



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side



'Growing together in Christ'

What a busy week in school! It was lovely to see so many visitors attend our first Mass of the year. The gospel focus on the tiny mustard seed was a reminder to us all that true transformation happens gradually rather than overnight. Like a seed growing into a large tree, inner development and lasting impact require steady care and perseverance. The image of the green shoot reminds us that we all start small, every child is learning and growing. We grow through learning: in knowledge, confidence, friendship and kindness. We will grow in faith: by praying, loving others and following Jesus. We grow together - as a school community, supporting one another.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS



St Teresa



St John Paul



St Bernadette



St Oscar Romero

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils have embraced their new role as a Reception 'Buddy' this week. They have shown great maturity and responsibility already, helping our youngest children to settle in. I am sure our new parents will also find a 'buddy' in all the friendly faces they meet around school. The FOSB warmly invite you to come along to a **Coffee and Chat** on Friday morning 25 September – there is promise of cake, refreshments, chatter and maybe a few prizes to be had!



Meet our new staff



We are delighted to welcome Mr Reyes, our new Site Maintenance Officer (SMO) to the St. Bede's team. Mr Reyes will be a welcome face at the gate each morning and after school. We look forward to benefiting from his enthusiasm and commitment to keeping our school site safe, efficient and well maintained.

We also welcome Mr Hall to our school community as our new Office Manager. His business knowledge and experience will ensure the school office continues to keep us all connected and

that you receive the support and information that you need. We wish them both every success in their new roles; I am sure you will make them feel very welcome.



SAFEGUARDING

MEDICAL NEEDS: If you need to bring medicine in to school, please take it to the school office, complete a medical form and a discussion with a member of office staff about the necessary arrangements. It is important that you share ANY medical needs for your child with a key member of staff.

ASTHMA: Pupils with Asthma **MUST** have their inhalers in school at all times. Please check that your child has an ASTHMA CARD that is up to date.



Open Days for Reception Intake 2027 at St Bede's

Come and discover St Bede's Catholic Primary School We are proud to be a warm, welcoming school where children are encouraged to grow in confidence, develop a love of learning and become independent learners, with Jesus by our side. Visitors can see our school in action, meet our staff and Early Years team, visit our Reception classroom and find out more about life at St Bede's. **Open Day dates**

Thursday 24 September - 9.30am

Wednesday 7 October - 9.30am

Thursday 8 October - 1.30pm

Saturday 17 October - 10.00am

Please share these dates and times with family and friends.

Swimming Lessons



Pupils in Y4 enjoyed their very first swimming lesson this

week at the brand new swimming pool in Higher Whitley. It was so wonderful to see how confidently they entered the water and showed their best swimming skills. Swimming is not just for the children! If you find Brio too big and busy, why don't you check out the SWIMBARN website and join a casual or adult lane classe at a time that suits you. The team also offer

lessons for younger children. <https://swimbarn.co.uk/>

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Awareness



On September 1st Benedict's Law became statutory. As a result, we have updated our Allergy Policy; we have purchased spare AAI Pens and all staff in school have received additional training in allergy management and dealing with anaphylaxis.

We aim to be a **Nut Free School**, however this cannot be guaranteed with so many products that 'may contain nuts'.

Therefore, schools are advised to inform parents/carers that we are **ALLERGY AWARE**.

We do have children in school with severe nut allergies so **we aim encourage everyone to avoid bringing nut products in to school** e.g. peanut butter or peanut sauce or products containing nuts such as biscuits or cereal bars. Thank you.



HEALTHY EATING

Break Time Snacks and Packed Lunches



All Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils receive a free piece of fruit each day for their snack.

REMINDER

Please ensure that the snacks and PACKED LUNCHES that that you provide are healthy and not over full with 'treats'



AVOID SWEETS, LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, LARGE SHARING PACKS AND SUGARY SNACKS.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Did you know our Celebration Assemblies take place on a Friday afternoon? At this assembly we share good news, achievements, birthdays, competitions and stories. A highlight of this assembly is the sharing of any 'out of school' achievements. You are very welcome to send in awards that your child has achieved at an out of school club for us to celebrate at this assembly.

