



St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form College

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze'

Newsletter: 20 March 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 11:1-45) Jesus does something amazing, he brings Lazarus back to life. The story of Lazarus shows Jesus as someone who understands what it feels like to be sad, confused, or worried. When he sees Mary and Martha upset, he doesn't ignore their feelings, he cries with them. That moment reminds us that it's okay to feel overwhelmed and that caring for others starts with simply being there for them.

For students, this story encourages three things:

- Look out for each other, especially when someone is having a tough day.
- Be honest about your feelings, because even Jesus showed his.
- Believe that tough moments can get better, even if it takes time.

As we go through the term, this passage invites us to be a community where kindness, patience, and hope are part of everyday life.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

Ellie O'Connor 11H1 is this week's Headteacher's Award recipient. Ellie has been an outstanding example of commitment and resilience this term; she approaches each day with a fantastic attitude and quiet strength. We are incredibly proud of her and all she continues to achieve.

Tutor Group of the Week

Our winners this week are **11H1** - well done and keep striving to excel in your GCSE exams!

Columba

Student of the Week: **Ilesha Walker Young 10C2**

Highest Credits: **Robert Brown 8C1**

Attendance Hero: **Chelsi Saddler-Penders 9C2**

Hilda

Student of the Week: **Jake Surtees 9H1**

Highest Credits: **Thomas Dale 7H2**

Attendance Hero: **Lydia Turns 10H1**

Oswald

Student of the Week: **Mary Rose Smith 7O1 & Archie Garside 10O2**

Highest Credits: **Alice Andrejczyk 8O2**

Attendance Hero: **Sheena Takhar 11O1**



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Stations of the Cross

A big thank you to **Year 7 Columba** for leading the Stations of the Cross as part of our Lenten journey. Your care, reflection, and leadership helped our whole school pause, think, and walk through the story of Jesus with real understanding. Moments like these remind us how powerful it is when students guide one another in faith and reflection.

A big thank you to those parents who were able to attend.

John Paul II Award

Well done to **Leah** for completing her John Paul II Award. This is a fantastic achievement that recognises her commitment, service, and leadership within our school and parish community. Her hard work and willingness to give her time to others truly reflect the spirit of the award.



Silver CYMFed Awards

Well done to our students who achieved their Silver CYMFed Awards. This is a brilliant accomplishment that recognises your commitment to faith, service, and leadership within our school and wider community. Your dedication, kindness, and willingness to give your time to others show what it truly means to live out your faith in action.

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the presentations.

Gold CYMFed Awards

Well done to our Gold CYMFed Award students, the very first Gold recipients in the history of St Bede's. This is an outstanding achievement that reflects five years of commitment, service, leadership, and faith in action. Reaching Gold is no small task; it shows real dedication, compassion for others, and a willingness to grow in both confidence and responsibility.

