme, pupils developed key practical skills including map reading, compass use and directional writing, while growing in confidence and independence.

Equally impressive was the maturity and teamwork demonstrated throughout, with pupils supporting one another and approaching every challenge with a positive attitude. This enriching experience has equipped them with valuable life skills that will benefit them well beyond the classroom.



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School, Coundon

Queens British Grammar School



A Transformative International Experience in Estepona

Pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School enjoyed a truly unforgettable and enriching experience as they took part in a Turing Scheme visit to Estepona, Spain, an opportunity that broadened horizons, built confidence and created lifelong memories.

Travelling to the Costa del Sol, pupils embarked on a week of cultural immersion, beginning with their journey from the North East to Málaga before settling into their new surroundings. Excitement quickly turned into curiosity and enthusiasm as they prepared to experience life in a different country.

A central highlight of the visit was the partnership with Queen's British Grammar School in Estepona. Pupils were warmly welcomed and fully immersed in school life, taking part in lessons alongside their Spanish peers. This unique opportunity allowed them to build new friendships, collaborate on learning activities and gain a valuable insight into another education system. It also provided a meaningful chance to develop communication skills and grow in confidence in an international environment.

Beyond the classroom, the rich cultural programme brought learning to life. Pupils explored the town of Estepona, learning about its traditions and heritage, including a visit to the bullring museum. They sampled authentic Spanish cuisine, including a traditional paella, and embraced every opportunity to practise language skills in real-life contexts.

The group also had the honour of visiting Estepona Town Hall, where they met the Mayor and learned more about the local community. A visit to Selwo Aventura wildlife park offered further insight into conservation and the natural world, while time spent on the beach provided moments to reflect, relax and enjoy the stunning coastal setting.

Throughout the trip, pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour and were outstanding ambassadors for St Joseph's. The experience successfully fulfilled the aims of the Turing Scheme, helping pupils develop independence, resilience and a broader global perspective.





Hands-On Learning at the Farm

Reception pupils enjoyed a memorable visit to Hall Hill Farm, where they had the opportunity to meet, feed and care for a range of animals. The visit helped pupils understand where food comes from and the important role of farmers, bringing early learning to life through hands-on experiences.



Raising Aspirations with Durham University

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were inspired during a visit from representatives at Durham University, who introduced them to the exciting possibilities of higher education. Through engaging discussions and interactive activities, pupils explored what university life is like, the wide range of subjects available and the different pathways that can lead to future careers.

The session encouraged pupils to think ambitiously about their futures, helping them to understand that university is an achievable goal for everyone with determination and a willingness to learn. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm, exploring interests across subjects such as science, engineering, medicine and the arts.



Inspiring Future Careers in Aviation

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an engaging and inspiring careers session focused on the world of aviation. Led by an experienced instructor from Simfly, the session gave pupils a fascinating insight into the many roles within the aviation industry and the skills required to succeed.

Pupils learned about the responsibilities of pilots, cabin crew, engineers and ground staff, as well as the teamwork and precision needed to keep air travel safe and efficient. The session also highlighted the importance of dedication, training and perseverance, helping pupils to understand how their current learning can support future ambitions.



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School, Hartlepool



Inspiring Future Learning at The English Martyrs School

Year 4 pupils from St Joseph's enjoyed an exciting and inspiring visit to The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form, strengthening the strong partnership between the two schools and offering pupils a valuable glimpse into their future learning journey.

During the visit, pupils were introduced to the world of detective work, learning key skills such as observation, pattern recognition and logical thinking. Guided by EMS staff, they explored how these skills are used in real-world investigative roles and were encouraged to think critically and work collaboratively.

Pupils then put their learning into practice through a range of engaging, hands-on challenges. Working in teams, they demonstrated impressive focus and enthusiasm as they solved problems and pieced together clues. A particular highlight was the opportunity to try on an authentic police hat, sparking excitement and helping bring the experience to life.

The visit not only enriched pupils' learning but also helped build confidence and familiarity with secondary school life. It was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen links across the Trust and support pupils as they begin to look ahead to the next stage of their education.





