

NEWSLETTER

St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, South Shields

Monday 10th November, 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly the time has passed! As we come to the end of our first half term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together so far. It has been a busy and exciting few weeks, and I am delighted to share some of the wonderful things that have taken place in school recently.

With very best wishes,
Carol Devine
Headteacher



**With Christ at our side to guide us,
we shine in all that we do.**

Welcome to our new caretaker - Mr Robertson

We are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Robertson to our staff team as our new caretaker here at St. Bede's. Mr Robertson brings a wealth of practical experience and a friendly, can-do attitude that we know will be a great asset to our school. His role is vital in helping us maintain a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for our children, staff, and families.

Already, Mr Robertson has made a positive impression with his cheerful approach and commitment to supporting the day-to-day running of our school. We look forward to working with him and are sure he will quickly become a valued and familiar face to everyone in our school community. Please join us in giving Mr Robertson a very warm St. Bede's welcome!



Safeguarding In School

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child in school please speak to:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Headteacher Mrs Carol Devine

If Mrs Devine is unavailable, please ask to speak to a member of our safeguarding team in school:

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO - Mr Paul Charlton

Assistant Safeguarding Lead - Mr Brian McVittie - Extended Schools / Sporting Activities

Assistant Safeguarding Lead - Family Support Worker - Mrs Ruth Tutty (Attendance & Pastoral)

Assistant Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Katherine McVittie (E-safety)



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Dates for the Term



November

Sat 1	
Sun 2	
Mon 3	
Tue 4	
Wed 5	
Thu 6	Mass at St. Bede's Church
Fri 7	
Sat 8	
Sun 9	
Mon 10	Anti-Bullying Week Wear odd socks to school
Tue 11	Remembrance Day V5 Police Cadets - Service at Cenotaph
Wed 12	
Thu 13	
Fri 14	
Sat 15	

Sun 16	
Mon 17	
Tue 18	
Wed 19	Year 6 Class Celebration of the Word - families welcome to attend Year 2 - Class working with Mavis from Asda
Thu 20	
Fri 21	V2 - Mini Tennis Festival (am) Reception - Vision Screening Year 6 - Visit from school nurse (puberty)
Sat 22	
Sun 23	
Mon 24	Reception - Stay & Play Sessions (pm) Year 1 - Year 6 - Parents' Afternoon
Tue 25	Reception - Stay & Play Sessions (pm)
Wed 26	V5 / 6 - Athletics Team - Sports Hall Athletics Event (am) Reception - Stay & Play Sessions (pm) Year 1 - Year 6 - Parents' Afternoon
Thu 27	
Fri 28	
Sat 29	
Sun 30	



Dates for the Term



December

Mon 1	
Tue 2	Reception - Coordination Challenge - Urban Factory (am)
Wed 3	
Thu 4	Year 5 - Class Celebration of the Word (families invited to attend)
Fri 5	Reception - Visit to the Post Office to post letters to Santa (am) Year 1 - Christmas Multi Skills Festival (am)
Sat 6	Year 5 / 6 Athletics Team - Sports Hall Athletics District Final
Sun 7	
Mon 8	Choir - Singing at the Civic Carol Concert (5.00pm)
Tue 9	
Wed 10	
Thu 11	
Fri 12	V3 - Skip into Christmas (am) Infant Nativity Performance 1 - 10.30am Performance 2 - 2.00pm
Sat 13	
Sun 14	
Mon 15	Nursery Nativity - 10.00am Reception & Infants Christmas Party (pm)

Tue 16	Reception - Year 6 visit to the Customs House to see pantomime Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Wed 17	Nursery Christmas Party (am) Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party (pm)
Thu 18	Junior Carol Concert (at St. Bede's Church) - 2.00pm
Fri 19	Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm
Sat 20	
Sun 21	
Mon 22	
Tue 23	
Wed 24	Christmas Eve
Thu 25	Christmas Day
Fri 26	
Sat 27	
Sun 28	
Mon 29	
Tue 30	
Wed 31	New Year's Eve

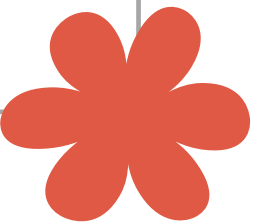


ST. BEDE'S - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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9	10	11	13	14	15	
16	17	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	



Nursery

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Whole School

Year 3 - Year 6

Rec - Year 6

Whole School
Wear odd socks to school
Anti-Bullying Week

Year 5 - Mini Police
Cadets at Remembrance
Day Service at cenotaph
(am)

Year 6 - Class Celebration of
the word - families invited
to attend.
Year 2 - Working with Mavis
from Asda

Reception
Stay & Play Sessions
(pm)

Reception
Stay & Play Sessions
1.00pm - 3.30pm

Year 5 Year 6
vs/6 Athletics Team -
Sportshall Athletics Event

Reception
Stay & Play Sessions (pm)
Year 1 - Year 6 -Parents' Afternoon
(3.00pm - 6.00pm)