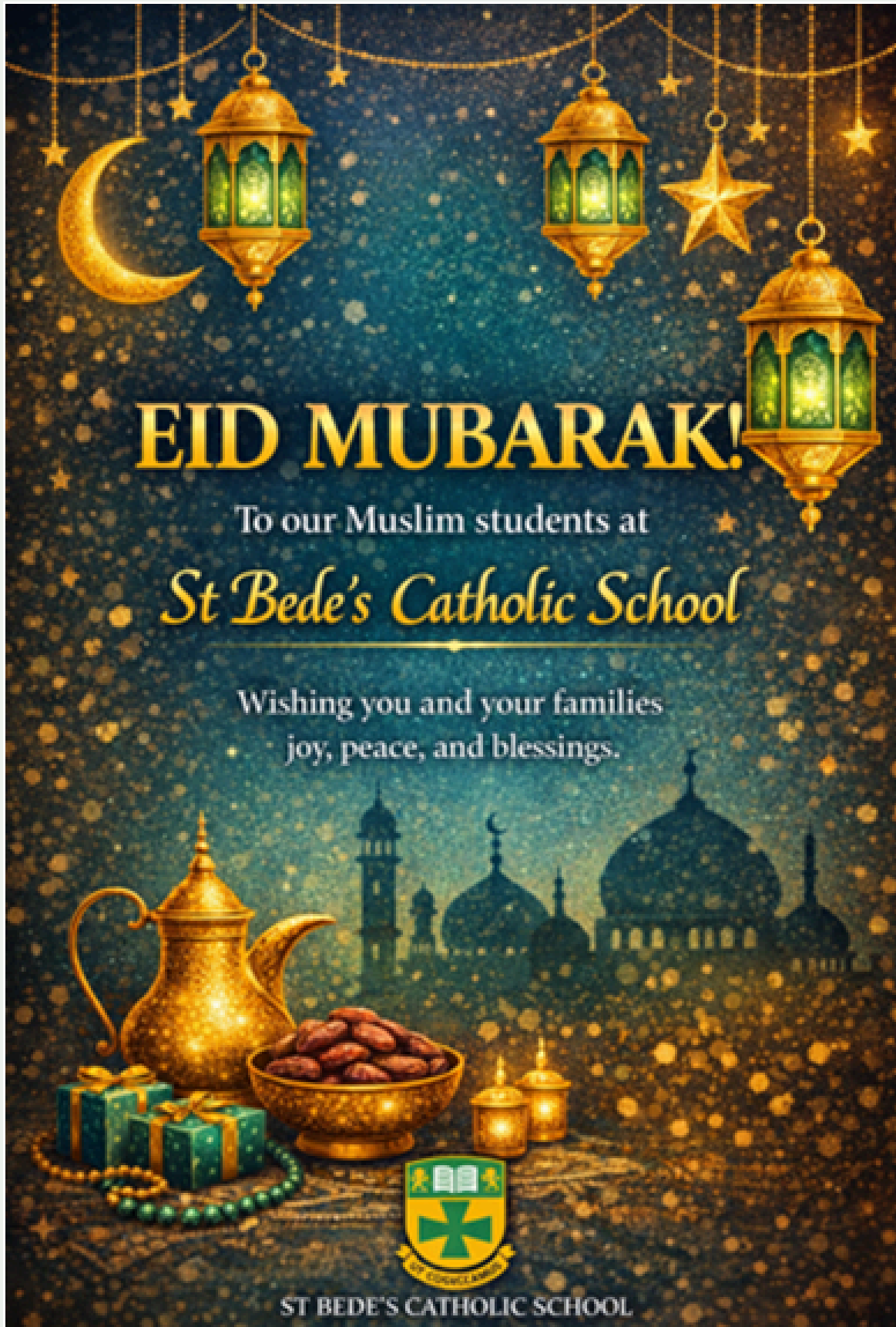
These students have been role models within our community, giving their time generously and living out the values that the CYMFed Award is built upon. Their journey sets a new standard for younger students and shows what is possible with perseverance and heart.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and the legacy they leave behind at St Bede's. Again a big thank to the parents who attended the presentations.





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Sensational Spring Concert!

On Wednesday 18 March, our talented singers and musicians took to the stage for this year's Spring Concert, performing to a packed and enthusiastic school hall.

The evening opened beautifully with Bede's Voices, who delivered stunning renditions of *Circle of Life*, *As I Kneel Before You* and *The Lily and The Rose*. This was followed by a wonderful variety of performances from Danny, Noah, April & Aimee, Poppy, Leah & Jasmine, violinists from St. Cuthbert's, St. Godric's and St. Bede's, Leah, Danny, Jael, Isla & Alana, Jasmine, Elise, Lily, Isabel, Danny & Isla, Georgia, Jack, Isabel & Isabella, Adebayo, and finally our brilliant school band performing *When I'm 64* and *Rock Around the Clock* before the big finale.

The concert was a superb showcase of dedication, confidence and musical talent. Huge congratulations to every performer involved - you were fantastic!





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Maths Wall of Legends celebrates International Women's Day

This week, we are delighted to appoint some of our fantastic female mathematicians. Each of these girls epitomise our values of determination, respect and excellence. Every legend gets a personalised postcard home and will be named on our permanent Roll of Honour in September. We are so proud of each of our girls and cannot wait to see them set the world ablaze!

- Mr Fowler: **Annabell Bland 10O2**
- Miss Houghton: **Annamol Biju 11C2**
- Mrs Keniry: **Veronica Tervit 8O1**
- Mr Taylor: **Lola Murphy 7C1**
- Dr Treanor: **Lily May Armstrong 11H2**

Experto de Español

We're proud to celebrate this week's Expertos de Español. Their effort, positive attitude, and progress in lessons have stood out. They continue to show the high standards we value as a school. ¡Enhorabuena!

Señorita García: **Lola M 7C1**- Excellent effort in Spanish. This student has shown real resilience and made clear progress, with strong skills demonstrated in their recent assessment. A fantastic achievement.