Outdoor Learning with Burn Valley Park Rangers

Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of outdoor learning with the Burn Valley Park Rangers, combining a nature walk with opportunities for exploration and play.

Pupils discovered more about local wildlife and the natural environment, asking questions and developing their understanding of how to care for the world around them. The session encouraged curiosity, teamwork and active learning, with children embracing the chance to learn beyond the classroom.

The experience was both educational and enjoyable, providing pupils with valuable opportunities to connect with nature and develop a deeper appreciation of their local environment.



A Special EYFS Visit from Pets for People

Early Years pupils enjoyed a memorable visit from Pets for People, where they had the opportunity to meet a variety of fascinating animals, including a rabbit, tortoise, giant African land snail and even a hissing cockroach.

The hands-on experience allowed children to observe animals up close, ask questions and learn more about caring for living things. It was an engaging and exciting session that sparked curiosity and supported early understanding of the natural world.

Pupils represented the school wonderfully throughout the visit, showing enthusiasm and respect while enjoying a truly unforgettable experience.



Making a Difference in the Community

Year 3 and 4 pupils demonstrated their commitment to caring for their local area by taking part in a community litter-picking initiative. Equipped with litter pickers and plenty of enthusiasm, pupils worked together to improve their surroundings, collecting several bags of litter.

The activity highlighted the importance of responsibility, teamwork and environmental awareness, allowing pupils to see the positive impact they can have when working together. It was a rewarding experience that reinforced the school's values of community spirit and stewardship.



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School, Newton Aycliffe



Enterprise Success in the Business Makers Project

Year 6 pupils at St Joseph's have shown exceptional creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial skill through their involvement in the Business Makers project, an exciting initiative which challenges pupils to design, create and sell their own products.

Over a ten-week programme, pupils developed their understanding of how businesses operate, learning about customer needs, product design and teamwork. Through practical challenges such as the Marshmallow Tower task, they built essential skills in collaboration, problem-solving and innovation.

The project culminated in pupils preparing for a real Market Day at Durham Market, where they confidently presented their ideas and engaged with customers. Their hard work and creativity were recognised with a special award, celebrating their originality, commitment and positive approach throughout the project.

This achievement highlights the strength of enterprise education at St Joseph's, with pupils developing valuable real-world skills that will support them in the future. The school is incredibly proud of the ambition and confidence shown by all involved.





Adventure and Growth at Derwent Hill

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Derwent Hill in the Lake District, where they embraced a wide range of outdoor activities in a stunning natural setting.

From canoeing and ghyll scrambling to hill walking and climbing challenges, pupils developed confidence, resilience and teamwork throughout the visit. The experience also provided an opportunity to build new friendships, particularly as pupils travelled alongside St Charles Catholic Primary School.

Staff were incredibly proud of how pupils supported one another, embraced new challenges and represented the school with positivity and enthusiasm. The residential created lasting memories and valuable life skills that will remain with them for years to come.



Careers Week Inspires Future Aspirations

Pupils across the school took part in an exciting Careers Week, designed to broaden horizons and introduce them to a range of future opportunities.

Throughout the week, pupils engaged with professionals from different industries, including visits to a local library, Amazon's fulfilment centre and sessions with sports and community organisations. Younger pupils also enjoyed meeting local PCSOs, learning about their role in keeping the community safe.

These experiences helped pupils connect their learning to real-world careers, encouraging ambition, curiosity and confidence. Careers Week was a valuable opportunity to inspire pupils to think about their futures and the possibilities available to them.



An Inspirational Visit from Joe Fishburn

Pupils were inspired by a visit from Team GB gymnast and Gladiators champion Joe Fishburn, who delivered a powerful message about resilience, determination and self-belief.

Through personal stories and experiences, Joe encouraged pupils to view challenges as opportunities and to persevere in the face of setbacks. His visit also included high-energy workshops, where pupils took part in physical challenges designed to build confidence, teamwork and fitness.

