

St Bede's Newsletter

Welcome to St Bede's...



Attendance up to 22/11/24

Y1	Y1/2	Y2	Y3	Y3/4	Y4	Y5	Y5/6	Y6
95.55	93.89	96.69	95.28	97.77	93.43	96.79	94.53	96.89

Coming soon...

Monday 2nd Dec
Inclusion Festival

Wednesday 4th Dec
Miss Howard Y6 Care Home
Visit (National Elf Day)

Thursday 5th Dec
Rec Care Home Visit

Friday 6th Dec
Santa Dash £1 donation

This Week's Events

Wednesday 27th Nov
FAIRTRADE Tuck Shop

Thursday 28th Nov
UKS2 USA Day

Friday 29th Nov

- Mrs Webb Y5/6 class care home visit (Spanish theme)
- Spanish Day - dress in yellow and/or red, £1 donation

Check out our new

PHSE Newsletter

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



Don't forget you can view our school calendar on our website

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

Our Safeguarding Focus This Week...

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE



Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS



If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS



Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL



It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS



A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD



Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE



Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

SAVE UP TO 75%

MEGA SALE

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

OFFER ENDS MIDNIGHT

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

£49

THE COOLEST USE EVER

Science



Y5-6 and Y6 took their learning outside of the classroom last week. They worked in groups to demonstrate how the circulatory system works and how the heart and lungs work together to carry oxygen around the body.

The children did a fantastic job and were able to articulate whether they were oxygenated or deoxygenated blood in their current position in the circulatory system. Well done!

Year 5 Assembly



Year 5 were very proud to present their class assembly which was based on North America! They made St. Bede's truly proud with their beautiful singing and confidence throughout.

Amazing work, Year 5 !

Pantomime

Wednesday 18th December



We are delighted to confirm we will be bringing a professional pantomime performance to St Bede's! We believe Advent is a time of waiting and preparing, not only spiritually but also in building joyful experiences for our children. The pantomime is an opportunity to provide an enriching cultural experience for all pupils, ensuring they can share in the excitement and magic of the season with their classmates.

We are committed to making this experience accessible to every child while keeping the spirit of Advent at the heart of our celebrations. This aligns with our mission to create an inclusive, joyful, and Christ-centred school community.

Tickets will be bookable in advance via MCAS at a cost of £3 per child. Please note, as previously advised Christmas Dinner/Jumper day will now be on Thursday 19th December. This is updated on the school calendar,



We need **parent helpers** to walk with the children on the Care Home visits. If you are able to volunteer please contact the school office

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Spanish Day

Friday 29th November

- Children are invited to come into school dressed in yellow and/or red
- They will take part in a range of Spanish themed activities, first with their house and then with their class. They will also experience some very special live Spanish music.
- There is a suggested donation of £1, which can be paid on MCAS.



You're invited to our Christmas Movie Club

After school on Thursday 5th or 12th December 3:15 until 5pm for all St Bede's children.  **Tickets: £4**

The screened movie will be one of the below - if you have any problems with any of the potential movies please inform a member of staff prior to Thursday 5th.

- Home Alone
- Mickey's A Christmas Carol
- The Nativity
- The Star
- Angela's Christmas