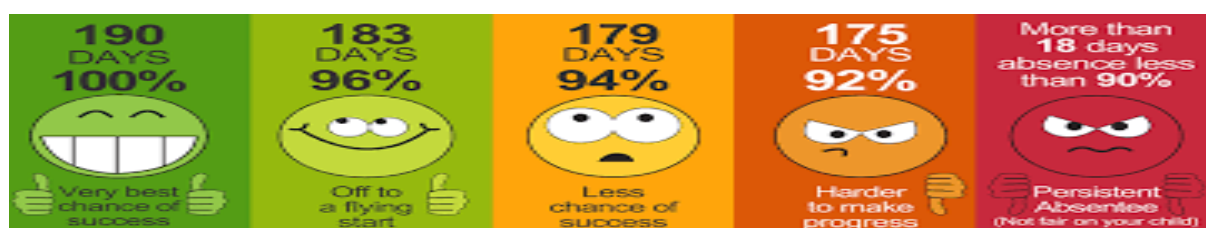
SAVE THE DATE: PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October

Further details will follow with details of how to book your appointment at the start of October. These short five minute meetings are a chance for you to meet the class teacher and find out how your child/ren have settled in to the new year.

ATTENDANCE and UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

At St. Bede's every pupil has an attendance target of 97% - we are fully aware that children cannot avoid catching bugs and germs, having sickness episodes and isolation periods, but we do ask that you avoid booking holidays, long weekend trips, relative visits, appointments etc. during term time. Research indicates that there is a correlation between higher pupil's absence and lower performance at the end of each key stage.

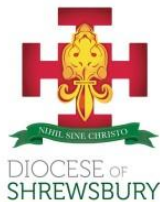


Every week we celebrate our best attended class and each term we celebrate the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. **Attendance Policy** [click here](#)

SAFEGUARDING - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Playground equipment: To ensure the safety of everyone, pupils (and siblings) are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before and after school. Please share this information with grandparents and other adults who may be collecting your child.

Year 6 Pupils walking home. Please inform the school office in writing if you wish for your son or daughter to leave the school premises to walk home alone.



DIOCESAN BUILDING FUND

REMINDER: Next week you will be receiving information regarding the DIOCESAN BUILDING FUND. Please read the leaflet carefully and support us to maintain our school building and premises to a high standard. This fund will support the development of our new KS1 outdoor area (once the council provide planning permission!)

Please note the School Office hours are from 8.30am – 4.30pm

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2026

dates and events will be added throughout the term

	September	<i>The Season of Creation</i>
Monday	14	3.30 & 5.00 OAK Meet the Teacher – Mrs Dimbylow
Tuesday	15	3.30 & 5.00 SYCAMORE Meet the Teacher – Mrs Jones/Mrs Meadows
Wednesday	16	Academy Photos – separate details shared
Friday	25	9.00 FOSB Coffee & Chat Morning
	October	<i>Month of the Holy Rosary / Black History Month</i>
Tuesday	13	Parent/Carer Consultation meetings - whole school
Wednesday	14	Whole School Flu Vaccination 6.00pm St Nicholas' Music Festival – Choir and Willow (Y6) pupils
Thursday	15	Parent/Carer Consultation meetings - whole school
Mon - Fri	12-16	Mid Cheshire Foodbank Collection
Friday	23	2.30pm Whole School Harvest Assembly All Welcome Half Term
Half term		
	November	<i>Month of the Holy Souls/Remembrance</i>
Monday	2	INSET DAY – school closed
Tuesday	3	Pupils return to school
Tuesday	10	Poetry Buzz Workshop with Poet Paul Delaney
Mon-Fri	16-20	Anti-bullying Week – Theme: <i>Break the Silence</i> <i>We will wear ODD SOCKS on MONDAY 16 November</i>
	December	<i>Advent</i>
Thursday	17	Whole school trip to the Pantomime
Friday	18	1.00 Carol Service – St Bede's Church (<i>weather permitting</i>) Collect from Church 2.00pm End of Autumn Term

*Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, concerns or you need clarification.
We are here to listen to you and support our pupils and families, achieving excellence together.*

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