The day left a lasting impression on pupils, reinforcing important values such as perseverance, gratitude and ambition. It was a memorable experience that inspired pupils to believe in their potential and strive for success.



St Joseph's

Catholic Academy, Norton



Bringing History to Life: A Stone Age Adventure

Year 3 and 4 pupils at St Joseph's Catholic Academy stepped back thousands of years in an unforgettable three-day Stone Age workshop, transforming their history learning into a fully immersive, hands-on experience.

Delivered on the school grounds, the workshop allowed pupils to experience life as early humans through a series of practical challenges and activities. Each class took part in a wide range of experiences, including primitive fire lighting, building hunter-gatherer shelters, preparing and cooking simple bread, and exploring Stone Age tools and artefacts. The opportunity to learn through doing brought their studies vividly to life, creating an environment full of curiosity, discovery and excitement.

Pupils approached every task with enthusiasm and determination, working together to gather materials, solve problems and complete challenges. Whether constructing shelters or learning how early communities survived using natural resources, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and creativity. The hands-on nature of the experience not only deepened their understanding of the Stone Age period but also helped them to retain knowledge in a meaningful and memorable way.

The workshop was a truly memorable experience, filled with learning, laughter and discovery. It provided pupils with a unique opportunity to step into the past while developing key life skills that will support them well beyond the classroom.





Athletics Success: A Record-Breaking Performance

St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 athletics team delivered an outstanding performance in a recent track and field competition, showcasing determination, skill and excellent teamwork throughout the day.

Pupils competed across a range of events, supporting one another and demonstrating true sportsmanship. The team celebrated multiple individual successes, including gold, silver and bronze medal winners, reflecting the depth of talent within the school.

A historic highlight came as the Year 6 team secured the first-ever trophy awarded to the highest-scoring school on the day, an exceptional achievement and a proud moment for the whole school community.



Inspiring Future Leaders Through the Power of Women Programme

St Joseph's POW (Power of Women) Ambassadors continue to thrive as they develop confidence, leadership skills and aspirations for the future. A recent visit to the Cummins Engineering Plant in Darlington gave pupils a fascinating insight into the world of modern industry and engineering.

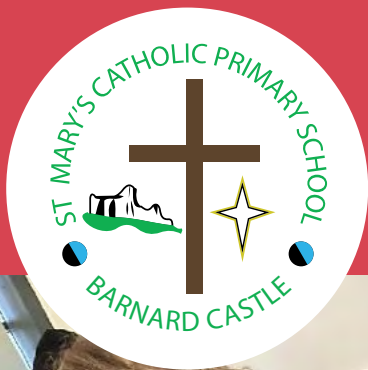
During the visit, pupils observed advanced manufacturing in action, including robots operating across the factory floor. They also explored key workplace values such as diversity, equity and inclusion, helping them understand the importance of respect and opportunity in professional environments.



A Joyful Celebration of Faith and Community

St Joseph's Day was marked with a wonderful celebration, bringing together pupils, staff, families and parishioners in a day rooted in faith and community. The school gathered for Mass, followed by a warm and welcoming opportunity for fellowship with families.

Pupils also lived out their faith through action. The Mini Vinnies visited local care homes, sharing daffodils and handmade cards, bringing joy to residents and demonstrating compassion and service in action.



St Mary's

Catholic Primary School, Barnard Castle



Engineering Success at the Nissan LEGO Robotics Competition

St Mary's pupils achieved outstanding success at the Nissan LEGO Robotics Competition in Sunderland, showcasing their innovation, teamwork and problem-solving skills in a highly competitive environment.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a series of fast-paced robotics challenges, using coding and LEGO engineering to design, programme and refine their robots. Working under pressure, teams were given just minutes to complete each mission, testing both their technical ability and their resilience.

Throughout the day, pupils demonstrated exceptional determination and collaboration, continually improving their designs and

supporting one another. Their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to learn were evident in every challenge they faced.

In recognition of their efforts, St Mary's was awarded the prestigious Nissan Award, celebrating not only their technical skills but also their commitment, teamwork and positive attitude. For many pupils, this was their first experience of such a competition, making the achievement even more remarkable.

