

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

celebrating life and learning

14th November, 2025

ADVENT REFLECTION

Draw me close to
You,
and free me from my
sin so that I may
love You with a pure
and holy heart.
Mother Mary, as
You carried your
dear Son in your
immaculate womb,
You also carried
Him in your heart.
Pray for me, this
Advent, that I may
surrender myself to
the will of the Father



FUN FOR ALL

The Christmas Choir have been invited to sing at the Christmas Light Switch-On at The Woodlands Pub and Restaurant on Sunday 30th November at 5pm for at 5.30pm switch-on. Those that are not taking part, are very welcome to come and watch and enjoy the activities put on by The Woodlands.

The Christmas Choir will also be performing at the Widnes Market Lights Switch-On Event on 28th November at 4.15pm—We are in very high demand—Amazing and well done to all our of singers!

Thursday 4th December@ 2pm, we will be holding our Advent Mass and parents are welcome to join us, however we need to know in advance if you wish to attend. We will then make a decision as to whether it will be held in school or church.

Year 5 pupils have been working with the Archdiocese of Liverpool Music Service for their Catholic Schools Choir programme. To show what they have been working on, they will be visiting the Metropolitan Cathedral to take part in the Schools Advent Service on Wednesday 10th December at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend to watch.

Letters have now been emailed home regarding the Year 3 trip to the Brindley to watch this year's pantomime 'Cinderella' on Thursday 11th December 2025

In the usual St Bede's manner, we will be supporting our chosen charity, CAFOD, through this festive period. On Tuesday 16th December, we will be holding a 'Carolling and Crumbs' events, where the children will be singing carols and parents/carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, can come and watch, enjoy refreshments and take in the festive spirit. This will be a ticketed event and further details will be sent home soon.

Christmas wouldn't be complete without our annual Santa Dash. This will take place on Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm. All are welcome to assist and we will definitely need 'Dashers' to run with us.

This a very busy half term. Please keep this newsletter handy, to refer back to with all that's going on and ensure you check your emails for further details, so you don't miss a thing!



BINGO!

Our Annual Christmas Bingo event is taking place on Monday 24th November at 6pm. This is a fantastic and well attended, and we expect this year to be no different. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs along with a refreshments available to purchase. Fr. Mark will be our celebrity Bingo caller for the evening. Please remember this is a cash only event.



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SPORTS NEWS

During last half term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in several Halton Primary School's tournament. The football league events brought together teams from all over our borough, giving the students a chance to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Both the mixed and girls football teams played with great energy and determination, demonstrating impressive coordination on the field and earning praise for their spirited performance. Meanwhile, the table tennis players showed focus and agility, competing in several close matches. Beyond the competition, the tournament was a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, make new friends, and celebrate the joy of healthy competition.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
14/11/25	2 (MH)	SAY NO TO BULLYING
21/11/25	4 (AH)	PROPHECY & PROMISE
05/12/25	9 (JM)	EXPECTATIONS
19/12/25	3 (AH)	CHRISTMAS MEDITATION
16/01/26	7 (JW)	MISSION
30/01/26	5 (MH)	GALILEE to JERUSALEM
13/02/26	6 (JJ)	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE
06/03/26	1 (VF)	DESERT to GARDEN
13/03/26	9 (JM)	DEATH & NEW LIFE
26/03/26	4 (AH)	EASTER MEDITATION
24/04/26	10 (MG)	WITNESSES
01/05/26	5 (MH)	MARY: the month of May
15/05/26	2 (MH)	TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
12/06/26	8 (SS)	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY
26/06/26	7 (JW)	STEWARDSHIP
10/07/26	3 (AH)	DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER

Parents/Carers, family members and friends are most welcome to share the celebrations at 9.00 am. The following assemblies have been arranged for this academic year.

THE LION KING

This year's Christmas production is 'The Lion King' with performances taking place on;

Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm*

Wednesday 3rd December at 1.30pm

Thursday 4th December at 7pm*

The children have been working extremely hard since September and the show is going to be fantastic. These showings are ticketed only and must be purchased in advance to ensure health and safety is adhered too. Letters have been sent home with the performers to order your tickets now.

*Please note the time change from the September's Newsletter



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK—THE POWER OF GOOD!

