

St Bede's Newsletter



Welcome to St Bede's...

Attendance up to 06/06/25

Y1	Y1/2	Y2	Y3	Y3/4	Y4	Y5	Y5/6	Y6
95.79	93.43	96.93	96.54	97.34	94.04	97.22	94.51	96.64

This week's events...

Wednesday 11th June

- Bikeability Y5
- Building confidence Y6
- Final parent meeting Y6 residential trip 3.15pm
- Nursery new starters open evening 3.30pm

Thursday 12th June

Football match @ Abbey school

Coming soon...

Monday 16th June

Carmel SEND transitions

Wednesday 18th June

- Reception vision screening
- Bikeability Y5
- Transitions workshop - Y6 Mental Health Team

Thursday 19th June

SEND telephone consultations

Friday 20th June

School Sports Day



You can now view our latest curriculum newsletters on our website
<https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/curriculum/subjects>

Our Safeguarding Focus This Week...

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.
- 2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME**
Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.
- 3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS**
Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.
- 4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION**
Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.
- 5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT**
Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.
- 6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION**
Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.
- 7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS**
Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.
- 8 TEACH RESPECT**
Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.
- 9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK**
Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.
- 10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**
Try to avoid solely focusing attention on children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert
Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.

WakeUp Wednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <http://nationalcollege.com/guides/friendly-competition>

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>

St Bede's Colour Run

We are holding a **sponsored school colour run** to raise money for additional school resources to enhance your child's education. Children will run around a course on the school field, through colour stations, ending on the playground where they will have a drink, a dance and a class photo.

When?
Friday 4th
July 2025

Children will come home with an information letter, permission slip and sponsorship form.

Please can permission slips and payment be completed by

Friday 13th June

Sponsorship Money needs to be returned in a sealed named envelope on **Friday 4th July**

£5
standard taking
part fee includes:
colour powder AND
Neon sunglasses to
wear!

FATHER KEVIN

30 YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION



MON 16 JUNE - 7PM
St Thomas Aquinas

Father Kevin will be celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Monday 16th June. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church, followed by a buffet reception in the parish centre



A huge well done to both our boys' and girls' **football** teams who represented the school with pride, skill, and fantastic team spirit!

Well done to everyone involved – a brilliant day of football and a great reflection of the values we're so proud of at our school.



Year 5 and 6 showed an outstanding attitude at the **Athletics** competition. We could not be more proud of their courage and sportsmanship

Congratulations to all who took part, you were fantastic!

