



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: Friday 18th September 2026

Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16) we are reminded that God's generosity is for everyone, equally and freely.

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus shows that God's love doesn't work on human scales of fairness or comparison. The landowner pays each worker the same, no matter when they arrived. It's a reminder for our school community that every pupil is valued, whether they find their confidence early or later in the journey.

When we choose generosity instead of competition, we help create a school community where everyone feels valued and supported. By celebrating each person's progress, no matter how small, we reflect the kindness and fairness that Jesus teaches in this parable.

St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron 6th Form College Peterlee, SR8 1DE



OPEN EVENINGS

YEAR SIX OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

OUR PROSPECTUS



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House Awards

Hilda Student of the Week: **Jacob K (9H2)**

Hilda Highest Credits: **Isabel W (9H2)**

Hilda Attendance Hero: **Ollie A (8H2)**

Oswald Student of the Week: **Kayden H (7O1)**

Oswald Highest Credits: **Ruby R (9O1)**

Oswald Attendance Hero: **Ben C (7O1)**

Columba Student of the Week: **Cody D (8C1)**

Columba Highest Credits: **Alex E (9C1)**

Columba Attendance Hero: **Jake J (9C2) and Ava H (8H1)**

Year 7/12 Welcome Mass

Our Year 7/12 Welcome Mass is on Tuesday 13th October at 11.15am. Parents are warmly invited to attend, and places can be booked by emailing oballs@st-bedes.org.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 2nd October 2026

We warmly invite our Year 7 parents to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 2nd October, between 10am and 12pm.

Every cup shared helps to support Macmillan's vital work. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please book your space by emailing Mrs Balls on oballs@st-bedes.org

Donations

We will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 2nd October 2026**.

We'd love your help to make our Macmillan Coffee Morning extra special. If you enjoy baking (or picking up something tasty from the shop!), we'd be delighted to receive any cake or treat donations.

Every little contribution helps us support Macmillan. Thank you so much for your kindness.



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Attendance

Everyday Matters... Including Fridays!

At our school, we are incredibly proud of the commitment that most of our pupils show towards their learning. We know that good attendance is one of the **biggest** factors in helping children achieve their full potential, develop strong friendships and feel a valued part of our school community.

Recently, we have noticed a pattern where some pupils attend regularly from Monday to Thursday but are absent more frequently on Fridays. We would like to remind families that **Fridays are just as important as every other day of the week.**

Learning does not slow down at the end of the week. Fridays often include important lessons, opportunities to consolidate learning from earlier in the week, assessments, practical activities, enrichment opportunities and time to celebrate achievements. Missing a Friday can leave gaps in learning and make it harder for children to keep up the following week.

If Your Child Is Feeling Better, Please Send Them In

We also recognise that children sometimes become unwell during the school week. However, if your child has recovered and is well enough to attend on Friday, we encourage them to come to school, even if there is "only one day left" before the weekend.

That one day still counts.

Attending school on Friday helps children:

- Maintain good attendance habits.
- Keep up with their learning.
- Participate in important activities and lessons.
- Stay connected with friends and staff.
- Start the following week feeling confident and prepared.



The Impact Adds Up

Missing one Friday every fortnight may not seem significant, but over the course of a school year it can quickly add up to many days of lost learning. Every lesson missed is an opportunity that cannot be fully replaced.

Working Together

We understand that there can be genuine reasons for absence, and we appreciate the support that parents and carers provide in helping children attend school regularly. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Remember: Everyday matters, every lesson matters, and every Friday matters too.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child get the most out of their education.

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Year 11 Attendance Pays Off: Win a Free Prom Ticket!

100% Attendance = Raffle Entries Every Week

To celebrate and encourage excellent attendance, we are excited to announce a Free Prom Ticket Raffle open to all eligible students!

Every student who achieves 100% attendance for a full school week will automatically receive one entry into the prize draw. That means the more weeks you attend every day, the more chances you have to win!

An Amazing Start!

Last week, an incredible 141 students achieved 100% attendance, earning 141 raffle entries into the prize draw. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates the commitment and dedication of our students. Well done to everyone who made every day count!

How It Works

- Attend school every day in a given week.
- Earn 1 raffle entry for each week of 100% attendance.
- **Keep** building entries throughout the term. There is no limit!
- All entries will be placed into a final draw, and the winning student will receive a **FREE** ticket to prom.

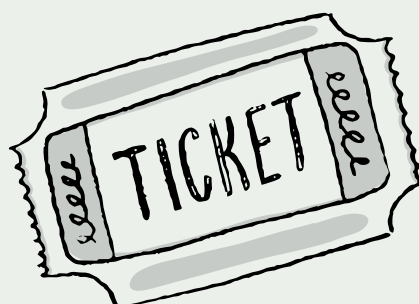
Why Attendance Matters

Being in school every day not only boosts learning and progress, but also helps build resilience, strong routines, and readiness for the exciting opportunities ahead, including prom!

Let's Make Every Day Count

We know everyone has off days, but being here matters. Show up, stay committed, and you might just dance your way into prom for free!

Good luck to everyone taking part. Keep aiming for that 100% attendance, and let's see if we can beat 141 entries this week!



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Celebrating the Great North Run Success of Noah and Anya

A huge congratulations to Noah Felton and Anya for their fantastic achievements in this year's Junior and Mini Great North Run.

Noah F took part in the Junior and Mini Great North Run on Sunday, demonstrating incredible determination, commitment, and resilience. His hard work and effort paid off as he completed the challenge with enthusiasm and pride. Noah's achievement is one to be celebrated, and he is a real credit to St Bede's, representing the school superbly through his dedication and positive attitude.

Anya E also took part in the Junior and Mini Great North Run, showing great determination and enthusiasm throughout the event. Alongside completing the run, she raised an impressive £260 for England EvoSol, supporting projects that promote physical and mental health for children and young people. Thanks to her fundraising efforts, vital funds are now available to help develop important paediatric health initiatives. In addition, EvoSol has secured its first hospital trust charity partnership, helping to bring joy and cheer to children staying on hospital wards.

Well done, Noah and Anya. We are incredibly proud of you both!



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First Maths Legends of 2026-27

We are very proud to unveil the first Maths Legends of this academic year. Each of them have been excellent in class, epitomising our ABLAZE values and engaging well in their maths lessons. Well done - we are particularly proud of the four Year 11 pupils named who have returned with focus, determination and excellence!

Mr Fowler - Emily P 11JFO
Miss Houghton - Harley H 8H2
Mrs Keniry - Elise P 10C1
Miss Scott - Zach L 7O1
Mr Marrs - Layton W 11JMI
Mr Taylor - Alfie M 11JFO
Dr Treanor - Keve S 11JFO
Mr Wyness - Oryna Z 9H1



GCSE Further Mathematics Success!

In addition to our regular GCSE examination results in August, we were especially excited to receive the results of pupils who sat GCSE Further Mathematics - the first ever cohort for this course at St. Bede's! This course was delivered in conjunction with our partner school, Royal Grammar School Newcastle, with pupils attending online lessons in their own time. The nature of the content, as well as the lesson delivery, means pupils displayed resilience in abundance.

The results that the pupils secured were exceptional - 75% were Grade 7 (A) or above. In addition, every pupil's GCSE Mathematics grade was also bolstered - 100% were Grade 8 (A*) or above.

With a larger cohort completing the course in Year 11, we are excited to build on this first year as GCSE Further Mathematics becomes a mainstay of the curriculum offer at St. Bede's. The opportunity to complete GCSE Further Mathematics will be shared with Year 10 pupils in January 2027.

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- Robby B (9C1)
Mr Johnson- Joe B (10O2)
Ms Laverick- Lucy G (7H1)

Map Masters:

Miss Scott- Robert H (13CH1)
Mr Harper- Lennon B (8O1)
Mrs Martin- Bailey B (9H1)



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A Taste of Nigeria Kicks Off the New Academic Year

Tuesday evening marked the first after-school cooking session of the academic year, and what a fantastic start it was!

The girls explored a selection of well-loved recipes, bringing the vibrant flavours of Nigeria to the kitchen. The delicious aromas of spices soon attracted curious staff members, who were delighted to sample some classic Nigerian dishes, including fried plantain, garri, and chicken shawarma.

It was a pleasure to host such an enthusiastic and creative group, and we look forward to discovering and sharing many more exciting recipes throughout the year. Well done to all involved for a wonderful first session!



Spanish Stars

We are delighted to announce this week's Expertos de Español! These students have truly stood out in Spanish lessons through their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning. ¡Enhorabuena!



A special mention goes to our Year 7 students, who have shown excellence while learning the story of El nabo gigante. Their enthusiasm, participation, and growing confidence with the language have been fantastic to see. Keep up the amazing work!

Señorita García- Niall E (702)- Excellent participation in Spanish lessons, showing enthusiasm, confidence, and a real passion for languages. He consistently contributes in class and has demonstrated impressive Spanish skills throughout lessons. Keep up the fantastic work!

Señorita Atkinson- Ariadne T (7H1)- Exceptional commitment to Spanish this week, showing determination, confidence, and a real passion for learning. She regularly challenges herself by studying Spanish beyond the classroom and has demonstrated impressive conversational skills in lessons. Keep up the excellent work!

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Fast Feet Football Academy: Football Development for Young Players

Football Opportunity for Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5

Is your child currently in Year 3, 4 or 5 and interested in developing their football skills? Fast Feet Football Academy is inviting expressions of interest for its Technical Academy Programme for young footballers.

About Fast Feet Football Academy

Fast Feet Football Academy is dedicated to developing both the player and the person. Our experienced coaching team provides high-quality football coaching within a supportive environment, helping children grow in confidence, ability and character.

Programmes Available

Technical Academy (Years 4 to 6)

- Held at Gateshead Stadium 3G
- Thursdays during term time
- 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Elite Football Development Programme (Years 7 to 11)

- Delivered at St Bede's Catholic School, Peterlee and St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn
- Sessions take place during term time
- Available Monday to Friday between 7:30am and 5:00pm

Why Choose Fast Feet Football Academy?

The academy's philosophy is centred on providing a holistic development experience for every player. Coaching is tailored to individual needs, ensuring children develop at an appropriate pace while complementing and supporting their grassroots football training and matches.

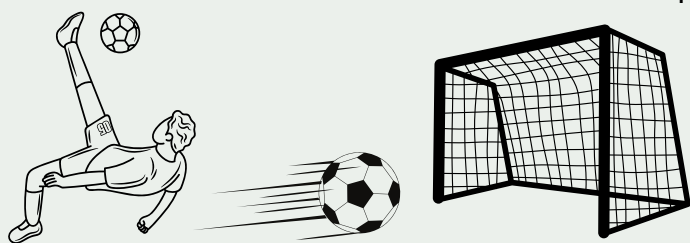
Register Your Interest

REGISTER NOW



Parents and carers who would like to find out more or register their child's interest can complete the form below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wZmJT8JVzr>



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Expression of Interest. 2026-27.
(Year 3, 4 & 5 Boys & Girls)