This is week we we're excited to take part in Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating this year's inspiring theme: "The Power of Good." Together. We have been exploring how small acts of kindness, respect, and care can make a big difference in our school community. Children have taken part in fun activities, stories, and discussions that help them understand the positive impact of choosing kindness and standing up for others. We also joined in with Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes everyone unique, and Blue Friday to show that we Unite against bullying. Let's all use the Power of Good to make our school a place where everyone feels valued, safe, and happy.

We are also holding a Anti Bullying Coffee & Catch up on Friday 14th November at 2.30pm for adults to come along and chat.

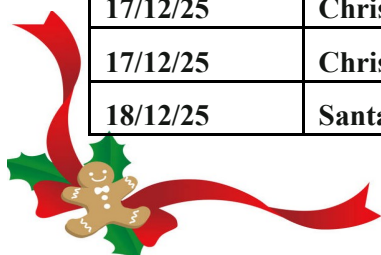


CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2-2025

Please remember to check our website
(www.stbedesjuniorschool.co.uk)
as new events are constantly being added
to the schedule.



DATE(S)	EVENT/CELEBRATION	TIME(S)
06/11/25	Swimming at Halton Leisure Centre (1st weekly session of 6: Class 7)	9.30-10.15am
13/11/25	Flu Vaccines for all year groups	N/A
14/11/25	Blue Friday in aid of Anti Bullying Week	N/A
14/11/25	Anti Bullying Coffee & Catch Up	2.30pm
19/11/25	Individual & Siblings Photographs	8am
20/11/25	Full Governing Body Meeting (Autumn 2)	3.45 for 4pm
24/11/25	Christmas Bingo	6pm
28/11/25	Choir @ Widnes Market	4.15pm
30/11/25	Choir @ The Woodlands	5pm
2/12/25	Christmas Production (ticketed event)	7pm
3/12/25	Christmas Production (ticketed event)	1.30pm
4/12/25	Whole School Mass	2pm
4/12/25	Christmas Production (ticketed event)	7pm
4/12/25	Advent Mass—School Hall	2pm
8/12/25	Year 6 Advent Celebration of the Word	9am
9/12/25	Year 5 Advent Celebration of the Word	9am
10/12/25	Year 4 Advent Celebration of the Word	9am
10/12/25	Year 5 Schools Advent Service @ Metropolitan Cathedral	1.30pm
11/12/25	Year 3 Advent Celebration of the Word	9am
11/12/25	Year 3 Cinderella Pantomime@ The Brindley	1.30pm
12/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day	N/A
12/12/25	Class Christmas Parties	N/A
15/12/25	Festive Family Read	TBC
16/12/25	‘Carolling & Crumbs’	TBC
17/12/25	Christmas Pyjama Day	N/A
17/12/25	Christmas Movie Night	3.30-5.30pm
18/12/25	Santa Dash	2.30pm





FESTIVE FAMILY READ

This year's Family Festive Read event will take place on Monday 15th December, in the school hall. We invite you or other family members to come into school to read with your child(ren) in a warm, welcoming and festive atmosphere. There will be a range of Festive books to read, and should you enjoy them, they are also available to purchase at low prices (£1.00 - £7.50).

Mums, Dads, Nana and Grandads are welcome; auntie and uncles too!

There will be refreshments available on the day, and you can stay for a short time, or for the whole session. It promises to be a lovely event in our Christmas calendar.

Spaces are limited and we can only allow entry if pre-booked. A letter will be issued soon, with a reply slip to book your place. We look forward to welcoming you on this special day!

- Year 6 Pupils: 9.30am - 10.30am
- Year 5 Pupils: 11am – 12 noon
- Year 4 Pupils: 1.30pm - 2.15pm
- Year 3 Pupils 2.30pm –3.15pm



PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographers are in school, next week, Wednesday 19th November.

They will be taking individual photographs, along with siblings.

If you would like your children to be photographed together, this includes children from other schools, you can bring them to the hall from 8am. Siblings that all attend St Bede's Junior School, can be carried out during the morning. Please ensure your children know they are to be photographed together and inform their teacher.

Please make sure they arrive in school on time and in full uniform. For those with PE that day, full uniform should be worn and they can change



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner Day is taking place on Wednesday 10th December and is open to everyone, even if your child has a packed lunch usually.

The meal is charged at the usual £2.75 and paid via the school gateway.

Festive Lunch

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts, gravy, stuffing and chipolata sausage

Vegan Festive Lunch

Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts, gravy, stuffing and vegan chipolata sausage

Dessert

Jelly or Festive Cake



Please note there will be no alternative choices on this day.