Newsletter
May 2026
Summer Term

St Bede's
Catholic Primary School

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents and Carers,

**HAPPY EASTER!** We continue to celebrate the season of Easter for fifty days, Easter does not end on Easter Sunday – it is just the beginning! It was lovely to begin our new term with our school Easter Mass. The celebration was enhanced with the talents of our strings and woodwind musicians, ably accompanied by Mrs Smalley and Mr Hallman. Thank you!

*'In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ!*

*Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us!' Pope Leo XVI*

## BISHOP MARK IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming a very special guest to our school community next week. On Tuesday the Bishop Mark Davies will be visiting our School and meeting pupils, staff and governors. He will lead a special assembly and have the opportunity to see all the wonderful work happening at St Bede's. This visit is a fantastic occasion for our pupils to ask him thoughtful questions about his ministry. We are busy preparing a warm welcome and look forward to sharing our school spirit with him. Bishop Mark will also be visiting our parish churches the following Saturday and Sunday too.

## ROBINWOOD OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTRE

Welcome back to all the children and staff who attended the residential trip last week. High praise for everyone for your behaviour and 'can do' attitude. It has been lovely to hear about the new friend you have made, how you overcame your fears and how much you enjoyed the challenges. You will find plenty more photographs on our Facebook page [St Bede's Facebook]

**'NORTHWICH SINGS'** is a wonderful occasion organised by the *Northwich Education Partnership* for pupils in Year 5 across all of the Northwich schools. This week our Year 5 pupils entertained us as part of a mass choir on the stage of Northwich Memorial Court. Their performance was outstanding and the conductor of the choir gave a special commendation to St Bede's pupils for their behaviour, concentration and wonderful singing. 'Northwich Sings' is an amazing project and the pupils gave a wonderful performance. **Well done everyone!**

## UNIFORM and LOST PROPERTY

It is always lovely to start the Summer term with the sun shining and pupils in their Summer uniform. Thank you. However, the warm weather also encourages pupils to remove jumpers, cardigans and hoodies. Currently our lost property box holds approximately EIGHTY items. NONE OF THESE ITEMS HAVE A NAME IN THEM. Twelve items were able to be returned to their owners – because they had a name in them.

**PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE label your child's clothing**

## STATUTORY TESTS

During the Summer months, pupils across the school will complete statutory assessments mandated by the government. Year 1 pupils will be screened for their phonic knowledge and application, Year 4 complete the Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) and Year 6 will complete the SATs assessments in reading, maths, spelling and grammar. We know the outcome of these assessments will not define our pupils. We know the children will dream big and aspire to achieve their dreams. St Bede's reminds us to '*Unfurl our sails and let God steer us where he will'.*

## NEW RECEPTION STARTERS – September 2026

A welcome meeting has been scheduled for **Monday 22 June 6.00pm** for all our new September 2026 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 welcome letter outlining all the plans for transition has been shared.

# 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*

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| **APRIL 2026** | | |
| Thursday | 30 | FOSB Disco and Games Session 1: Rec/KS1 and Session 2: KS2 |
| **MAY 2026** | | |
| **Monday** | **4** | **Bank Holiday – School closed** |
| Tuesday | 5 | We welcome Bishop Mark |
| Mon – Thur | 11- 14 | SATS WEEK for Year 6 pupils |
| Wednesday | 20 | 9.30am Rhyme Challenge - Woodlands Preschool with Year 1/ Reception All Welcome |
| Thursday | 21 | 3.00pm - Year 4 Class Assembly |
| **Friday** | **22** | **Break up – Half Term** |
| **JUNE 2026** | | |
| Monday | 1 | Pupils return to School<br>Years 5 and 6 - Safety Central Trip |
| Thursday | 4 | Reception Class Assembly – All Welcome |
| Monday | 8 | Year 6 - Bikeability Training begins |
| **Friday** | **12** | **SPORTS DAY – new date** |
| Saturday | 13 | 10.00am - First Holy Communion Mass at St Bede's Church |
| Tuesday | 16 | Year 3 - Egyptian Workshop at Liverpool Museum |
| Wednesday | 17 | Year 5 - Activity Day at St Nicholas Catholic High School |
| Monday | 22 | 6.00pm - New Reception Starters Welcome Meeting for parent/carers |
| Tuesday | 23 | 10.30am – 12.00noon - New to Reception: Stay and Play |
| Friday | 26 | 2.30pm - Whole School Mass (Ss Peter and Paul) |
| **JULY 2026** | | |
| Tues/Wed | 7 & 8 | Transition for pupils attending St Nicholas Catholic High School |
| Tuesday | 14 | 6.00pm - Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Bede's Church |
| Thursday | 16 | 2.30pm - Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving – All Welcome |
| **Friday** | **17** | **TERM ENDS 2.00pm** |

FIRST AID
AWARENESS
Saturday 13 June 2026
11.15am - 1.15pm
Hartford Village Hall, Chester Road
Join this basic first aid awareness course for free. The course is hosted by Hartford Parish Council and delivered by the British Red Cross.
Book your place:
clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk
01606 784 401.
BritishRedCross

NORTHWICH C.C.
GIRL'S
SOFTBALL
CRICKET
• SCHOOL YEARS 5-8
• TRAINING FRIDAY'S 6PM
• STARTS 10TH APRIL 2026
• JUST TURN UP TO TRY OUT
FIND OUT MORE AT
www.northwichcricketclub.org

Art club
FOR 10 - 16 YEAR OLDS
Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm
at Hartford Village Hall
Get creative, relax and make new friends at this art club.
Cost: £3 per session, which includes all materials and refreshments. Concessions available. All proceeds go to NSPCC.
Places are limited and booking is essential. Contact Linda on 07813 662654 for more info, and to book your place & arrange payment.