



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: 5 June 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 6:51-58), Jesus' words, "I am the living bread," remind us that we all need more than grades, goals, or busy routines to feel whole. Real strength comes from what feeds your heart, kindness, friendship, and moments of calm that help you stay grounded.

This passage encourages you to look for the things that truly nourish you each day and help you become your best self.

Choosing kindness — small actions that make a big difference

Finding calm — taking a breath when life feels full

Supporting friends — being there for one another

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

A huge well done to **Ben Iley 8H2** for being awarded this week's Headteacher's Award - a fantastic achievement! Ben is a true role model, consistently demonstrating excellence and commitment in everything he does. His dedication to all aspects of school life sets a brilliant example for others to follow, and this recognition is richly deserved. Keep up the outstanding work, Ben- we are all very proud of you!



Tutor Group of the Week

Well done to 7H2, our Tutor Group of the Week!

House Awards

Hilda Student of the Week: **Connor Burgin 7H2**

Hilda Highest Credits: **Michael Amusat 8H2**

Hilda Attendance Hero: **Eddy Joicey 10H3**

Oswald Student of the Week:

Bella Rollins 8O2 and Marie Glassbrook 10O1

Oswald Highest Credits: **Darrell Harris 8O1**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Emily-Grace Readman 9O1**

Columba Student of the Week: **Jack Brown 8C1**

Columba Highest Credits: **Imogene Bygroves 8C1**

Columba Attendance Hero: **Louie Malt 10C3**



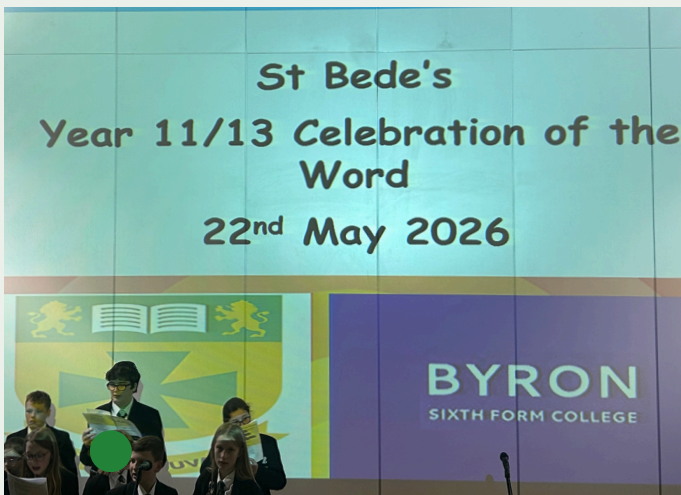
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Year 11/13 Leavers Celebration of the Word

Just before half-term our year 11/13 students gathered for a truly special moment as we held our Leavers' Celebration of the Word. The service offered a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the journey our students have taken during their time with us, celebrating their achievements, their growth and the friendships they have formed along the way.

Students led the celebration with confidence and maturity, sharing Scripture readings, prayers and reflections that highlighted the values they have embraced throughout their years at school. Staff and families joined together in a spirit of gratitude, offering blessings and encouragement as our leavers prepare to take their next steps.

The service was filled with warmth, music and a sense of togetherness, reminding us of the strong community that surrounds our pupils as they move forward. We are incredibly proud of each of our leavers and wish them every success, joy and courage in the exciting chapter ahead.



Celebration of the Word

This week, 7H1 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word in the school chapel, focusing on the Gospel passage Mark 12:28b–34, where Jesus teaches about the greatest commandments. Through thoughtful readings, prayers and reflections, the pupils explored what it means to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Their confident leadership and meaningful insights created a calm and reflective atmosphere, offering the whole community a moment to pause, pray and consider how we can live out these teachings in our daily lives.



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Dawdon 2nd Seaham Scout Group

A group of ten Scouts — including **Dan Hugill** from 7C2 — completed a hike and overnight camp as part of their Chief Scout's Gold Award. They set off from their base in Seaham on Friday morning and walked around seven miles to their campsite near Haswell, carrying all their own kit.

They set up camp in windy conditions, pitched tents, cooked their evening meal, and the next morning packed everything away before hiking back together. The whole group showed great teamwork and supported one another throughout.

Emily Powell (10C2), who is working towards her Young Leader Award, usually helps with the Cubs but joined the Scouts for this activity to assist the leaders. It was a tiring couple of days, but the weather held, and despite a few aches and blisters, everyone had a great time.



Alfie Martin (10O1) is taking on an incredible challenge this June to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Throughout the month, Alfie will be completing 3,000 press-ups to support the charity's vital work with young people facing cancer. If you'd like to sponsor Alfie and contribute to this fantastic cause, you can visit his JustGiving page using the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alfie1778099905133?utm_source=CL&utm_medium=DT



Congratulations to Year 11 student **Jack Turner**, who has secured a two-year Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence with York City Football Club, beginning in July 2026. This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to Jack's dedication and talent.