This success highlights the strength of STEM learning at St Mary's and reflects the school's commitment to providing enriching opportunities that inspire future innovators.





Celebrating Culture and Creativity: Chinese New Year

Pupils across St Mary's came together to celebrate Chinese New Year, exploring the traditions and symbolism of the Year of the Fire Horse. The celebration provided a wonderful opportunity to develop cultural awareness and creativity across the school.

From creating vibrant artwork and sun catchers to designing dragon dances and taking part in imaginative play, pupils of all ages engaged enthusiastically in the activities. Younger pupils particularly enjoyed hands-on experiences, while older children explored deeper cultural understanding, including learning about zodiac signs and their meanings.

The celebration highlighted the importance of diversity and global awareness, encouraging pupils to appreciate different traditions and develop respect for cultures around the world.



Promoting Water Safety and Community Awareness

St Mary's pupils benefited from an important water safety session delivered by local police and fire officers, helping them prepare for the summer months in a riverside community.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils learned about the risks associated with open water, safe behaviours and how to respond in an emergency. The session also reinforced key messages around responsibility and community expectations, supporting pupils' understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe.

Pupils demonstrated excellent engagement throughout, asking thoughtful questions and showing a mature approach to learning.



Building Connections Through Intergenerational Learning

St Mary's youngest pupils in Little Wrens enjoyed a special visit to The Manor, marking the beginning of a new intergenerational partnership within the local community.

During the visit, children spent time engaging with residents through conversation, crafts and shared activities, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere. These meaningful interactions helped pupils develop confidence, communication skills and empathy, while also bringing enjoyment to the residents.

This initiative reflects the school's commitment to community engagement, providing opportunities for pupils to connect with others and develop a strong sense of belonging.



St Mary's

Catholic Primary School, Newton Aycliffe



An Unforgettable Ski Adventure in Aviemore

St Mary's pupils enjoyed an incredible residential trip to Aviemore, where they experienced a week filled with adventure, challenge and unforgettable memories on and off the slopes.

Each day, pupils developed their skiing skills, with beginners quickly gaining confidence as they learned to stop, turn and ski independently. More experienced skiers challenged themselves further, tackling steeper slopes and refining their technique with determination. The progress made across the week was remarkable, with pupils demonstrating resilience, courage and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

Beyond skiing, pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities including swimming, evening games

and social time, strengthening friendships and creating lasting memories. Highlights included shared meals, visits to the tuck shop and a relaxing movie night, providing a balance of activity and enjoyment.

The trip also offered meaningful opportunities for reflection, with pupils exploring how faith can support them when facing new challenges. These moments encouraged pupils to recognise their own strengths and grow in confidence.

This residential was a truly enriching experience, combining physical activity, personal development and spiritual reflection. It is an experience that will stay with pupils for many years to come.





A Memorable Seaside Adventure

Year 1 and Reception pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Seaham beach, where they combined outdoor learning with exploration and play.

During the visit, pupils searched for shells and sea glass, built sandcastles and explored the coastal environment. The hands-on experience helped bring their learning to life, encouraging curiosity and engagement with the natural world.

Pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour and teamwork throughout the day, supporting one another and representing the school with pride. It was a valuable opportunity to learn beyond the classroom while enjoying a memorable experience by the sea.



Celebrating the Legacy of Sir David Attenborough

St Mary's pupils came together to celebrate the life and work of Sir David Attenborough, with a day dedicated to learning about his impact on the natural world.

Led by Year 4, the celebration included creative projects inspired by nature, as well as activities that encouraged teamwork and exploration, such as an outdoor treasure hunt. The day also included whole-school moments of celebration, bringing pupils together through games, music and shared experiences.

The event highlighted the importance of caring for the environment and inspired pupils to follow in Sir David Attenborough's footsteps, fostering curiosity, responsibility and a love of the natural world.



Bringing History to Life: Year 5 WWII Immersion Day

Year 5 pupils took part in an engaging World War II immersion day, bringing their topic learning vividly to life through role play and interactive activities.