Year 1 - Year 6
Parents' Afternoon
(3.00pm - 6.00pm)

Year 2 - Mini Tennis Festival
(am)

Reception - vision screening

Year 6 - Puberty Session -
school nursing team

Whole school Mass
at St. Bede's
Church - 10.00am

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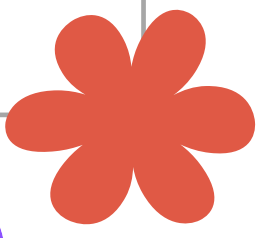
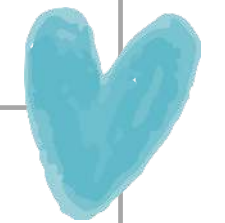
DECEMBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 Junior Choir Civic Carol Concert (Evening)	2 Reception Coordination Challenge - Urban Factory (am)	3 Year 5 Year 6	4 Year 5 Celebration of the Word Families invited to attend.	5 Reception Walk to Post Office to post letters to Santa)	
7	8 Nursery Nativity 10.00am	9 Y5/6 District Athletics Finalst	10 Nursery Christmas Party (am)	11 Infant Nativity 1) 10.30am 2) 2.00pm	12 Y3 - Skip into Christmas (am)	13
14	15 Reception & Infants Christmas Party Day	16 Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party	17 Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party	18 Juniors Carol Concert at St. Bede's Church 2.00pm	19 Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Nursery
Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

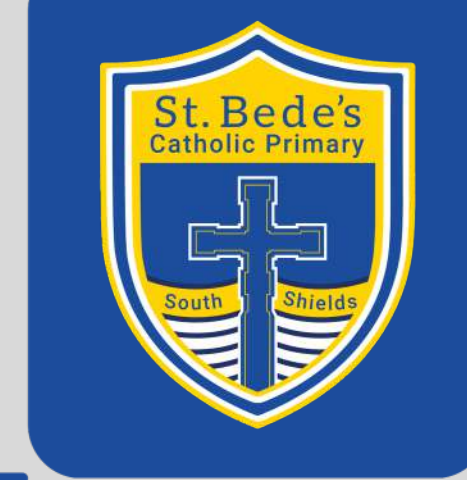
Whole School
Infants
Juniors
Rec - Year 6



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Wraparound Care

We continue to offer our wraparound care - a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for children before and after the school day.

Our Early Bird Breakfast Club runs from 7:30am – 8.15am for a cost of £3.00 per session and includes a healthy breakfast to start the day.

Our FREE breakfast club is available to all pupils and starts at 8.15am helping to support families with busy mornings.

Our After School Club runs until 5:45pm and is packed with engaging activities, games, crafts, and outdoor play. It's a great way for children to unwind, socialise, and explore new interests in a relaxed setting.

Whether you need regular childcare or just the occasional session, we're here to help.

If you'd like to register or find out more, please contact the school office or visit our website.

We'd love to welcome your child to our wraparound family!

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATES

Department for Education Filming Visit – Celebrating Our Breakfast Club

On Thursday 6th November, we were delighted to welcome a filming crew from the Department for Education to our school. They visited to capture a pilot study showcasing our breakfast club, which will be used to support other schools in setting up their own free breakfast provision.

This was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how far we've come in such a short time with our wraparound care. Our free breakfast club was established to ensure every child starts their school day feeling nourished, calm, and ready to learn –and it has truly exceeded expectations.

Since its launch, attendance has steadily grown, and we now have a thriving, joyful community that offers children a warm and welcoming start to the day. The positive impact is clear: improvements in both punctuality and attendance, as well as noticeable benefits to children's academic progress, emotional wellbeing, and social development.

Our breakfast club is more than just a meal - it's a space where children feel cared for, connected, and prepared to shine.



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As we approach Remembrance Day, we pause to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to others. It is a time to remember the brave men and women who stood for peace, justice, and freedom—values that continue to shape our world today.

At St. Bede's, we teach our children that peace begins with each of us. Through kindness, compassion, and understanding, we can build a world where love triumphs over hatred and hope shines through the darkest times. As we wear our poppies and observe a moment of silence, we not only remember the past but also commit ourselves to being peacemakers in our homes, our school, and our community.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on how we can live out our mission:

"With Christ at our side to guide us, we shine in all that we do."

May we shine with the light of peace, love, and gratitude

Loving God,

Today we remember with gratitude all those who have given their lives for peace and freedom.

We thank You for their courage, their sacrifice, and their love for others.

Help us to be peacemakers in our own lives—kind in our words, gentle in our actions, and strong in our faith.

May we always remember that peace begins with us, and that with Christ at our side, we can shine brightly in the world.

Bless all those who serve today, and bring comfort to those who mourn.

May Your peace reign in our hearts and in our world.
Amen.



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