

St Bede's Newsletter



Welcome to St Bede's...

Attendance up to 15/11/24

Y1	Y1/2	Y2	Y3	Y3/4	Y4	Y5	Y5/6	Y6
95.33	94.05	96.83	94.99	97.67	93.47	96.88	94.79	96.81

Coming soon...

Wednesday 27th Nov
Fair Trade Tuck Shop

Thursday 28th Nov
USA Day UKS2

Friday 29th Nov

- Spanish Day
- Mrs Webb Year 5/6 Care Home Visit

This Week's Events

Wednesday 20th Nov

- Miss Wilson's class assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
- Year 2 A Christmas Journey @ St Matthew's

Thursday 21st Nov

Mrs Jajur's Class Care Home Visit

Sunday 24th Nov

Family Mass @ St Thomas'

Check out our new
Music Newsletter

<https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/music>



Don't forget you can view our school calendar on our website
<https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/school-calendar>

Our Safeguarding Focus This Week...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.

#WakeUpWednesday

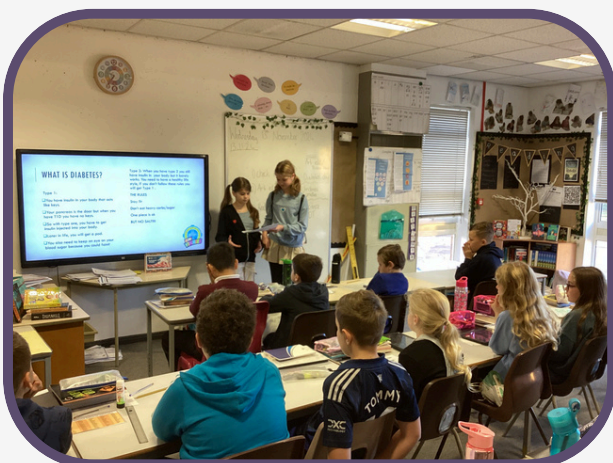
The National College



National Diabetes Day

What a wonderful morning we had in UKS2 learning about diabetes; how it affects the lives of children and what we can do to help. A big thank you to Casey and Willow for sharing their story and how important it is to have friends to support us.

Thank you also to Millie and her friends, Ivy and Nancy, for helping us understand what diabetes is and how we can support her. The children asked some very thoughtful questions, and Millie answered each one with confidence.



Darlington Christmas Tree Trail

Find our tree in the window at Oxfam, Skinnergate.

See if you can spot the 12 Days of Christmas!



St Bede's have decorated a tree for the **Darlington Christmas Tree Trail**.

You can find our tree in the window at Oxfam, on Skinnergate. We used the theme, 'The 12 Days of Christmas.'

95% of parents felt completely satisfied with our parental consultations

"Lovely, straight forward. My child's teacher knew our daughter so well, so soon!"

"Teachers clearly explained what was happening in lessons, how our children were doing and also offered information around behaviour etc. They answered any questions we had. It was clear they knew our children well. Changes to homework was also shared."

53% of responders said they would/might be interested in forming the Friends of St Bede's/PTA

We are delighted to hear this and would welcome a body of parents/friends to support St Bede's moving forward. Please contact us for more information.

"My child's teacher really takes care in getting to know my child"

100% of parents find our annual calendar useful – this is great news!

"You can't improve it! It's already much improved. The reminder texts also helps, especially now dates are shared so early"

In response to some suggested improvements:- reminder that the annual calendar is updated every Tuesday. The link is included in every weekly newsletter and is on our website at all times. Key dates (i.e. Christmas shows, sports day etc. have been on since September as we realise how important these moments are It is also colour coded to show when parents are invited into school

Have you seen our new curriculum newsletters?

"I really like this addition to the newsletter, it has allowed me to have some really interesting conversations with my son and support learning at home"

"Yes I've seen them I think they are really informative"

"Another great addition to keep parents up to date with what is going on."



Is there anything you feel school is doing particularly well? If so, please share so we can continue to grow and develop.

"I definitely appreciate the efforts going towards communication and newsletters. I also think that it's nice that there was a Halloween disco and more emphasis on wrap around care."

"The communication had definitely improved this year. But in general I think there's a great feeling of community and belonging."

"Communication is much improved. The recent stay and prays were beautiful."

"The EYFS team are FAB!! They are absolutely incredible. My daughter loves coming to school and talks so positively about all staff. Thank you! An absolutely brilliant school for my little girl!"

"I feel you have worked hard in developing stronger relationships with parents and carers. Listening to ideas for improvement e.g. communication. More presence from senior staff, on the yard, at the assemblies etc. and a willingness to see parents and carers is also much stronger."

"I think communication has improved. Teachers really know and care about the children and I do feel that it is a family school. The main thing for me is that my child is happy at school, which I think they are. Thank you"

"I feel you are giving more time to inform parents of upcoming events Having access to the calendar and regular newsletters is more helpful."