

# Final Newsletter July 2024



**St. Bede's**  
Catholic Primary School

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are many joys working in a school, and at this time of year it is wonderful to reflect on all the wonderful achievements of each and every individual pupil, knowing the hard work and effort that has taken place for them to take one further step towards achieving their goals. Once again we would like to celebrate our 'Age Related Expectations' exceeding the national average for Early Years, Y1 Phonics and in KS2! A tremendous outcome for all pupils. But it is the 'extras' that our pupils remember and that we remember too! A few highlights of the year include our KS1 Christmas production, many sporting competitions, the swimming gala and achieving **GOLD Games Mark again!** Two wonderful residential trips, to Robinwood and the Lake District; musical events including Northwich Sings and most recently, the *Musical Evening*, which celebrated the many talents of our pupils. The enrichment experiences funded by the FOSM and this



year we also celebrated our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. What a week! The week began with the celebration of Mass where the beautiful words of St. Bede were shared: *'Unfurl the sails and let God steer us where he will'*. We had many visitors, ex-staff and some past pupils who attended St. Bede's on the very first day in January 1964. The Year 6 pupils were fantastic ambassadors during the afternoon tea. One visitor said *"a special thanks to the children who kept the tea cups full and the cake plates loaded!"* We are so proud of our children.

Thank you to the twelve families who created a Time Capsule for the exhibition. You captured many special family moments, including artefacts and awards that you were very proud of. Each class thoroughly enjoyed viewing them and they generated much discussion. We all enjoyed the Decades Fun Day – the costumes were brilliant and very thoughtful! A stand out moment for me was when 'Liam Gallagher' swaggered on to the stage - fabulous! And finally, to capture our celebration for generations to come, many thanks to Mr Kennerley who wowed us all with his drone skills. He has captured a wonderful image of the children, staff and school grounds on one of the rare sunny days this summer.



## What is your favourite memory of this year?

### Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 pupils have been very busy in their final week at St. Bede's School: a Family Leavers' Mass; 'Leavers' Lunch'; a Ten-pin bowling trip; and a very special Leavers' Assembly. We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils who have matured into confident, capable and caring young adults. We are delighted to see them taking their next steps, representing St. Bede's, as they move on to accomplish their dreams.

*~Aleks~Sadie~Seren~Joe~Sayanth~Freya~Emma~Orlaith~Oliver~Sav~Eleanor~OJ~  
~AJ~Andreu~Libby~Sienna~Luke~Jude~Hannah~Darcie~Averett~Livvy~Lee~  
~Bailey~Lydia~Blane~Albie~Connor~Bevis~Leo~Daniel~*

Our children are wise and they have ideas and opinions about what they want their future to look like. This poem captures a future world that we all dream and hope will become a reality for them:

### THROUGH THE MAGIC GLASSES

A poem by Olivia Jean (read each verse left to right)

I found some glasses, old and wise,  
That showed the world through better eyes.  
I put them on and saw how clear,  
A world we all would hold so dear.

The skies are clean, the rivers pure,  
The forests tall, strong and sure.  
Mountains high with snowy peaks,  
And oceans full of life that speaks.

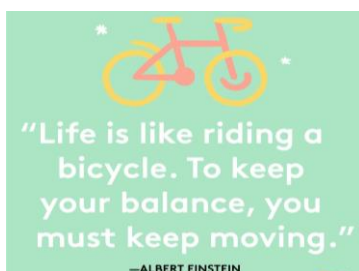
The animals were wild and free,  
Living life in harmony.  
Meadows wide with flowers bright,  
A perfect world, a lovely sight.

Cities green with parks and trees,  
Clean energy that flows with ease  
People happy full of cheer  
Working together year by year.

The world I saw was fresh and new  
A place where dreams could all come true  
It showed what earth could really be  
If we protect it you and me.

I took off the glasses and gave a sigh  
Wishing it were not a lie  
But now I know what we can do  
To make this dream world come true.

Let's care for nature, big and small  
And work together one and all.  
To heal the world and make it shine,  
A better world for all of time.



We recognise that it is not only the pupils that move on at this time of year, but we will also be saying good bye to 22 families who will be leaving us too. We would like to thank each of you for your support over the past years and we wish you well for the next part of the educational adventure with your children.



### Wraparound Care – Sunrise/Sunset Club

Many of our families depend upon our before and after school provision. Twenty-five years ago, Mrs Rudkin took the reins to manage and build a very successful club. But the time has come for her to retire and make new memories and have adventures in her Camper Van. Mrs Rudkin has worked at St. Bede's for almost thirty years in a number of roles. We value the time and energy she has given to every child in her care. We say 'Bon voyage' and look forward to hearing all about her travels.