Pupils stepped into the role of evacuees, exploring what it might have felt like to leave home during wartime. Through discussion, case studies and video resources, they developed empathy and a deeper understanding of this important period in history.

The day also included recreating an evacuation journey, where pupils prepared labels, travelled 'by train' and imagined their new lives in unfamiliar surroundings. The experience encouraged creativity, reflection and strong engagement, laying the foundation for further written work and learning.



St Patrick's

Catholic Primary School



Adventure, Friendship and Faith at the Youth Village

Year 6 pupils from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School enjoyed an unforgettable residential experience at the Youth Village, filled with adventure, reflection and opportunities for personal growth. From the moment they set off, there was a real sense of excitement, with many pupils embarking on their first overnight trip away with friends.

After arriving and settling into their accommodation, pupils quickly immersed themselves in a wide range of activities designed to build confidence, teamwork and communication. Working together on group challenges, taking part in outdoor activities and engaging in thoughtful discussions, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and maturity.

A key highlight of the visit was seeing pupils step outside their comfort zones. Many found the confidence to speak up, try something new and encourage others to do the same. Their kindness and support for one another

were evident throughout, creating a strong sense of belonging and community. Staff were incredibly proud of the way pupils included everyone and demonstrated respect and empathy in all that they did.

Mealtimes and evening activities provided further opportunities to strengthen friendships, with plenty of laughter, shared stories and moments of reflection. Quiet reflection at the end of each day allowed pupils to think about their experiences and appreciate the importance of faith, friendship and personal growth.

By the time the group returned to school, pupils had grown not only in independence but also in confidence and resilience. The experience has left them with lasting memories and valuable skills as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. It was a truly special visit that reflected the values at the heart of St Patrick's.





Celebrating Inclusion and Kindness

Miss Knight's class marked World Down Syndrome Day with a joyful celebration focused on inclusion, understanding and respect. Pupils proudly wore colourful odd socks, recognising and celebrating the uniqueness of every individual.

Throughout the day, children took part in activities that explored the importance of kindness, empathy and valuing differences. Their thoughtful discussions and positive attitudes demonstrated a maturity beyond their years, and the day served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of creating an inclusive and supportive community.



A Celebration of Music and Confidence

St Patrick's was filled with energy and excitement during the recent Rock Steady concert, as pupils showcased their musical talents in front of a live audience. Performing in bands, pupils demonstrated impressive teamwork, dedication and confidence as they played instruments and sang on stage.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together, with parents and carers providing enthusiastic support. Every performer showed courage and commitment, making it a memorable celebration of creativity and achievement within the school.



Inspiring Confidence Through Debate

Members of the school's Debate Club enjoyed an inspiring visit from local MP Matt Vickers, who shared valuable advice on public speaking and effective communication. Pupils learned how to structure arguments clearly, listen respectfully and present their ideas with confidence.

The session gave pupils a real insight into the importance of speaking skills, while also encouraging them to think critically and express themselves with clarity.



St Paul's

Catholic Primary School



An Exciting New Chapter: Our New School Site

St Paul's Catholic Primary School is looking ahead to an exciting future, as pupils were given a special opportunity to visit the new school site during its early stages of development. This memorable experience marked a significant moment in the school's history and offered a glimpse of what lies ahead for future generations.

Members of the Student Council were invited to explore the developing site, giving them a unique insight into the journey of creating a brand-new learning environment. As they walked through the space, pupils were able to imagine how the building will soon be filled with learning, laughter and community life.

A particularly meaningful highlight of the visit was the chance for pupils to leave their mark by signing a wall within the new building. Hidden beneath the finished structure, their names will remain a lasting reminder that they were part of this important moment in

the school's story. This symbolic act created a strong sense of pride, belonging and connection, helping pupils to understand that they are part of something bigger than themselves.

The visit provided an opportunity for reflection as well as excitement. Pupils spoke about the importance of community, responsibility and working together to build a positive future. It was a powerful way to involve them in the development of the school and to celebrate their role within it.