WEEK A ENRICHMENT					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Lunch Year 7 Year 9 Year 11	Trampoline - Miss Brown Y7, Y9, Y11 Bede's Voices - Mr Robinson Y7, Y9, Y11 Running Club - Mr Teasdale Y7, Y9, Y11 Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y7	Multi Sport - Mr Wilson Y7, Y9, Y11 One Piece Anime/Manga - Mr Johnson (English Teacher) Y7, Y9, Y11 Composing Club - Mr Teasdale Y7, Y9, Y11 Spelling Bee - Miss Blakebeck Y7, Y9	Maths Problem Solving Club - Mr Teasdale Y7, Y9, Y11 Trampoline - Miss Brown Y7, Y9, Y11 Multi Sport - Mr Wilson Y7, Y9, Y11 Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y9	Keyboard Club - Mr Teasdale Y7, Y9, Y11 PPL Gaffers - Mr Griffiths Y7, Y9, Y11 Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y11	Film Club - Miss Brown Y7 Science Club - Mr Day Y7, Y9 Card Games - Miss Blakebeck Y11 Craft Club - Mrs Lord and Mrs Conway Y7, Y9
Second Lunch Year 8 Year 10	Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y8	Spelling Bee - Miss Blakebeck Y8	Cricket Club - Miss Armstrong Y8, Y10 Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y10	Multi Sport - Mr Wilson Y8, Y10 Quiet Reading - Miss Blakebeck Y8, Y10	Bede's Voices - Mr Robinson Y8, Y10 180 Club - Mr Moss Y8, Y10 Quiet Reading - Miss Blakebeck Y8, Y10
After School		Young Enterprise - Ms Rose Y9, Y10, Y11	Young Enterprise - Ms Rose Sixth Form Rugby - Mr Bowyer All Year Groups Cookery Club - Ms Johnson All Year Groups	Dungeons and Dragons - Mr Johnson (English Teacher) All Year Groups and Sixth Form	

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	Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y8 Bede's Voices - Mr Robinson Y8, Y10 Burning Club - Mr Teasdale Y8, Y10	Spelling Bee - Miss Blakebeck Y8 Author Club - Mrs Dulan Y8	Multi Sport - Mr Wilson Y8, Y10 Book Club - Miss Blakebeck Y10	Quiet Reading - Miss Blakebeck Y8, Y10	Bede's Voices - Mr Robinson Y8, Y10 180 Club - Mr Moss Y8, Y10 Quiet Reading - Miss Blakebeck Y8, Y10 History Mystery Club Y8, Y10	
Second Lunch Year 8 Year 10						
After School		Young Enterprise - Ms Rose Y9, Y10, Y11	Young Enterprise - Ms Rose Sixth Form Rugby - Mr Sawyer All Year Groups Cookery Club - Ms Johnson All Year Groups	Dungeons and Dragons - Mr Johnson (English Teacher) All Year Groups and Sixth Form		



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RECRUITING NOW

**ADVENTURE. FRIENDSHIP. ACHIEVEMENT.
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-  Are you aged 12-16 and in Year 8-Year 11 at school?
-  Are you interested in making new friends?
-  Are you looking for a new and exciting challenge?

If the answer is “**Yes**” then why not consider joining **THE AIR CADETS.**



TEAMWORK

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LEADERSHIP

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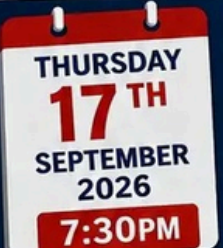


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is part of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets one of the largest youth organisations in the country.

We meet on a Monday and Thursday evening at our Squadron HQ in Blackhall.





**THURSDAY
17TH
SEPTEMBER
2026
7:30PM**

We have our next **OPEN NIGHT** for prospective Cadets and their Parents/Guardians to come along and meet some of the Staff and Cadets to see what we get up to.









For more information, or to book your place at the open evening, please email training.1932@rafac.mod.gov.uk



Key Dates

- Wednesday 23rd September- No More Sleeping Music Project (O2 City Hall, Newcastle)
- Thursday 24th September- Year 6 Open Evening (5pm)
- Friday 25th September- Year 7 and Year 10 Photograph's
- Friday 2nd October- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 8th October- Byron Open Evening

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
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Our Diocese: Hexham & Newcastle