From September we welcome Mrs Caroline Morrin as the new manager of the club.

**Club hours are: Mornings 7.45am – 8.45am and afternoon 3.25pm – 6.00pm. If you would like to book a place or find out more you can contact her: 07951 996 711**

## Final Celebration Assembly

Each year this assembly is taking longer and longer because there is so much to celebrate! Five pupils from each class were awarded our termly 'Values Certificates'. Pupils are recognised for demonstrating: **responsibility, respect, curiosity, pride and challenge**. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Our '**Rafferty Award**' is presented to a mathematician with an outstanding attitude in each class. This award is in recognition of our retired governor Mr Rafferty who served as a governor at our school for 30 years.

Congratulations: Connor, Nathan, Penny, Ite, Caleb, Lukasz, Lucy

This year we congratulate thirteen pupils who have achieved **100% attendance**

Molly~Henry~Slone~Phoebe~Sofia~Belden~Charmela~Thomas C  
~Perzsi~Hannah~Edward~Andreu~Isabelle K~

Congratulations also to 91 pupils who exceeded the school target of 97%!  
and finally, to **YEAR 4** who are this year's best attended class.



### Report Feedback and Data Collection Sheets



Thank you to the many parents who returned the '*feedback*' forms in response to the Annual Reports. Your feedback helps us to know what we are doing well and is important in shaping the information that we share with you in the future. The staff thank you for the time you have taken to share your thoughts. Remember to return your updated Data Collection Sheets – this information is vital to support you and the wellbeing of your child.

### School Dinners £2.89 per day



The final menu choices for 2024/25 will be available on the school website for you to view. With a '*What week are we on?*' support sheet to help you follow the 3 weekly cycle.

Reception – Y2 can have a free school meal every day as part of the *Universal Infant Free School Meal* government incentive. Only pupils who are in receipt of 'Free School Meals' will continue in Y3 -Y6 with a free school meal. If you think you may be entitled to this benefit, please contact the School Office and they will be happy to advise.

### Friends of St. Bede's (FOSB)



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported all of the FOSB fundraising events this year, especially the recent Summer Fair. Despite the damp weather there was a great atmosphere. Together £2495 (before matched funding) has been raised. We know that this money will make a big

difference to the facilities, resources and experiences we can provide for the pupils in the future and have been very much appreciated this year.

Remember to check your school spider for details to attend the virtual AGM on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30-8.30pm. If you are not able to attend the AGM but would like to give feedback please enter your feedback here: <https://s.surveypal.com/g5n5aw0t>.

### **Attendance – Fixed Penalty Notice**

Along with your child's report, you received a summary of the DfE changes to monitoring pupil attendance - a copy of this information can be found on the school website. Please read this information carefully if you are intending to book a term time holiday.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

**Our school value of pride is demonstrated in our school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing correct uniform for school each and every day.**

When buying school uniform this summer, please remember that all pupils are expected to wear suitable school black or brown shoes **NOT trainers or ankle boots or thick platform soles**

**Earrings and jewellery are not part of our uniform policy** and pupils will be requested to remove these items. Earrings are not to be worn and must be removed as soon as the period on the certificate of piercing ends. Plasters on ears are only needed for this short time.

Our school uniform colour is **bottle green for jumper/cardigan/skirt. Grey trousers for shorts.**

Socks should be ankle or knee length NOT trainer socks.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LABEL UNIFORM**



**THANK YOU** for your commitment to all aspects of school life. No matter how small, you do make a difference - you help to make St. Bede's a special place for children to love, learn and grow, making our school a happy place to be.

And finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors of St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, we would like to thank you for your generosity in words and gifts as we end this academic year. We wish you all a happy, safe and sunny holiday and look forward to September and doing it all over again!

### **Dates for your Diary**

	<b>September</b>	
Monday	2	INSET DAY School closed
Tuesday	3	Y1 – Y6 Pupils return to school – Autumn Term Begins
Tues/Wed	3/4	Reception pupils Group A mornings / Group B Afternoons
Thurs/Fri	5/6	Reception pupils Group A afternoons / Group B mornings
Monday	9	Full day for all Reception pupils
Thursday	12	2.30pm Whole School Mass for our New School Year
	<b>October</b>	
Thursday	24	Half term
Friday	25	INSET Day