St Paul's extends its thanks to all those who made this experience possible, ensuring that pupils could take part in such a meaningful milestone. As the new site continues to take shape, there is a real sense of anticipation for what is to come, a modern, inspiring space where future generations will learn, grow and thrive.



Celebrating Curiosity During British Science Week

British Science Week brought a real sense of excitement and discovery to St Paul's, as pupils embraced the theme of asking questions and exploring the world around them. Through a range of hands-on investigations, discussions and challenges, children were encouraged to think like scientists, questioning ideas, solving problems and testing their thinking.

Throughout the week, pupils demonstrated curiosity, creativity and a willingness to explore new concepts. Activities challenged stereotypes and reinforced the message that science is for everyone. The experience inspired pupils to think boldly and nurtured a love of learning that will continue well beyond the week itself.



Team Spirit and Success on the Football Pitch

St Paul's football team delivered an outstanding performance in a recent local tournament, proudly representing the school with determination, teamwork and enthusiasm. From the first match, players demonstrated strong communication, resilience and a clear sense of unity, supporting one another throughout the competition.

Their efforts were rewarded with a gold medal victory, an achievement that reflects both their skill and commitment. Just as impressive was the way pupils conducted themselves, showing respect and sportsmanship on and off the pitch.



Coding Creativity with micro:bits

Pupils in Years 4 to 6 enjoyed an engaging and inspiring computing workshop, where they explored coding through the use of micro:bit technology. The session provided a hands-on introduction to programming, allowing pupils to experiment, problem-solve and bring their ideas to life.





St Teresa's

Catholic Primary School, Darlington



An Unforgettable Ford Castle Adventure

Year 6 pupils from St Teresa's enjoyed an action-packed and memorable residential visit to Ford Castle, filled with adventure, teamwork and new challenges.

From the moment they arrived, pupils immersed themselves in a wide range of exciting outdoor activities. The first day included trapeze challenges, aeroball and problem-solving tasks, encouraging pupils to build confidence and work collaboratively. The evening concluded with a lively silent disco, creating a fun and energetic atmosphere to end a fantastic day.

The second day brought even more adventure, with pupils taking part in zip wire, archery, laser tag, Jacob's Ladder and the Leap of Faith trapeze. Throughout these activities, pupils demonstrated bravery, resilience and determination, continually encouraging one another and embracing new experiences.

The residential provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to step outside their comfort zones, strengthen friendships and develop independence. It was a truly enriching experience that created lasting memories as pupils prepare for the next stage of their school journey.





Inspiring Future Engineers

Upper Key Stage 2 pupils took part in an engaging and hands-on workshop led by Sunderland University, exploring the world of engineering and future career opportunities.

During the visit, pupils learned about circuits and experimented with electrical components to create working fans, lights and buzzers. The session provided a practical introduction to STEM learning, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving and creativity.

The workshop also gave pupils insight into university life and potential career pathways, helping to raise aspirations and broaden their understanding of future opportunities. It was an inspiring experience that sparked enthusiasm for science and engineering.



Celebrating Outstanding Attendance

St Teresa's proudly celebrated the achievement of 62 pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term, demonstrating exceptional commitment and dedication to their learning.

Each pupil was awarded a certificate in recognition of their consistency and positive attitude towards school. Their achievement highlights the importance of attendance in supporting academic success and personal development, while also setting a strong example for the whole school community.

The school is incredibly proud of all pupils who reached this milestone and continues to promote the value of regular attendance and perseverance.



A Successful Morning of Sport

Class 7 pupils enjoyed an energetic and competitive sports morning at Middleton Tyas, taking part in a series of rounders and football matches.

Throughout the event, pupils demonstrated strong teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, competing in four matches that included both close contests and impressive victories. Their positive attitude and willingness to support one another made the experience enjoyable and rewarding for all.

The event provided a great opportunity for pupils to develop their skills, build confidence and represent the school with pride. It was a fantastic example of the enthusiasm and spirit that characterise sport at St Teresa's.