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Maths Wall of Legends

We are incredibly proud to have appointed over 180 legends so far this year - we're aiming for 250 by July! Each of the following pupils has been exceptional in lessons, showing respect, determination and responsibility throughout. Their books are exceptional, showing excellent effort and high levels of work produced, correcting their mistakes so they can learn from them. Congratulations!

Miss Houghton- **Godric Glassbrook 7O1**
Mrs Keniry- **Sonny Iley 8C1**
Mr Taylor- **Louie Malt 10C3**
Mr Teasdale- **Freya Coughlan 11C1**

Puzzle Solving Club

This week, we launched Puzzle Solving Club for Year 8 and Year 9 and we were so impressed with their determination and patience. They spent time working on puzzles and riddles. For most of the pupils, it was their first time playing Sudoku, and they are exceptional! Mrs Keniry and Mr Taylor absolutely loved seeing the focus of each of the pupils - a big thank you to Mr Teasdale for leading the club!



Humanities Students of the week

History Heroes:

Miss Jackson- **Georgia Welch**
Mr Johnson- **Annabelle bland**
Ms Laverick- **Ava Chester**

Map Masters:

Miss Scott- **Tommy Warland**
Mr Harper- **Gabriella Solomon**
Mrs Martin- **Keaton Harrison Stokoe**

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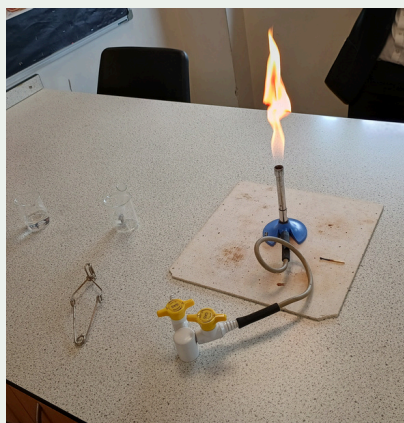
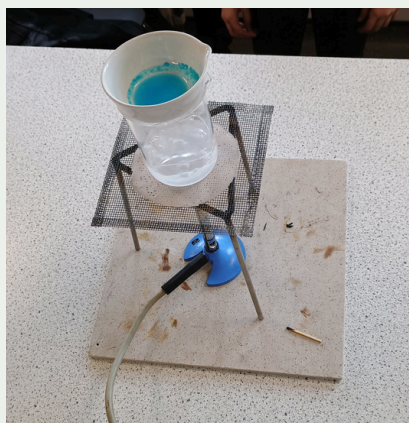
Lab coat Legends

In science we want to award and celebrate the excellent effort put in by our different students. Working hard in science lessons builds problem-solving skills, encourages curiosity, and helps students understand the world around them. It shows determination by often involving analysing complex problems, predicting outcomes and conducting experiments.

Mrs Hayward- **Corey Lamond**
Mr Day- **Ben Iley**
Miss Armstrong- **Jack Scott**
Mr Bowyer- **Joseph Dougherty**

Y7 Science Club

In Y7 science club we have been making copper sulphate crystals by using Bunsen burners to evaporate off the water from the copper sulphate solution. This built on the knowledge that we have been learning in science lessons over the last few weeks on the topic of separating techniques. Students gained first-hand experience in the lab to create these bright blue copper sulphate crystals and to understand how and why they form.



Experto de Español

We are proud to celebrate this week's Expertos de Español. Their incredible effort, positive attitude, and progress in lessons have truly stood out. ¡Enhorabuena!

