



SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER

January 2026



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, our term started with a heavy snowfall and icy roads, but thankfully we managed to keep our doors open to enjoy the snowfall and build a snowman or two! We want the pupils to enjoy every day they are in school and we are very proud of the exciting curriculum we plan for them. This month, with thanks to the Friends of St Bede's, learning has been enhanced with incredible workshop experiences. The Year 3 Stone Age Day and Year 5 Viking day lifted the learning off the page and immersed the children in engaging activities. This week, Florence Nightingale is coming to visit Year 1, I know the children will have lots of questions to ask her. Thank you for supporting the FOSB events, they really do make a difference.

Catholic School Inspection

On behalf of the staff and governors we would like to thank you for your support during the recent Catholic School Inspection. Unfortunately, we are unable to share the overall outcome until the report has been quality assured and published which takes fifteen days.

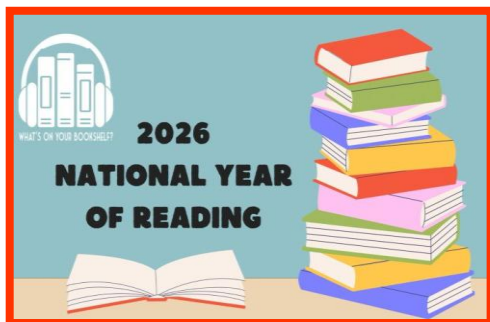


The inspectors were very complimentary about the pupils and enjoyed talking to them and discussing the learning in their books. Thank you to everyone who was able to complete the questionnaire and had the opportunity to speak with the inspectors. Your encouragement and partnership with our school makes a real difference and reflects the strong faith community we share. We are very grateful for your support.



Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 and above who were enrolled on the Sacramental Programme this weekend. The parishioners were delighted to meet the children and commented on their excellent behaviour and wonderful singing. The children promised to grow closer to Jesus each day through prayer and listening to his word and by living as he taught. The whole community renewed their Baptismal promises to pass on their faith to the children. Please pray for the children and their families as they make this sacramental journey



2026 is The National Year of Reading 2026. It is a Department for Education campaign to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people, and adults. We are looking forward to engaging with this campaign throughout the year. Our first project is **Words for our World** which invites pupils to journey across our global home by reading books based within the continents.

'Reading diverse books challenges stereotypes and breaks down prejudice by providing counter-narratives and showcasing the complexity and richness of different cultures, genders, and abilities. By debunking stereotypes, children learn to question biases and embrace diversity in all its forms. This process helps children to celebrate and empathize with every individual they encounter, fostering a global mindset that is crucial in an increasingly interconnected world.'

BOOK TRUST



Parent/Carer Helpers



Do you have a spare hour in the week?

Would you like to help out in school, hearing children read and offering support for other activities? Please let the class teacher know if you are interested or want to find out more.

We can arrange a Volunteer DBS check and we look forward to you joining us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some of the exciting events we have planned for the term ahead.

2026	January	
Tuesday	27	Years 5/6 - Indoor Athletics at SNCHS
Friday	30	Year 1 - Florence Nightingale Experience – funded by FOSB
2026	February	
Tuesday	3	AM Year 5 visit Weaverham High School – 'Bring it on' production
Thursday	5	2.50pm Year 1 - Class Assembly – All welcome Years 5/6 - Hockey Competition at SNCHS
Mon - Fri	9 - 13	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday	10	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday	12	3.00pm Year 5 Class Assembly – All welcome
Friday End of Term	13	Year 4 Roman Experience – Chester – transport funded by FOSB
HALF TERM		
Monday	23	INSET Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday	24	Pupils return to school
Thursday	26	Reception and Woodlands Chinese New Year Celebration
Friday	27	2.30pm Whole school Lenten Mass – all welcome

2026	MARCH	
Monday	2	3.30pm - Sacramental Programme Workshop (1)
Tues/Thur	3 & 5	Parents Consultation Evening – <i>details to follow</i>
Thursday	5	World Book Day
SATURDAY	7	1.30 – 3.30pm - SWIMMING GALA – all welcome
Mon – Fri	9 – 13	National Science Week ‘Change and Adapt’
Monday	9	3.30pm - Sacramental Programme Workshop (2)
Tues - Fri	10 - 13	Years 5/6 Lake District Experience – residential trip
Monday	16	3.30pm - Sacramental Programme Workshop (3)
Tuesday	17	6.00pm - Service of First Forgiveness at St. Bede’s Church
Friday	27	Year 4 - Activity Day at SNCHS
Sun - Sat	29 Mar – 4 Apr	HOLY WEEK
2026	APRIL	
Thursday	2	1.30pm - Whole School Mass, Maundy Thursday 2.30pm End of term
EASTER BREAK		
Monday	20	Pupils return to school
Mon - Wed	20 - 22	Years 3/4 - Robinwood Residential