

# Newsletter July 2026

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we speedily approach the end of another wonderful year, we would like to share with you some of the activities taking place and others we just want to shout about! Please check '**dates for your diary**' for all the times and dates for upcoming events.



### **FOSB SUMMER FAIR**

**FRIDAY 10 JULY 3.30 – 5.30pm**

The FOSB volunteers are busy organising this year's Summer Fair. Once again, they have planned lots of fun events and activities for you to enjoy.

All donations greatly appreciated.

**Friday 3 July is NON-UNIFORM DAY - please make donations of Chocolate/Sweets from Reception, Years 1 and 2**

**and a bottle donation from Years 3 to 6.**

**Friday 10 July NON-UNIFORM DAY - please pay a donation of £2.00. MANY THANKS!**

### **SUMMER MUSICAL SHOWCASE**

Come along on ***Tuesday 7 July 5.30pm*** for an entertaining evening of music, singing, and instrumental performances – not to be missed! The Showcase is an event in the calendar many children look forward to. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform before an audience and celebrating their talents



### **Sacramental Programme 2026**



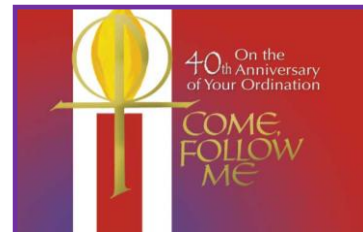
Congratulations to each and every pupil who received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this term. May these special occasions remain treasured moments for you and your families, and may your faith continue to grow in all that you think and say and do.

This term we were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to our school. He spent time talking to the staff and congratulating them on achieving **OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS** in the Catholic School Inspection and he thanked us for our commitment and dedication to support and teach the children and families in our community. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Bishop Mark and asking him very interesting and thoughtful questions. I wonder what your answer would have been to this question asked by one pupil: *"Has humanity been a success or a failure?"*



## **Father Paul's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

At the end of this term, we will be celebrating Fr Paul, and the very special occasion of his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. For four decades he has lived out his vocation with dedication, faith and love. We invite you to join us at our final Mass of the year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to mark this special milestone



## **BEE FRIENDLY PLANTING IN NORTHWICH**

Have you been into Northwich recently? Then maybe you will have noticed all the planters around the town have been filled with lots of new plants. Thank you to our Year 1 pupils, who joined with the Year 1 pupils from across the school in the *Northwich Education Partnership* and plenty of volunteers, for their hard work, digging and planting hundreds of bee friendly plants to attract insects, butterflies and bees. Even the Deputy Mayor and a police officer came along to help!

## **Music Tuition 2026/27**

We have many opportunities for pupils to learn an instrument at St Bede's. Our tutors comment every week on how polite, friendly and engaged the pupils are in their lessons. And we are delighted to have the children's talents on show at the upcoming Musical Evening.



### **Would your child like to learn an instrument? What is on offer?**

Mrs Smalley – Violin (KS2); Mr Scanlon – Guitar KS2); Emma – Keyboard lessons and afterschool Keyboard Club; and Gilly Blair – Woodwind (KS2). To enquire about availability, cost and hiring of some instruments, please contact the School Office and they can signpost you in the right direction.

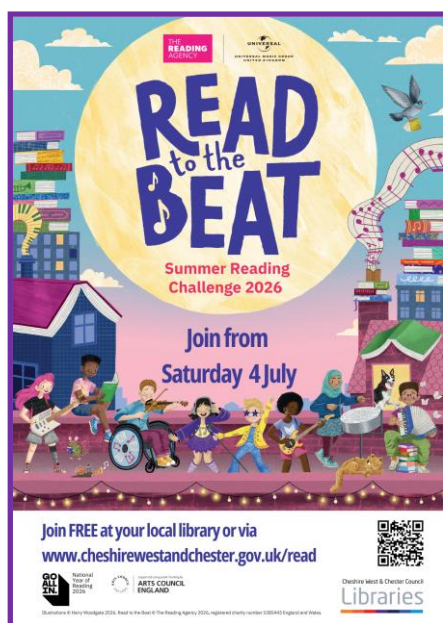
## **Sad news**

We have recently heard of the passing of one of our retired governors, Mr Jim Rafferty. Mr Rafferty served as a school governor at St Bede's for over 30 years. He held many roles, including Chair of Governors and Finance Chair. He was instrumental in supporting our school to maintain the very high standards we aspire to. On his retirement, Mr Rafferty's legacy continued with the establishment of a special '*Rafferty Award*' for the Outstanding Mathematicians from each class. This year we will remember his contribution to our school as we continue to celebrate his legacy.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace, Amen.*

Are you ready for the **READING CHALLENGE** this summer?

Head along to your local library to find out more.



*Will you complete the challenge?*

Did you know that children who took part in 2025:

- 97% increased or maintained reading enjoyment
- 73% read more over the Summer – and 98% are now reading every day or nearly every day
- 62% of families talk more together about books and reading

**How it works:**

- Sign up at your local library from Saturday 4 July, to receive a special sticker booklet, or online via [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read). – logging the reading with the library will earn stickers.

Those who complete their reading goal are presented with a certificate and/or a medal and will be entered into a prize draw for a karaoke machine! (one machine per library).

## Northwich Schools Art Exhibition



Northwich children from Years 2 and Year 4 have once again produced amazing art work reflecting the theme of 'Empowerment' for the annual exhibition. The gallery will open at The Lion Salt Works from 11 July until 26 September.

**Special offer:**

If you would like to view the exhibition early? Adults go free on Sunday 5 July (accompanied by children). This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the museum for free and view the fabulous art work.



## Dates for your Diary

| July 2026      |           |                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday       | 2         | 9.15-10.45am - Stay and Play NEW Reception                                                                       |
| Thursday       | 2         | 2.30pm - Whole School Mass to celebrate the solemnity of SS Peter and Paul                                       |
| Friday         | 3         | <b>Non-Uniform Day</b><br>Reception and Years 1 and 2 - Bring chocolate/sweets and Years 3 to 6 - bring a bottle |
| Tues & Wed     | 7/8       | <b>Whole School Transitions</b>                                                                                  |
| Tuesday        | 7         | 1.30 - 3.00pm - Stay and Play for NEW Reception<br>5.30pm - 'Summer Musical Showcase' (possibly outdoors)        |
| Friday         | 10        | 2.45pm - Year 5 Instrumental Performance – for Year 5 parents/carers                                             |
| Friday         | 10        | <b>Non-Uniform day - £2.00 DONATIONS PLEASE</b>                                                                  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>SUMMER FAIR 3.30 - 5.30</b>                                                                                   |
| Tuesday        | 14        | 6.00pm - Year 6 Family Leavers Mass                                                                              |
| Wednesday      | 15        | 2.30pm - End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving                                                                        |
| Friday         | 17        | 9.15am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (All welcome)<br><b>Break Up for Summer – pupils to be collected at 2.00pm</b>  |
| September 2026 |           |                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday       | 3         | NEW TERM for all pupils Years 1 to 6<br>Reception Class phased induction on Thursday and Friday                  |