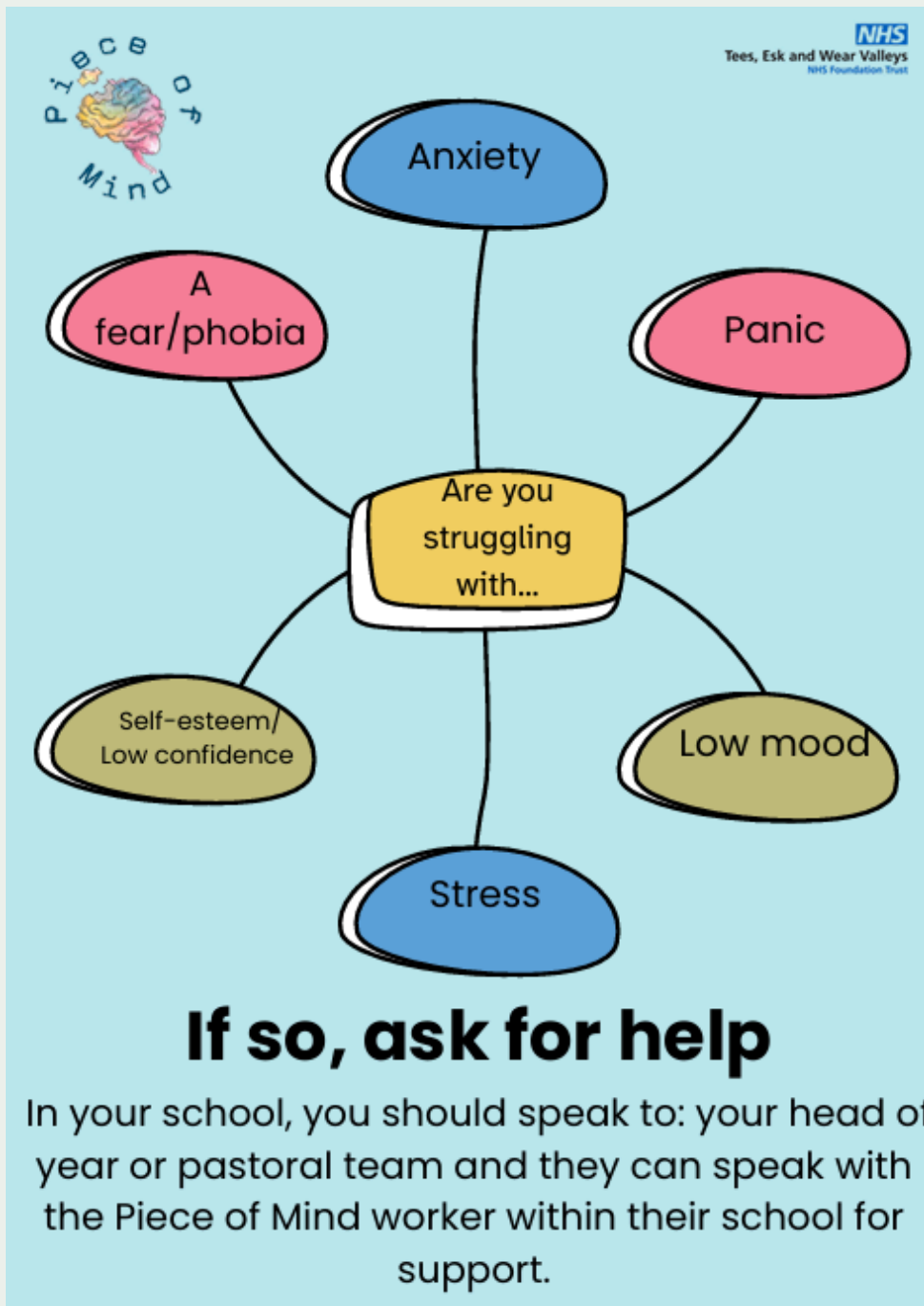
Señorita García- **Julia Jankowska 10H1**- She consistently shows great effort in Spanish, always pushing herself to improve, and this dedication has been clearly reflected in the success of her mock exams.

Señorita Atkinson- **Daniel Hugill 7C2**- Excellent engagement and attitude for learning in Spanish. He consistently goes above and beyond in every lesson, completing extension tasks, confidently speaking in Spanish, and always striving to achieve his very best.

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The Mental Health Support Team currently have spaces for one to one support in school regarding mild to moderate mental health difficulties

- Anxiety and worry
- Low mood
- Low self-esteem
- Simple phobias
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)



Parent and carers support group

Parents of children with additional needs

including autism, ADHD, sensory needs, learning differences and more



A safe, friendly space to:

- ✓ Share experiences
- ✓ Exchange ideas
- ✓ Get support
- ✓ Feel less alone

Every Thursday
during term time

9.30AM - 11.30AM



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SEVENTH ST, HORDEN, SR8 4LX
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WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

5 TOP TIPS



ENABLE STRONG PRIVACY AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

Check the age ratings and default settings for every app your child downloads. Set all profiles to "Private" so only approved friends can view their posts, stories, or send them messages. Take advantage of built-in digital wellbeing tools to manage screen time.

DISCUSS SAFE SHARING HABITS

Remind your child that once a photo, comment, or video is posted online, it can be permanent and easily screenshared. Teach them to ask, "Would I send this to my family?" before sharing anything, and strictly forbid sharing personal details like home addresses, school names, or passwords.



DISABLE GEO-LOCATION SERVICES

Many apps (like Snapchat, Instagram, or BeReal) have built-in location-sharing features that can expose your child's real-time whereabouts. Turn off location services in the settings of your child's phone and ensure features like "Snap Map" are disabled to protect their physical safety.

TEACH THEM HOW TO BLOCK AND REPORT

Empower your child to take control of their online experience. Show them exactly where the block and report buttons are located on each platform. Encourage them to immediately block users who are being unkind, and assure them they will not get in trouble for coming to you about inappropriate content.



KEEP THE CONVERSATION OPEN AND ONGOING

Build a trusting relationship so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they are being bullied or see something upsetting online. Make it a habit to casually talk about their favorite apps, who they are interacting with, and how their online experiences make them feel.



Key Dates

- Monday 8 June: Timetable Week B
- 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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