

Newsletter
June 2026
Summer Term

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Day

We are so proud of every single child who took part in our very strange Sports Day(s) this year. We stretched it over three mornings, avoided the rain and found the shade to ensure every child had the opportunity to take part and shine! Unbelievably, following the chants of the pupils for 'Teacher race, teacher race, teacher race...' there was a surprising number of willing participants for a 'competitive' staff race which the children thoroughly enjoyed! (No photos of that one!)

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding the difficult decisions that had to be made. Ultimately the children are our main priority and to hear 'That was the best Sports Day ever' for a child who is often reluctant to take part was so lovely to hear.



St Bede's Summer Fayre
Friday 10th July 3:30pm - 5:30pm



We're really looking forward to welcoming you to our summer fayre – the organising of all the exciting activities is in full swing with lots of new fun things to do this year. The Fayre is happening on **Friday 10th July** straight after school. Please come along and support this annual event to join in with '*all the fun of the Fayre!*'

Non uniform days:

Friday 3 July – KS2 Please donate a bottle for the Bottle Tombola and KS1/Reception donate chocolate or sweets for The Sweet Tombola

Friday 10 July – All pupils £2.00 donation

We are also excited to share that sitting with the Diocese at the moment are plans to extend the outdoor provision outside KS1 classrooms. Much needed funds are required to fill this area with fabulous outdoor resources for the children to enjoy and to purchase a new wooden shelter for the whole school to enjoy.

We need your help...

- **Volunteers** for stalls and setting up and tidying away – let us know if you can help.
- Donations for the **Raffle Prizes** would be gratefully received – there is a great first prize and some fantastic other prizes.
- Donations of **good quality children's toys** that can be used on our prize stall – can these please be donated by **Wednesday 8th July** so we know what we need to purchase.
- If you're a great baker (or a great buyer!) of cakes, biscuits etc for the **cake stand**, please can these be brought to the school on **Friday 10th July**.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact your class rep or any member of the FOSB committee.

NORTHWICH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP - SCHOOLS CHILDRENS ART EXHIBITION 2026



Year 2 and 4 pupils have created artwork celebrating the theme of 'Empowerment'. We do hope you find time to visit the Northwich Children's Art Exhibition which this year will be held at **The Lion Salt Works**. The work will be on display over the summer from 5th July. The work produced by each school is a wonderful reflection of how the children of Northwich identify with all the things that make them feel empowered. Thank you to the family members in Y4 for coming along to the Stay and Sew afternoon. There were many talents on display!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Good news from the Government!!!! The Free School Meals criteria has been expanded. From the start of the new school year, September 2026, **all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal**. The 2 categories of Universal Credit based FSM are:

- **Targeted FSM:** which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

- Expanded FSM: **a new category** covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings above £7,400.

If you feel that you will be entitled to free school meals *from the start of the new academic year*, please click on the **link below** and check your entitlement. Applications are open now.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

If you require support with your application or access to a computer, please let us help you.

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

JULY		
Thursday	2	9.15 – 10.45 First Stay and Play for New Reception children
Friday	3	Non – Uniform KS2 please donate a bottle Reception/KS1 please donate sweets and chocolates
Tuesday	7	1.30 – 3.00 Second Stay and Play for New Reception children
Tues & Wed	7 & 8	Transition days for all Y6 pupils attending St Nicholas' High School Internal Transition
Tuesday	7	5.30 Annual Musical Extravaganza Evening
Friday	10	Non – uniform – please donate £2.00 Reception Picnic with Woodlands Pre School
Friday	10	2.45 Year 5 music performance for parent/carers
FRIDAY	10	3.30pm – 5.30pm Summer Fair
Monday	13	Annual reports go out to parents
Tuesday	14	6.00pm Year 6 leavers Mass – ST. BEDE'S CHURCH
Wednesday	15	2.30 Whole School Mass to celebrate the end of the school year
Friday	17	9.20 Leavers assembly Last day of term - School closes 2.00pm