



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were privileged to welcome the **ICON OF THE VISITATION**, blessed by Bishop Mark, into school as part of its pilgrimage around the schools of our diocese as part of the Jubilee Year – *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Pupils and staff from St Nicholas' Catholic High School processed the Icon through our school and we received it from them during our special Celebration of the Word. The image of the beautiful window of the Visitation, created by an artist called Margaret Rope, can be found in Shrewsbury Cathedral. By the end of this year this Jubilee Icon will have visited all the schools in Shrewsbury Diocese. It was our mission to continue the special journey of the icon and take it to Ss Werburg's and Columba's School in Chester. We hope they enjoyed their time with the Icon, and we thank them for their kind welcome.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We had a fabulous attendance at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last week. Thank you to your generosity, we have raised **£300!** Congratulations to the winners of the Fairtrade raffle prizes.

THANK YOU to everyone for your help in organising this event and being wonderful hosts to family, friends and parishioners.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MINI VINNIES

Twenty-three Year 6 pupils submitted their application to take on this role of service, helping those in need and 'Turning Concern into Action'. Following on from the successful Macmillan Fundraiser, the Mini Vinnies have now organised a **FOOD BANK COLLECTION** from **13 – 17 October**. All donations will be sent to the **Mid Cheshire Foodbank**. *Well done Year 6 we are very proud of you!*





St Bede's Parish SVP Fundraiser – Musical Celebration

You are all invited to attend a special music afternoon in St Bede's Church on Saturday 18 October at 2.00 – 4.00pm. Many musical talents will be on display including our school choir. The Mini Vinnies will also support this event serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets.



HARVEST

HARVEST PRAYER SERVICE - To give thanks for our food and the hands that make the food, there will be a prayer service in school at 2.40pm on Thursday 23 October. You are welcome to join us.



I am writing to inform you of the result of our recent election for two parent governors. Firstly, thank you very much to all the candidates for putting themselves forward. We greatly appreciate your willingness to support the school and take an active role in its governance. Also, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. The election process has now concluded and the elected **Parent Governors are Hannah Bamber and Daniel Armstrong**. We look forward to working together with you to support and strengthen our school's mission, vision and values.

CONGRATULATIONS

'MEET THE TEACHER' SUCCESS!



Thank you for your attendance at the MEET THE TEACHER events earlier this term. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and as a result we **WILL** repeat this event at the start of every new year. The teachers shared lots of useful information, but if you were unable to attend the meeting, don't worry, you will find everything you need on the class page of the website. It is a useful place to

start if you are unsure of homework, PE days or extra events. The support you give to your child helps to develop independence, organisational skills and resilience by having the **correct equipment, reading books and kit in school and completing and submitting homework on time**. If you do have any concerns, don't let them worry you. Please contact the office if you need to speak with a member of staff or leave a message with the welcome staff on the door in the morning, we are always ready to listen. OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE – www.st-bedes.cheshire.sch.uk



Our Celebration Assemblies take place on a Friday afternoon. At this assembly we share good news, achievements, birthdays, competitions and stories. A highlight of this assembly is the sharing of any '*out of school*' achievements. You are very welcome to send in awards that your child has achieved at an out of school club for us to celebrate at this assembly.

IMPORTANT - UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Our pupils look very smart in their uniform, thank you for respecting our policy. The expectation is ALL pupils will be wearing WINTER UNIFORM after half term. In preparation for the winter months there will be a **Pre Loved Uniform Stall after school Friday 17 October from 3.00pm.**

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP



Reusing 'as good as new' uniform supports our mission of STEWARDSHIP, caring for God's world. We are proud to provide items of uniform for your child to wear, saving money - we all know how quickly they grow!

On the website and in the school office you will find an order form for our Preloved Uniform Shop. You can let us know what items you need and we will source them for you – if we have them. You are welcome to make a small donation in cash if you want. There have been many requests already this term,

please ask and we will do our best to ensure your child/ren are fully kitted out in our expected school uniform.

