



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: 26th June 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19) Peter professes his faith in Jesus as Christ. When Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?", he invites his disciples to look deeper and speak with honesty. Peter's answer shows courage, and it reminds us that knowing what we believe shapes who we become. For our school community, this passage encourages us to think about our own identity. Not the labels others give us, but the values we choose to live by. Like Peter, we are called to be steady, trustworthy "rocks" who help build a kinder, stronger community. May we answer Jesus' question with confidence, live with integrity, and support one another with faith and hope.

Excellence

House Awards

Hilda Student of the Week: **Maisie-Lea Greener**

Hilda Highest Credits: **Lacey Cairns**

Hilda Attendance Hero: **Dain Nyakonda**

Oswald Student of the Week: **Matthew Cowell and Joe Beeston**

Oswald Highest Credits: **Georgia Watson**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Ivy Ellen Jackson**

Columba Student of the Week: **Rory Jones**

Columba Highest Credits: **Emily Powell**

Columba Attendance Hero: **Corey Kitching**



Humanities Students of the week

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 - Kacie Johnson

Mr Johnson - Jasmine Roberts

Ms Laverick - Lexi Smithers

Map Masters:

Miss Scott - Korra Tempest

Mr Harper - Preston Wilson

Mrs Martin - Susy Lodge

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Outstanding Success for Our Year 8 Fast Feet Squad

Our Year 8 Fast Feet team delivered an exceptional performance on Wednesday as they travelled to Durham University to compete in the annual Collingwood College Community Cup. From the first whistle to the final match, St Bede's demonstrated quality, resilience, and an unwavering sense of team unity.

Final Result

St Bede's 3–1 Park View School

A composed and dominant display when it mattered most.

Every member of the squad contributed to a superb day of competition. A special congratulations goes to Lacey, who was deservedly named Player of the Tournament following a series of outstanding performances.

A truly impressive achievement — the whole school community is incredibly proud.



Student Success: Alex's Refereeing Achievement

We are delighted to share that Alex Boden has recently achieved his qualification as a youth football referee – a fantastic accomplishment that reflects both his dedication and passion for the sport.

To gain this qualification, Alex successfully completed a rigorous process which included an online course, an in-person training session, and the practical experience of refereeing five matches. During these games, he was observed and assessed by a mentor from The FA, ensuring he met the high standards required.

Alex received very positive feedback from his mentor, highlighting his strong decision-making, confidence on the pitch, and ability to manage games effectively. This achievement is not only a testament to his hard work, but we also hope it will continue to build his confidence moving forward.

We are incredibly proud of Alex and look forward to seeing his continued success both on and off the field. Well done, Alex!



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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- **Emily Powell 10C2**- She consistently shows excellent effort in Spanish, driven by a genuine enthusiasm for languages, and always strives to do her best.

Señorita Atkinson- **Annabelle Tanos 7H2**- Produced outstanding extended writing in Spanish last week, she demonstrates excellent engagement in lessons and has a very positive attitude to learning in Spanish.

Y6 Transition Days

Our recent Transition Days were a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 cohort, and we were incredibly proud of the maturity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour shown by every child. Over the two days, pupils took part in a range of engaging activities — from Spanish dominoes and Van Gogh-style artwork to hands-on science experiments — all designed to give them a real taste of life at St Bede's. The smiles on their faces said it all, and one pupil even told us, "I just don't want to go back to primary, I want to just start here now!" We would also like to thank the dedicated staff who planned the timetable, taught the sessions and supported the smooth running of both days. Photos from the event are available on our Facebook page for you to enjoy.

Citizenship

We were delighted to welcome Our Lady of the Rosary into school this week, where they worked alongside some of our pupils on a special project focused on litter picking, caring for creation, and responsible citizenship. The children took great pride in helping to look after our school environment while learning about their role as stewards of our world. It was a meaningful and hands-on way to deepen their understanding of creation and community responsibility.



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History Reward Trip

Year 7 and 8 pupils who have shown excellence in History and Geography were rewarded with a day trip to Sunderland to take part in historical and regeneration walking tours and activities. We visited the Sunderland Empire, SAFC store, Jackie White's market, Sunderland Museum and Wintergardens and the Rebel Women exhibition, the Victoria Hall disaster memorial, Mackie's corner for a tour led by the Art Room Sunderland and ended with a lunch and a tour of The Fire Station where pupils were introduced to careers in Sound, Lighting and Stage. We even were lucky enough to watch a musical theatre dance rehearsal by the arts school Arts North. Everybody had a brilliant day, and pupils were a credit to the school.



Geography Reward Trip

On Monday the Geography department ran a reward trip for Year 8 students to Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station. Students who have shown a great amount of excellence, determination and interest in Geography throughout the year were selected by their class teachers to participate in the trip. Students have been learning about energy and the advantages and disadvantages of different types of renewable and non-renewable energy and so this was an excellent opportunity for students to see their learning in a real-life environment. We were able to learn about how nuclear energy works, how it is used in our local area and were given a tour of the site. Students were a credit to the school and impressed us by their sensible attitude and thoughtful and in-depth questions that were being asked.





Key Dates

- Friday 3rd July: INSET day
- Tuesday 7th July: History trip to Beamish
- Wednesday 8th July: Rewards trip
- Thursday 9th July: Year 11 Prom
- Friday 17th July: Break up for summer holiday 12:30pm finish

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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Our Diocese: Hexham & Newcastle