St Teresa's

Catholic Primary School, Hartlepool



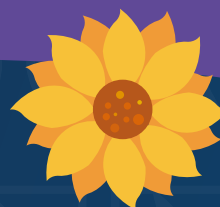
Inspiring Future Innovators Through LEGO Robotics

Pupils from Years 4 to 6 at St Teresa's enjoyed an exciting and hands-on STEM experience during a LEGO Robotics workshop, designed to develop skills in engineering, coding and problem-solving.

Working in teams, pupils designed and built their own robots using LEGO kits before programming them to complete a series of tasks. Through testing and refining their designs, they developed logical thinking, resilience and collaboration skills, while gaining a deeper understanding of how technology works in the real world.

The workshop provided a valuable introduction to digital learning and sparked curiosity about future careers in science, engineering and innovation. Staff leading the session were particularly impressed with the pupils' enthusiasm, teamwork and maturity, as well as the way they represented the school.

This enriching experience reflects St Teresa's commitment to providing meaningful opportunities that prepare pupils for the future, while inspiring confidence and creativity in STEM subjects.

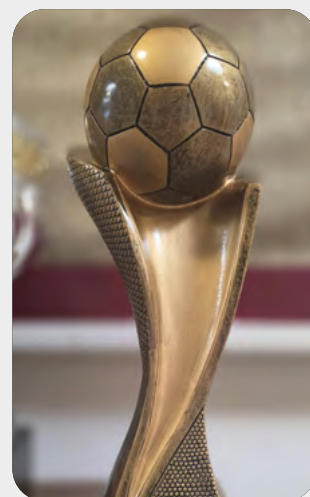


Football Champions: A Proud Sporting Achievement

St Teresa's girls' football team celebrated a fantastic tournament victory, finishing as champions after a series of outstanding performances.

The team demonstrated exceptional skill, determination and teamwork throughout, achieving an unbeaten record and scoring an impressive number of goals without conceding. Their consistent performance in both attack and defence highlighted their preparation and commitment.

Beyond the results, the team showed excellent sportsmanship and represented the school with pride at every stage of the competition. Their achievement is a testament to their hard work and reflects the strong sporting culture at St Teresa's.



Cricket Success and Sporting Spirit

Year 5 pupils took part in an exciting UV Cricket event, where they had the opportunity to develop new skills in a fun and inclusive environment.

The fast-paced nature of the activity encouraged teamwork, coordination and communication, with pupils supporting one another throughout. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes stood out, making it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved.

As part of the School Games programme, the event provided valuable opportunities for pupils to experience different sports and build confidence in physical activity.



Regional Success for the Tech Team

St Teresa's Tech Team achieved outstanding success at a regional competition, demonstrating exceptional teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout the event.

After performing strongly in the qualifying rounds, the team went on to win the finals, securing their place at the national championships. Their determination, collaboration and technical skills were evident at every stage, reflecting their dedication and preparation.

This achievement highlights the strength of STEM learning at the school and provides an exciting opportunity for pupils to continue developing their skills at a national levels.



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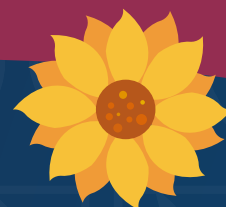
Bringing Shakespeare to Life with the Royal Shakespeare Company

Pupils from St Wilfrid's delivered an outstanding performance of Macbeth at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company. This unforgettable experience brought together pupils from across the Trust to showcase their talent, confidence and creativity on a professional stage.

Through weeks of preparation, pupils developed strong oracy and performance skills, working collaboratively to bring Shakespeare's classic to life. On the day, they performed with energy, enthusiasm and remarkable confidence, captivating the audience and demonstrating the power of storytelling through drama.

The experience not only strengthened pupils' communication and teamwork skills, but also deepened their engagement with literature in a meaningful and memorable way. Taking part in such a high-quality cultural opportunity reflects the school's commitment to enriching learning beyond the classroom.

The support from families and the wider community added to the success of the event, creating a truly special occasion. St Wilfrid's is incredibly proud of every pupil who took part and of the dedication shown by staff in bringing the production together.