Reminder: JEWELLERY MUST NOT BE WORN as it is an additional health and safety risk for pupils. If your child is wearing ear piercings, please provide the class teacher with the date that the earrings will be removed according to the piercing company (this is usually 6 weeks) during this time earrings **must** be covered with plasters before pupils arrive at school.

HEALTHY EATING

BREAK TIME SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

All Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils receive a free piece of fruit each day.

Please ensure that the snacks and PACKED LUNCHES that you provide are healthy and not over full with 'treats'.

AVOID SWEETS, LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, LARGE SHARING PACKS AND SUGARY SNACKS.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT BRING PRODUCTS INTO SCHOOL

WHICH CONTAIN PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIC RISKS



ATTENDANCE and UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

At St Bede's every pupil has an attendance target of 97% - we are fully aware that children cannot avoid catching bugs and germs, having sickness episodes and isolation periods, but we do ask that you avoid booking holidays, long weekend trips, relative visits etc during term time.

Research indicates that there is a correlation between attendance and performance, at the end of each key stage.

Each week the best attended class is celebrated in assembly and they are rewarded with a ROSETTE and an extra play! Each term we celebrate the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for Autumn, Spring and Summer. At the end of the year, a special certificate is awarded to pupils with 100% attendance. **Attendance Policy** [click here](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



WORKING TOGETHER to SAFEGUARDING OUR PREMISES

Please note that the school campus begins at the top of the drive on Keepers Lane

At the start of the school day, pupils MUST be supervised by an adult when entering the school site.

- If, for any reason, you need to drive on to the school carpark – **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WITH CARE AT ALL TIMES** – especially those who attend before and after school club.
- **REMINDER: Club parents can use the school car park until 8.20 in the morning** – after this time please park on Keepers Lane.
- Please do not ride bikes/scooters down the drive or on to the school playground. This can be hazardous to all pedestrians
- Please supervise your children before and after school and **do not allow them to play on or with the playground equipment.**
- Smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes/vaping is prohibited on the premises.

PLEASE NOTE: the School Office hours are from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

AUTUMN TERM 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	October	Month of the Holy Rosary/Black History Month
Thursday	1	3.45 - 6.00pm – Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings – whole school
Wednesday	1	6.00 pm – St Nicholas' Music Festival – Choir and Year 6 pupils
Mon – Fri	13 - 17	Mid-Cheshire Foodbank Collection
Monday	13	5.30pm – Phonic and Reading Workshop for Reception Parent/Carers
Thursday	16	OPEN DAY - All Welcome 1.30 – 3.00pm
Friday	17	3.00 pm – Pre-loved Uniform Shop
SATURDAY	18	St Bede's Church SVP Musical Festival 2.00 – 4.00pm - All Welcome Our school choir will be singing at this event
Thursday	23	2.40pm – Whole School Harvest Assembly - All Welcome HALF TERM FOR PUPILS
Friday	24	INSET DAY - School Closed
	November	Month of the Holy Souls / Remembrance
Monday	3	Pupils return to school
Wednesday	5	Poetry Buzz Workshop for UKS2 with Poet Paul Delaney
Mon - Fri	10 - 14	Anti-bullying Week – Theme: Power of Good We will wear ODD SOCKS on MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER
Tuesday	11	10.30am – Whole School Mass – Remembrance, Holy Souls
Monday	17	Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme
Sunday	23	11.15am Celebration of Mass, St Bede's Church – Feast of Christ the King
	December	Advent
Monday	1	2.30pm – Advent Mass in school – All Welcome
Thursday	18	Whole school trip to the Pantomime
Friday	19	1pm – Carol Service, St Bede's Church (weather permitted) Collect from Church 2.15pm END OF AUTUMN TERM

*Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, concerns or need clarification.
We are here to listen to you and support our pupils and families, achieving excellence together.*



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