

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the everyone back to school for the new half term, I hope that you all had a restful break.

Parent voice:

Thank you to all of those parents who responded to our first term questionnaire, we will consider any points raised to further develop our parental engagement opportunities moving forward. We will be issuing another questionnaire at the end of term following our next half term of opportunities.

Packed lunches:

Can I politely remind parents about the guidance for packed lunches. Whilst we appreciate that some children prefer a packed lunch to a school lunch, we do still have to consider providing a healthy balance within the packed lunches. There are also some health and safety considerations that need to be reinforced. I am aware that some children are bringing chocolate spread sandwiches - this is a concern as many chocolate spreads also contain nuts and we have a number of children with severe nut allergies and any contact with nuts in any form, even through transfer of touch, could actually make them very ill. There are also a number of children who are bringing whole grapes within their packed lunch which is a choking hazard – can I ask that parents cut grapes in half to minimise this danger. It has also been noted that there is an increase in children bringing sweets and chocolate in their packed lunches - a chocolate biscuit is absolutely fine to be included but can I ask parents not to include sweets or bars of chocolate.

Harvest Festival:

Can I thank everyone for their generosity during our harvest festival appeal. We have provided the parish with lots of food parcels and the rest of the food has gone to the local food bank to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

Alongside this, we also ran our 'small change' collection for CAFOD. Once again you have all been very generous and we have almost filled all seven of the pringles tubes! Once it is counted I will update you with an amount.

Two great examples of our Catholic mission to put our faith into action and help our local and global communities.

National Anti-Bullying Week:

Next week we will be taking part in National Anti-Bullying Week which will begin on Monday 10th November with 'odd sock day'. A day when children are encouraged to come to school wearing their most outrageous odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all unique and all special. During the course of the week, there will be a range of PSHE activities focusing on anti-bullying including an assembly for each key stage and some work focusing on our school developed 'child on child abuse' booklets - these booklets, as always, are available for parents to view prior to the sessions taking place, year group booklets will be sent out in a separate email. All information shared is based on government guidance and will be delivered in an age-appropriate way.

Anti-Racism workshops:

Towards the end of November, children from Y1 - Y6 will all be involved in a workshop linked to raising awareness of the detrimental effect of racist views and behaviours and the importance of tolerance and respect for everyone.

Polite reminders:

Can I please remind parents, that for data protection and safeguarding reasons, photographs containing other people's children must not be shared on social media.

Please ensure that you regularly check your emails as all school communications come out from Arbor as emails.

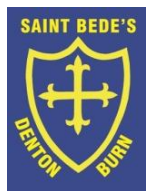
If you are catching up with other parents before or after drop off or collection can you please ensure that you do not block the entrance gates for others to be able to access.

Forthcoming Events:

Please see attached the calendar of events for the rest of this half term

November		
When	What	Information
Monday 3rd November-Friday 14th November		
Poppy Appeal – prices and information to follow		
Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November		
Anti-bullying week		
Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day All children	Children are encouraged to wear odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate what makes us all unique.
Wednesday 12th November	PTA Cake and Candy stall	After school PTA event - Information to follow.
Thursday 20th November 9.15am	Stay Pray and Play Year 6	Parents are invited to attend a short Liturgy followed by activities with your child.
Wednesday 26th November 9.15am (new date)	Stay Pray and Play Year 2	Parents are invited to attend a short Liturgy followed by activities with your child.
Thursday 27th November 9.15am	Stay Pray and Play Year 1	Parents are invited to attend a short Liturgy followed by activities with your child.
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day	Non-uniform day in school. Children to bring in an item for our school Christmas raffle (info will follow)

December		
When	What	Information
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 5 @ Cathedral	Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools Carol Service at Cathedral. Children Only.
Wednesday 3rd December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch	Parents/carers are invited into school to have Christmas lunch with our child (sign up letter already sent home – please see deadline date) Christmas Jumpers can be worn.



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Thursday 4th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch	Parents/carers are invited into school to have Christmas lunch with our child (sign up letter already sent home – please see deadline date) Christmas jumpers can be worn.
Thursday 4th December	EYFS Vision Screening	NHS vision screening for EYFS pupils. Please if you do not want this to happen for you child you must send back the form.
Sunday 7th December	Parish Coffee Morning	All Welcome to the school hall.
Tuesday 9th December	Year 2 Nativity 2pm	Parents Welcome- It is being held in the Church
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm	Parents Welcome - It is being held in the Church
Tuesday 9th December 5.00pm (date change)	KS2 Carol Service	All welcome to church to join KS2 on their carol show. Can KS2 children please arrive at Church for 4.45pm.
Thursday 11th December	Year 1 Nativity 2pm	Parents Welcome - It is being held in the Church
Thursday 11th December	National Christmas Jumper Day	Children can come into school wearing Christmas Jumpers for a voluntary donation of £1-£2
Friday 12th December	PTA Christmas Fair	After school Christmas fair – information to follow.
Monday 15th December	Year 1 & Year 2 Party Day	Children to come into school in party clothes, with a labelled small, wrapped party plate.
Tuesday 16th December	Year 3 Party Day	Children to come into school in party clothes, with a labelled small, wrapped party plate.
Tuesday 16th December	After school Christmas craft club	Family crafts held after school from 3:30-4:30. Information to follow.
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS & Y6	Children to come into school in party clothes, with a labelled small, wrapped party plate.
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 & Year 5 Party Day	Children to come into school in party clothes, with a labelled small, wrapped party plate.
Friday 19th December	PTA PJ/DVD Day	Children can come into school in their pyjamas.

Friday 19th December	Last Day of term	Pick up at 3.20pm
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Christmas Lunch:

Letters went home this week regarding the Christmas lunch arrangements please ensure you read, sign and return. Payments can be made via Arbor.

Feeding Family Christmas Appeal:

On Wednesday I attended the launch event for 'Feeding Families' Christmas Appeal. The appeal asks for food donations to make up some Christmas food parcels to support local families. If you feel like you would like to contribute to this appeal the list of food items is below (the requirement is that items have a minimum of 3 months shelf life).



Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the school office if you have any questions regarding the above information.

Kind regards
Mrs Young
(Headteacher)