

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents and Carers,

### POPE LEO XIV



On Sunday 18th May, we joined the global Catholic community in celebrating the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV, the 266th successor to St Peter. This election marks a new chapter in the life of the Church — one of hope, renewal, and deeper engagement with the challenges and joys of our time.

In school we have prayed together for our new Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit may guide him with wisdom, courage, and love. We encourage families to reflect on this moment together — an opportunity to talk about the role of the papacy, the unity of the Church, and what it means to live our faith in today's world. Let us keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers, as he begins his ministry of service to the Church and to all people.

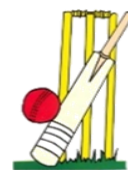
*"Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!" Pope Leo XIV.*

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM?

This short term has been a whirlwind of events. It began with the well supported Swimming Gala. Congratulations to every pupil who took part. This was a very enjoyable afternoon and we welcomed the support and cheering from the spectators. This year, the winning house was St Oscar Romero (Yellow) and the individual overall winners were Thomas and Izzie. As well as swimming achievements



our children have been competing in a number of cricket events. The boys made it through to the Northwich schools finals and the girls will be competing in the Cheshire County final in July. Year 5 joined together with the schools of Northwich as one choir to sing on the stage of the Memorial Court. 'Northwich Sings' is an amazing project and the pupils gave a wonderful performance. And to end the term, Reception and Woodlands joined together for their annual Rhyme Challenge. Lots of singing and actions and smiles and joy. What a great celebration of the children's talents!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### STATUTORY TESTS

Congratulations to every member of Year 6. We are very proud of the maturity of the children in their preparations and completion of these assessments. They showed resilience and confidence to manage their time and application of knowledge and skills. We know the outcome of these assessments will not define them. We know the children will dream big and aspire to achieve their dreams. St Bede's said 'Unfurl your sails and let God steer us where he will'. Well done children!





### STAFFING UPDATE

**We are saying goodbye to our  
teaching assistants,  
Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Casse**

at the end of this half term.

They have been valued members of our team  
and we thank them for their commitment to  
the pupils community of St Bede's.

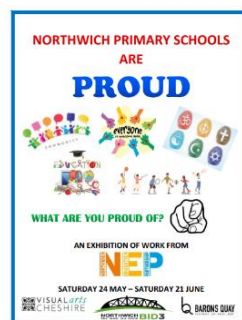


**We say GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK, wishing them every happiness for their future ventures.**



### NORTHWICH SCHOOLS CHILDRENS ART EXHIBITION 2025

Years 2 and 4 pupils have created a collaborative piece of artwork celebrating 'Pride – a sense of achievement'. We do hope you find time to visit the Northwich Children's Art Exhibition in Barons Quay (near Wildwood and the Odeon) over the coming weeks, 24 May – 21 June. The work produced by each school is a wonderful reflection of how the children of Northwich identify with all the things that make them proud.



## COMING UP NEXT!

**You are invited to join us at our**

**\*SCHOOL SPORTS DAY\***

**on Friday 13 June 1.00pm**

**School gates will open at 12.45pm**

We ask for children to wear a top in the colour of their house for this event.

Please check with class teachers if you are unsure.

**The Friends of St Bede's**

**\*FOSB SUMMER FAYRE\***

**on Saturday 5 July 12noon – 2.00pm**

The Friends of St Bede's are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Summer Fayre this year. They are planning a wonderful event with lots of activities, stall, experience and prizes. **Look out for the flyer with further details.**



**\*NEW RECEPTION STARTERS – September 2025\***

A welcome meeting has been scheduled for **Monday 23 June 6.00pm** for all our new September 2025 Reception Class parents/carers only. This is a wonderful opportunity to share all the events and activities they can look forward to over the next seven years at St Bede's!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

As we approach the break before the final half term of this school year, we would like to take a moment to thank our Headteacher, Teachers, Teaching Assistants and all support staff for their hard work and commitment to make St Bede's the warming, welcoming and nurturing school for our children to grow. It has been a very busy half term with sports, educational trips, school clubs, and assessments.

We would especially like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on all their hard work during the recent week's assessments. We are really proud in the manner with which they have approached this week and thank you to all the parents and carers who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to prepare children for the tests but to ensure that a balance has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum and fun activities too. A big thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week.

At St Bede's we pride ourselves on our welcoming environment and open door policy. To truly create the best outcomes for children requires the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. The Headteacher makes sure that there is always someone available for you to speak to at the start and end of the school day, and the school office is accessible if a more private conversation is needed to be arranged. We would encourage you to raise any concerns or worries that you may have at the earliest opportunity so that the correct support can be put in place for you and your child. Sadly, we are aware that some are utilising the 'Class WhatsApp' groups to air matters/issues/concerns and that this has become a destructive and hostile situation for many families.

We work very hard to provide lessons to educate the children on the dangers of social media and the importance of appropriate use and our Parents/Carers Code of Conduct asks that through our communications we aim:

- That all members of the school community (including parents/carers and visitors) treat each other with respect and respect the caring ethos and values of the school
- All adults within the community of St Bede's Catholic Primary School are positive role models
- That both teachers and parents/carers work together for the benefit of their children
- Approaching school staff for help to resolve an issue is done in an appropriate manner
- All members of the school community are treated with respect using appropriate language and behaviour

Children learn a lot through imitation. In their early years, children will imitate their parents and other family members. It is therefore really important to model positive behaviour, how you speak and the words you say and demonstrate how to treat other human beings with respect.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of school staff, or the governing body and we will do our best to ensure you are heard and supported.

*Thank you to our families for your support and we wish you all an enjoyable break.*

## Dates for your Diary

*We are always adding new information and these dates are subject to change.  
Separate letters are sent to individual year groups with more details about events and activities*

<b>MAY</b>		
23 May – 21 June		Northwich Education Partnership Art Exhibition - Barons Quay
Friday	23	Celebration of St Bede's Feast Day (25 May) Break up for half term
<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday	2	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday	3	Pupils return to school for Summer 2 half term
Monday	9	10.45am - Pentecost Mass in school
Wednesday	11	Whole school ZUMBA taster day!
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.00pm - Sports Day (weather permitting) – gates open at 12.45pm</b>
Wednesday	18	Y5 Activity Day at SNCHS
Saturday	21	10.00am - First Holy Communion celebration
Monday	23	New to Reception – Welcome meeting 6pm for parents/carers
Tuesday	24	New to Reception – Stay and Play
Friday	27	9.30am - Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul
<b>JULY</b>		
Thursday	3	Y2 trip to Norton Priory Y4 trip to Lion Salt Works
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12 noon – 2.00pm Summer Fayre</b>
Thur & Fri	10 & 11	Transition days for all Y6 pupils attending St Nicholas' Catholic High School
Tuesday	15	Musical Evening (further details to follow)
Wednesday	16	Girl's Cricket – Cheshire County finals
Monday	21	9.30am - Mass to celebrate the end of the school year
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	9.20am - Leavers assembly <b>Last day of term - School closes 2.30pm</b>