Señorita Atkinson: **Emily M 9C1**- Outstanding work ethic and attitude to learning. This student consistently goes above and beyond, producing high-quality work in every lesson.

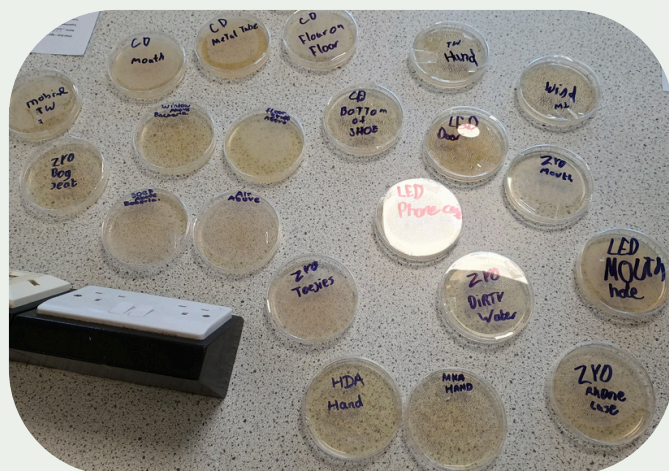
English Stars of the Week

Our outstanding English students this week are:

- Mrs Wild: **George Metcalfe 12CH1**
- Mrs Cook: **Tyler Irving 11O1**
- Miss Milburn: **Shakira Dymiter 11O3**
- Mr Logan: **Lennon Thirkell 10H3**
- Mrs Hamilton: **Faith Robinson 8H2**
- Mrs Dolan: **Layla Mai-Brown 9H2**
- Mr Johnson: **Louis Donaldson 8O1**
- Miss Barkley: **Ella Hackworth 11C2**

Year 7 Science Club

In Year 7 science club we have been growing bacteria! Students swabbed different surfaces for bacteria and transferred these to agar plates which were then incubated. Students have been carefully monitoring the growth of the bacteria all week and have found some quite nasty bacteria growing. This is definitely a good reminder to make sure to wash our hands regularly and observe good hygiene practices!



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Cookery Club

Another fantastic week has been spent in the kitchen.

Year 7 have been looking at the 4/4/2 method to develop a basic cake mixture and using the electric whisks to cream the ingredients together.

They have also been learning techniques such as the weighing of ingredients and breaking an egg (which is not as easy as it seems!).

We have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





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WHEN: TUE 7th - FRI 10th APRIL

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

WHERE: Horden Youth Community Centre, Eden Street

Peterlee, SR8 4LH AGES: 5-16

VISIT: WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/peterlee



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Tweddle Farm Trip

When
 Tuesday 7th April
 10am - 2.00pm

Where
 Tweddle farm,
 fillpoke lane,
 Blackhall colliery,
 Hartlepool,
 TS27 4BT

Who
 Primary and secondary age children

Info

- Packed lunch provided
- Use the QR code recieved from school for fun and food event

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Soft Play

When
 Tuesday 14 April 2026
 10:00am - 2:00pm

Who
 Primary and secondary age children

Where
 Peterlee leisure centre,
 St Cuthberts Road,
 Peterlee, SR8 1AF

Info

- Packed lunch provided
- Crafts and easter bunny visit
- Use the QR code recieved from school for fun and food event

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Soft Play and Adventure Play Zone

When?
 Wednesday 15 April
 11:00am-3:00pm

Where?
 Abbey leisure Centre,
 Abbey Road, Pity Me,
 Durham
 DH1 5DQ

Who?
 Primary and secondary age children

Info

- Packed lunch provided
- Crafts and easter bunny visit
- Use the QR code from school for fun and food event

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Inflatable Funday

When
 Friday 10th April
 12:45pm-4:45pm

Where
 Seaham Leisure Centre,
 The Recreation Ground,
 Deneside, Seaham,

Hot food provided for all children

For primary and secondary aged children

*Booking via the fun and food online booking system (QR code and booking link will be issued via your school)

Info

- It's a Knockout!

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Key Dates

- Mon 23 March: Timetable Week B
- Mon 23 March: Tom A. Smith performance - all years
- Wed 25 March: Y11 Group Photograph
- Wed 25 March: Y9 Options Evening 5.00pm ***NEW DATE***
- Thu 2 April: Break up for Easter - last day of term, 12:30pm finish
- Mon 20 April: Return to school

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



Mr A. Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs F. Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss K. McDonagh
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr N. Watts
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

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