

St Bede's Newsletter

Welcome to St Bede's...



Attendance up to 28/06/25

Y1	Y1/2	Y2	Y3	Y3/4	Y4	Y5	Y5/6	Y6
95.73	93.56	96.92	96.41	97.29	94.09	97.34	94.73	96.69

Coming soon...

Monday 7th July

KS1 trip to Preston Park

Tuesday 8th July

Guide Dog Blindfold Walk

Wednesday 9th July

- Y6 Leavers Presentation & Talent Show

- LKS2 Trip to Gibside

Thursday 10th July

Thanksgiving Mass @ St Thomas

This week's events...

Wednesday 2nd July

- Y5 Bikeability
- Y1 Class assembly
- Y6 return from residential

Thursday 3rd July

LKS2 Community Sports Games

Friday 4th July

Colour Run

notice

School reports will be sent home from school with the children on Friday 11th July. We will also be announcing classes and teachers for next year



School Uniform

REMINDER



Thank you so much for all your thoughts and feedback in response to our parent consultation earlier this year. Reminder that the school uniform will be as follows from September 2025.

- **White** polo shirt
- **Grey** skirt, trousers or shorts
- Burgundy school jumper or cardigan
- Burgundy/white summer dresses (optional)

“Polo shirts are easier for younger children”

“Ties can get lost or stolen, tailored shirts require ironing which is work for parents”

“They all wears ties in different ways (small/large knot) and they end up looking a mess”

“Uncomfortable, outdated and not practical for children doing activities”

“Polo shirts are more comfortable”



The issue of smart watches has also been raised with School Governors and it has been decided that **NO WATCHES** of any kind may be worn in school. Please be reassured there are both digital and analogue clocks around school so children will still have the opportunity to learn how to tell the time.



Our Safeguarding Focus This Week...

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION 12+
on the App Store, 'Teen' on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/12/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>

Click here to view our school calendar and make sure you are up to date on upcoming activities and events until the end of the school year

<https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/school-calendar>



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THE STORY SO FAR...





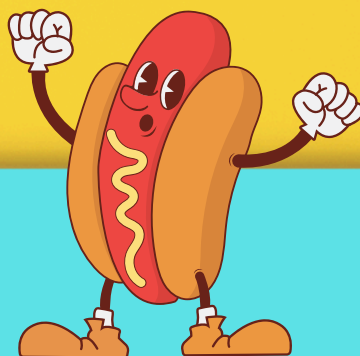
ST BEDE'S

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY

11th July

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• CAKES • FACE PAINTS
AND MORE •



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