

RE NEWSLETTER

ST BEDE'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL



SPRING TERM

OUR AIMS

AT ST BEDE'S WE NURTURE OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH AND BUILD A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS AND PROMOTE RESPECT FOR RELIGIOUS AND MORAL VALUES, AND TOLERANCE OF THE BELIEFS OF OTHERS. WE FOSTER THE GROWTH OF EACH CHILD'S POTENTIAL THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS. WE PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING AND CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH EACH CHILD FINDS HIM OR HERSELF AND WE CONTINUE TO BUILD STRONG AND CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HOME, PARISH AND SCHOOL.

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

EY	Local Church: Celebrating	Eucharist: Gathering	Lent/Easter: Growing
KS1	Local Church: Books	Eucharist: Thanksgiving	Lent/Easter: Opportunities
LKS2	Local Church: Community	Eucharist: Giving and Receiving	Lent/Easter: Self Discipline
UKS2	Local Church: Sources	Eucharist: Unity	Lent/Easter: Death and New Life

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?

In **Early Years**, we have been learning about how we are welcomed into our Sunday Mass at Church each week. We learned that people are there to welcome us when we arrive and give us hymn books and orders of service. We thought it would be a good idea to create our own welcome to church banner and practice welcoming each other into church.



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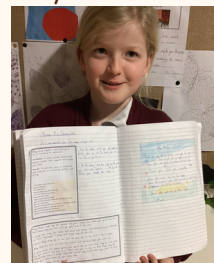
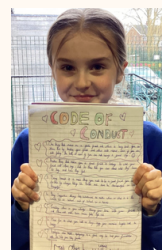
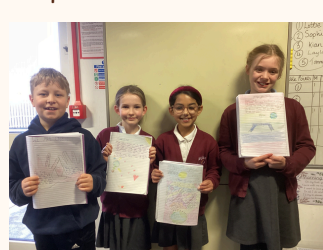
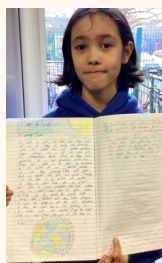
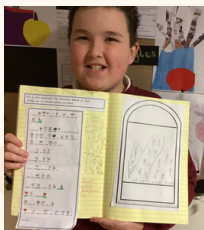
In **Key Stage 1**, we have been learning about a different faith: Islam. The children have been learning about the five pillars of Islam, they have learnt about the Salat Ritual prayer and acted it out as well as designing a prayer mat. They have also been looking at the rules that Muslim children must follow and how they have to learn to read the Quran. We have been discussing how important it is to respect people of other faiths and linked this to our British Value of tolerance.



In **LKS2**, we have enjoyed learning about our 'Community,' We started by thinking about the communities we belong to before looking at our parishes. We then thought about the different ways that people serve the parish and linked it to the apostles and how Jesus chose them. One of our favourite activities was making thank you cards for the parishioners who serve their community. We are now looking forward to finding out about Eucharist.



In **UKS2**, we have been exploring the topic of Unity. We have looked at the importance of friendships by creating a code of conduct. We each created a thoughtful prayer of unity based on John 17:11 20-23 and a stained-glass window to represent how Christians are 'one body'.



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

On Friday, 24th January, Catholic schools across England and Wales will officially mark the beginning of the Holy Year of Hope.



St Bede's 'Holy Doors' are up and sharing our message of hope with our community in this, most special, of Jubilee years. We are Pilgrims of Hope.



Early Years raised a grand total of £1590.50 to twin our toilets. There will be 12 communities across Africa and South America that will now have toilets thanks to your generosity.

Monday 17th February 2025

1 ticket: 50p
3 tickets: £1

Bring your money and come to the Year 3/4 classroom at break to try and win a cuddly toy!

Year 3/4 Teddy Tombola in aid of 'Little Treasures'

Year 3/4 have held a Teddy Tombola to raise money for 'Little Treasures'.

As part of our 'Pilgrims of Hope' pledge, Year 4 have decided to support a charity that supports families needing help to rebuild their lives.

We kindly ask that children bring in any of the following items to donate:

- Donate essential cupboard store items such as pasta, cereal and coffee
- Donate essential consumables such as toilet rolls, bin bags and multi-purpose cleaner
- Donate essential toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel and deodorant
- Donate a supermarket voucher, which will allow a family to purchase essential items

We will be donating these items to Women's refuge in Darlington.

Please donate by Monday 17th March 2025.

Year 4 are collecting items for a women's refuge in Darlington.

Make a DONATION!

As part of our 'Pilgrims of Hope' pledge, Year 5 have chosen to focus on fundraising for refugees and asylum seekers.

We kindly ask that children bring in donations of toiletries e.g. shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

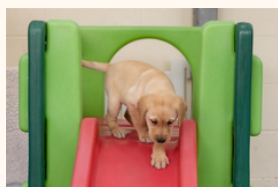
We will be donating these items to Darlington Assistance for Refugees.

The final date for donations will be Friday 14th March 2025.

Year 5 have started to collect toiletries to donate to Darlington Assistance for Refugees!



Year 5/6 have been very successful in raising money for Guide Dogs! They are proudly sponsoring Custard in her journey to becoming a guide dog!



As always, we love to see what you are getting up to at home! Please don't hesitate to bring any work into school or send us some pictures via our office email.

We thank you for your ongoing support

Miss Cuff