

# St Bede's Catholic Primary School

Week 14 2023



*Love one another  
as I have loved you.*  
John 13: 34-35

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Our School **Christmas Dinner** this year will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and will coincide with our **Christmas Jumper Day**.

The menu is on our website <https://stbedesdarlington.bhcet.org.uk/information/school-lunch-menu/>

Please make sure you have returned your reply slip if you would like your child to join us for Christmas Dinner

This year's **Advent Market** will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (am)

The children will make items to be sold at the market. Each class will be given a time slot where they are able to come and visit the stalls to buy the items they have made. (While stocks last)

They are making some fantastic canvas artwork which will be available to buy for £5. There will also be other Christmas crafty creations available for £1 each.



A Member Of  
**Bishop Hogarth**  
Catholic Education Trust

Christmas Lunch  
12th December 2023

Roast Turkey  
Served with  
Sage & Onion stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets  
Or  
Quorn Casserole

Roast Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Broccoli Florets  
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Christmas Pudding & Vanilla Sauce  
Or  
Chocolate Brownie  
Or  
Festive Ice Cream



## Do you want to make a difference?

We will soon be looking to elect a new **Parent Governor**.

Please consider whether you would be suitable for this role. More information about the role to follow





**St Bede's**

**Santa Dash**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

St Bede's will be taking part in the annual Santa Dash on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Children are invited to dress up as Santa or in Christmas colours to take part in a very special Daily Mile.

We are taking this opportunity to raise money for our new friends at Springfield Care Home who we would like to gift some new activities to. A family donation is welcome via MCAS.



**Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle**  
*In the pastoral care of The Right Reverend , Stephen Wright*

**Hogarth Partnership**  
**The Parishes of St Thomas Aquinas and The Holy Family**

Father Kevin invites everyone to join him at St Thomas' for Christmas Stories, carols and hot chocolate on **Tuesday 12th December** at 5pm

The 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) has for many years been the day when the children of Rome bring the figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to St. Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope during the Angelus. The day is affectionately known as "Bambinelli Sunday." **Sunday 17th December**

### **Christmas Mass Times**



Vigil Mass 6pm  
Morning Mass 9.30am

We will be **increasing our focus on attendance** at St Bede's. There is a clear link between attendance and attainment. Students who maintain and achieve 95% plus attendance succeed far better than those who have lower attendance.

Every day your child is absent it impacts upon their education and academic achievement.

**Below 95% is below expectation!**

## Days off school add up to lost learning!!

 <b>365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b> 	<b>190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR</b> Which means there are 175 NON school days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
	<b>190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>10 DAYS ABSENCE</b> <b>180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>19 DAYS ABSENCE</b> <b>171 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>29 DAYS ABSENCE</b> Half a Term missed	<b>38 DAYS ABSENCE</b>	<b>47 DAYS ABSENCE</b>
				<b>161 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>152 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>143 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>
	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
	<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success, harder to make progress and achieve higher grades		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Huge impact on academic learning, parents may face court action if no justifiable reason for absence	

### Attendance up to 05/12/23

Year 1	94.86%
Year 1/2	95.97%
Year 2	96.86%
Year 3	95.77%
Year 3/4	93.08%
Year 4	94.99%
Year 5W	97.20%
Year 5K	94.72%
Year 6	96.32%
Whole School	95.53%

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

### IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY

5 Minutes late each school day equals

3 whole school days lost per year



## School Christmas Performances

### **Nursery & Reception - Thursday 21st December, 10am and 2pm**

This year, Reception and Nursery are joining together to tell you the story of Jesus' Christmas Party. We are trying to make this year as inclusive as we can, and therefore the children will be learning and retelling the story together via actions and words, using a picture map to support the retelling. We would love it if you could learn the story alongside your child and when Nativity day comes join in as they retell it.

### **Y1, Y1/2 & Y2 - Wed 20th December, 10am and 2pm**

### **Y3, Y3/4 & Y4 - Tue 19th December, 10am and 2pm**

### **Y5 & Y6 - Mon 18th December, 10am and 2pm**

Key stage one, lower key stage two and upper key stage two will each be performing their own version of 'Carols Around the Crib'

The children will take you on a special journey as they tell the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as sharing some traditional carols and jolly, festive songs! As we look forward and prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world, born for us on Christmas Day.

*Seats will be limited to 4 per family, per performance*



### **Christmas Parties - Friday 22nd December (am)**

Children can come into school wearing party clothes. We will be sending home paper bags for the children to decorate and fill with snacks/treats for the party. Please remember we are a

**NUT FREE SCHOOL!**

After the party, key stage 2 children will walk to church for mass. We would be grateful for some parent helpers to walk with them.