Celebrating Creativity Through Sport and Writing

St Wilfrid's pupils embraced a themed week inspired by the Winter Olympics, combining creative writing with physical activity in an exciting and engaging way.

Throughout the week, pupils produced biographies, sports commentaries and descriptive writing, demonstrating imagination and strong literacy skills. The learning was brought to life through Olympic-inspired PE activities, including biathlon, skeleton and curling, encouraging teamwork and enthusiasm.

The week successfully combined creativity, sport and learning, leaving pupils inspired and excited as they look ahead to future events such as the Paralympics.



A Special Visit from Bishop Stephen

St Wilfrid's was honoured to welcome Bishop Stephen, who spent time with pupils, staff and families in a visit that strengthened the school's sense of faith and community.

During his visit, Bishop Stephen engaged with pupils, answering thoughtful questions and encouraging them to deepen their understanding of the Church and its mission. His presence also added significance to the school's Holocaust Memorial Day assembly, where the community came together to reflect on remembrance, compassion and the importance of standing against injustice.

It was a meaningful and inspiring occasion that reinforced the values at the heart of St Wilfrid's.



Science in Action at St John's

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a hands-on and engaging visit to St John's, where they took part in a range of science experiments designed to bring learning to life.

Through practical investigation, pupils explored scientific concepts in an interactive environment, asking questions and developing their curiosity. The experience supported their confidence and enthusiasm for science, helping them to see how learning can be applied in real-world contexts.

It was a valuable opportunity to extend learning beyond the classroom and inspire future interest in STEM subjects.





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A Magical Visit from *The Wizard of Oz*

Pupils at St William's were treated to an unforgettable theatrical experience as M&M Productions brought a vibrant performance of *The Wizard of Oz* to life in the school hall.

From the moment the show began, pupils were captivated by the colourful costumes, lively performances and engaging storytelling. The journey along the yellow brick road was brought vividly to life, with plenty of humour, music and audience interaction, creating a truly magical atmosphere filled with excitement and laughter.

The experience extended beyond the performance itself, as Class 4 took part in an inspiring follow-up workshop. Pupils explored key drama techniques, learning how to use

voice, movement and expression to develop characters and tell stories effectively. They demonstrated confidence and creativity as they stepped into the spotlight, supporting one another and embracing the opportunity to perform.

This enriching experience highlighted the value of the performing arts in building communication skills, confidence and imagination. It was a memorable day for all pupils and a wonderful example of how creative opportunities can inspire and engage learners.





Understanding Climate Change Through Hands-On Learning

Class 4 pupils deepened their understanding of climate change through an engaging visit from OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists). The sessions explored how human activity impacts the environment, helping pupils understand the importance of sustainability.

A highlight of the experience was designing and building working wind turbines, giving pupils a practical insight into renewable energy and how it can reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Interactive demonstrations also helped pupils visualise how greenhouse gases contribute to global warming.

The experience encouraged pupils to think critically about environmental issues and their role in protecting the planet. It was a valuable opportunity to connect science learning with real-world challenges and solutions.



Bringing History to Life Through Performance

Class 2 pupils delivered a fantastic assembly on the Great Fire of London, confidently showcasing their learning through drama, music and storytelling.

Through expressive acting, lively songs and clear narration, pupils brought the events of 1666 to life, demonstrating a strong understanding of the historical topic. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication were evident throughout the performance, creating an enjoyable and memorable experience for families and staff.

The assembly provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop confidence, communication skills and pride in their work.



Dodgeball Stars Reach County Finals

St William's Year 6 pupils achieved outstanding success in the Go Well Dodgeball Finals, finishing in first place after an impressive series of performances.

Throughout the competition, pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and resilience, supporting one another and remaining focused under pressure. Their success earned them a place in the County Finals, where they continued to represent the school with pride and enthusiasm.

Although they did not progress to the national stage, reaching the County Finals was a fantastic achievement. This success reflects both the skill and commitment of the team.



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