NEWSLETTER
November 2026

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parent and Carers,

Some of the things we have been doing during November?

REMEMBRANCE



Thank you for your generosity in supporting the annual collection for the British Legion, purchasing poppies and other items. The pupils were so reverent when we held the 2 minutes silence on Armistice Day. We reflected on the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by others and praying for a future world where there are no wars or fighting, and everyone can live in peace together. It was very special to see the service medals of one of our grandparents.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Anti-Bullying Week is not just for the pupils, it is for everyone. We are reminded of the importance of creating a community where every child feels safe, valued and heard. This year's theme, **"Breaking the Silence,"** encourages the children to speak up if they are worried about bullying, whether it is happening to them or someone else, in school OR at home. We learn that bullying is not just a topic for school, and that adults can bully too. By talking openly, showing kindness, listening and supporting one another, we want everyone to feel **respected and included.**

FOREST SCHOOL ADVENTURES





Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Forest School Adventure event. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and having such fun with their adults, all wrapped up warm and enjoying the outdoor activities together. The afternoon was filled with lovely activities orchestrated by our wonderful Forest School leader Mrs Seka. It was a glorious autumnal day, and we are so fortunate to have such fantastic facilities for all the children to enjoy.



PLANTING IN NORTHWICH.

Well done to the Year 1 pupils who joined other Y1 pupils from schools across Northwich to brighten up the town centre with lots and lots and lots of plants. They had such fun and it was wonderful to hear the appreciation from passers-by thanking the children for making their town beautiful. You will find the product of their hard labour outside Boots – look out for the blue lion!



MINI VINNIE VISIT TO MID CHESHIRE FOODBANK



Some of our Mini Vinnies had the opportunity to visit Mid Cheshire Foodbank in Winsford, dropping off the St. Bede's harvest donations. First of all, they unloaded the car and placed all the donations on an industrial weighing scale. Our donation amounted to 58.2kg. The volunteers very kindly gave the Mini Vinnies a tour of the warehouse and the pupils could see just how much food had been donated and how the donations were organised. The food in the towers of crates was organised alphabetically and then the volunteers made up food parcels for families. We found out that each parcel will support a family for approximately 5-6 days. Although the warehouse seemed full, the volunteers told us the non-perishable food would only last for about 3 months so regular donations are vital to keep stocks up so they can continue supporting families in need.



PAUL DELANEY POETRY WORKSHOPS

For almost 10 years, Paul has visited our school and shared his talents and enthusiasm for poetry and song. He began the day with a whole school assembly and then entertained and encouraged Maple class to write and perform their very own poems. Some of the pupils have been selected to attend the Poetry Buzz Festival in January. What a fabulous day.

What to look forward to in December…



In preparation for the Christmas Fair two NON-UNIFORM DAYS have been planned

Friday 27 November donations - KS2 BOTTLE and KS1 Chocolate Tombola

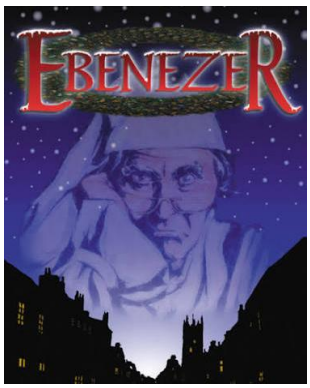
Friday 4 December donation of £2.00 per pupil.

PLEASE DONATE ANY GIFTS AND RAFFLE PRIZES IF YOU CAN.

The Christmas Fair is a highlight in the children's calendar. Many thanks to everyone who is working very hard behind the scenes to ensure its success. Make sure you come along after school; the fair creates a wonderful atmosphere and sense of community for everyone.

We always need volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair. If you can spare some time, contact the school office.

KS2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



There is only one production of Ebenezer that you will want to see this winter – and it is right here at St. Bede's. Johnny Depp may not be in the starring role, but we have the next best thing!!!
The pupils are rehearsing very hard to remember all their words, stage directions, actions and songs in preparation for the big day. We look forward to welcoming you all to the performances on **THURSDAY 10 December: 9.30am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm** We do require you to book your seats due to limited space and health and safety requirements. Look out for a separate email from the School Office with further details on how to book your seats.

Non-Uniform Day 'Christmas Colours'

On Tuesday 15 December, pupils are invited to wear Christmas colours or Christmas jumpers instead of their school uniforms. We will also be having our Christmas Dinner on this day too!



CAROL SERVICE



Please join us at St Bede's Church on **Friday 18 December at 1.00pm** to listen to our pupils play their musical instruments, sing hymns and carols, share scripture readings and reflections, reminding us to listen with our hearts to the message of Christmas. The whole school will be walking to church for this occasion, so please remember warm coats and appropriate footwear. Please provide a disposable carrier bag for pupils having a packed lunch on this day to reduce the number of items that need to be carried or stored in church.
If the weather is very wet, you'll receive further communication from the School Office .

PLEASE COLLECT CHILDREN FROM ST BEDE'S CHURCH AT 2.00PM

There will be no After School Club on this day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

There will not be a sacramental programme for baptised Catholic pupils in Year 3 this academic year. A parish decision has been made for the programme to be delivered to Year 4 from now on. If you have a child in Year 3 and were expecting them to complete the programme in school this year, please speak to your parish representatives at either St. Bede's or St Wilfrid's Church for further information. If you would like to find out more about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or would like your child to be baptised into the Catholic faith, please contact Sr Phyllis or Fr Paul at St Bede's Church. St Bede's Church website





VACANCY – LUNCHTIME MIDDAY ASSISTANT

We are looking for a **Midday Assistant** to join our team of staff on a permanent contract, term time only.

DO YOU…

Enjoy working with children?
Want to support our children to have happy, healthy lunchtimes?
Like organising playground games?
Have lots of enthusiasm?

If you answered YES to all these questions, then please contact the School Office for further details

Dates for your Diary

Please check these dates carefully as we are always adding new information and these dates are subject to change.

November 2026		
Thursday	26	Sycamore and Oak – Anglo Saxons and Vikings enrichment Day
Friday	27	NON UNIFORM Day #1 – KS2 Bottle Donation / KS1 Chocolate donation 4.00pm Choir singing at the switching on of Weaverham Christmas Lights – all welcome
December 2026		
Wednesday	2	Maple Class History Experience – The Great Fire of London at Weaver Hall
Thursday	3	2.30 Whole School Advent Mass – all welcome
Friday	4	NON UNIFORM DAY #2 Christmas Fair donation of £2.00 **CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30pm – 5.30pm**
Thursday	10	**'EBENEZER'** KS2 Christmas Production 9.30am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm (Ticketed event)
Tuesday	15	Christmas Colours/ 'Jumper' Day and Christmas Dinner
Thursday	17	Whole School trip to see Snow White Pantomime in Northwich
Friday	18	1.00pm Carol Service in St Bede's Church – ALL WELCOME ***Please collect from Church 2.00pm*** Autumn Term ends – children break up
January 2027		
Monday	4	Pupils return to school
Wednesday	6	Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany