



# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 7



## Thank a Teacher

This week we marked national Thank a Teacher day, a wonderful opportunity to recognise the dedication, passion and care shown by our staff every single day. Across the school, pupils took the time to write thank you messages to staff. Whether it's through inspiring lessons, a listening ear or the countless unseen efforts behind the scenes, our teachers make a real difference.

Staff were also able to enjoy some treats at breaktime.



## High Expectations

As part of our work to continue to develop a culture of high expectations, we have been placing a renewed focus on the basics that help to create a calm and respectful school environment.

We have reminded pupils of the importance of wearing our school uniform with pride, and we thank families for their ongoing support in helping us to maintain our high standards. Uniform is more than just clothing; it reflects our shared identity and commitment to excellence. Details about our uniform policy can be found on the school's website here: [School Uniform Policy](#).

We have also spoken with pupils about the power of having good manners and being respectful. A simple "Yes Sir" or "Yes Miss" when addressing staff shows respect and helps build a culture of courtesy and mutual respect across the school. It's been lovely to see so many pupils embracing these expectations, and we'll continue to reinforce them in the weeks ahead.



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## SUMMER CONCERT

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
5pm – 6pm, Nichols Hall

Join us for a free concert where our orchestra, choir and talented soloists will be performing.

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*Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum*

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Closing date: 12.00 noon Monday 23 June 2025

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would welcome applications from parents who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school. In this voluntary role, you will work as part of a team and play a vital role in ensuring the Local Governing Committee is connected with families, carers, the community and pupils. We are here as a collective, and as we start an exciting new chapter where meetings may be more frequent, we need a strong, committed volunteer.

What does a good Parent Governor need?

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for pupils.
- Good interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn, develop new skills and attend relevant training.
- The ability to support and challenge the school and contribute to the vision and direction of the school.
- The ability to attend and contribute in meetings whilst maintaining confidentiality.
- The ability to work as part of a team and value the contributions of others with alternative views to your own.
- To visit the school in between meetings to gain a greater understanding of how school functions.

Governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school.

For more information about the Role of a Governor visit: [www.bccet.org.uk/governance/](http://www.bccet.org.uk/governance/). For an informal discussion regarding the role, contact the Headteacher or Chair of Governors [admin@st-wilfrids.org](mailto:admin@st-wilfrids.org)

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## Confirmations

We are delighted to share that a number of our pupils recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation in a beautiful service celebrated by Bishop Stephen. This special occasion marks an important step in their journey of faith, as they affirmed their commitment to living as active and responsible members of the Catholic Church.

After the Mass, a celebration was held in the parish centre where Bishop Stephen generously took time to speak with all the families, making the evening even more memorable for those involved.

We are incredibly proud of each of the pupils who received their Confirmation and would like to thank the parish catechists, families, and school staff who have supported them throughout their preparation. Please keep our newly confirmed pupils in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, hope and love.

South Shields & Boldon Catholic Parishes  
St Bede & Ss Peter and Paul  
St Gregory St Oswald  
Sacred Heart



**Confirmation Mass**

St Bede's Church - South Shields  
Thursday 19 June 2025  
Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Wright

As we enjoy the lovely sunny weather, it's been a positive week in school. Our external examinations have now come to an end, and we are incredibly proud of how our pupils have conducted themselves throughout the season.

Years 10 and 12 are finished their internal mock assessments and have been able to experience the conditions in which they will sit their examinations next year.

Meanwhile, our Key Stage 3 pupils have begun receiving their assessment results, and it's been fantastic to see their hard work and progress recognised; it was wonderful to meet so many of them during Wednesday's Showcase & Shine event.

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Headteacher 20/06/2025

