



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: 22 May 2026

Faith

In the Sunday's Gospel (John 20:19-23) we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost means 50th day. On this day 50 days after Easter, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today.

Pentecost celebrates:

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, Mary, and the early believers.

The birth of the Church, because this is when the disciples were empowered to begin preaching to the world.

The end of the Easter season, occurring fifty days after Easter Sunday.

The fulfilment of Jesus' promise that his followers would receive the Spirit to guide and strengthen them.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

Sam Wilkinson 8H2 is this week's winner of the Headteacher's Award. Sam is an excellent ambassador for our school and fully commits himself to all areas of school life. Well done, Sam!

Tutor Group of the Week

Well done to all students in 8H2, our tutor group of the week for the second week in a row!

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Student of the Week: **Benjamin Brown 10C3**

Highest Credits: **Emily Powell 10C2**

Attendance Hero: **Jennifer Carr 8C1**

Hilda

Student of the Week: **Harvey Barnes 8H2**

Highest Credits: **Isabel Wood 8H2 & Sam Wilkinson 8H2**

Attendance Hero: **Kevin Onyenekunum 11H1**

Oswald

Student of the Week: **Oakley Edwards 9O2 & Tommy Grogan 10O1**

Highest Credits: **Alice Andrejczyk 8O2**

Attendance Hero: **Elliot Mitchell 9O1**





RESPONSIBILITY – DETERMINATION – CITIZENSHIP – RESPECT

Well done to Year 8 student, Mason, who delivered an outstanding performance at the WKA Northeast Open this weekend, earning a silver medal in points fighting — and he did it while competing in a higher weight category than his own. A remarkable achievement!



A massive good luck to Y10 student Katie, who heads south this weekend to represent England Schoolgirls U15s vs Wales

An incredible achievement — and if that wasn't enough, Katie already pulled on the shirt for the England Lionesses U15s back in November

Your hard work, dedication and attitude continue to set the standard. We're all behind you and can't wait to see you shine on the big stage

Go smash it, Katie!

Cricket News

A massive well done to our year 7 & 8 cricket teams who took part in the Easington School Sports Partnership cricket tournament this week. Our girls team came 2nd and our boys team came 3rd. All players showed our core values of respect, excellence and determination. A special mention to our sports leaders who helped run the event today. All are a credit to the school. Keep up the good work everyone.



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Our young chefs rolled up their sleeves and took on a hearty kitchen favourite: mushroom stroganoff. Working in small groups, they chopped, sautéed, seasoned, and simmered their way through the recipe, learning how to build flavour from simple ingredients.



This half term, our Year 7 students have been mastering the art of fresh pasta

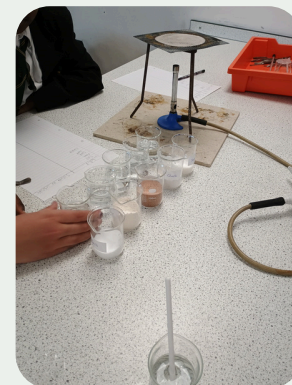


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Cookery Club was bursting with flavour this week as some of our girls rolled up their sleeves to create a trio of authentic African dishes. They cooked up spiced chicken, soft and sweet puff-puff, and perfectly golden meat pies. The results were delicious, and the girls loved trying something new and exciting.



Over the last two weeks in y7 science club we have been testing the solubility of different solids in water and then also using universal indicator to test the acidity of acids and alkalis.



The following students have been recognised this week by their Geography and History teachers as working really hard and producing excellent work in their lessons. Well Done.

History Heroes:

Miss Jackson- **Georgia Welch**

Mr Johnson- **Ellie Strutt**

Ms Laverick- **Evan Vickers**

Map Masters:

Miss Scott- **Elidad Akinola**

Mr Harper- **Dexter Barrett**

Mrs Martin- **Charlie Savage**



Key Dates

- Monday 1 June: Return to school - timetable Week A
- Monday 8 June: Year 6 Welcome Evening 5.00pm
- Wednesday 10 June: SEND coffee morning
- Thursday 25 June: Year 6 Transition Day 1
- Friday 26 June: Year 6 Transition Day 2
- Friday 17 July: Break up for summer holiday

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
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