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Autumn Newsletter 2025

In this Advent season, we look back with gratitude on a busy and joy-filled term at St. Bede's. The children have worked with enthusiasm, grown in faith and shown kindness in so many ways.

Advent reminds us to pause, to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and to share His light through hope, peace, joy and love. We have been blessed to celebrate these values together in learning, prayer and community.

You will see in this newsletter, some key moments from the term, plus important information about upcoming events.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas season, from everyone at St. Bede's Catholic Infant School.

“There is born to you this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” – Luke 2:11



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Other important dates for Spring Term
[\(click here\)](#)

Term dates:

School opens - 5th Jan
School closes - 13th Feb
School opens - 24th Feb
School closes—27th March



OUR CATHOLIC LIFE—THE NATIVITY

During December's nativities, the children shared the Christmas story with great delight! Their excitement and energy brought festive cheer to all who came to watch. We suspect that the songs have continued to echo around homes ever since!

What a wonderful way to celebrate the season and share the joy of Christmas with our school community.



ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Our staff have been donating items for the Rotary shoebox appeal. The items (such as toys and household supplies) will be sent to support families around the world in countries such as Ukraine and Romania. More details about this scheme can be found [here](#).



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—PARISH OF ST. WILFRED

Christmas Eve

4:30pm - St. Basil's
4:30pm—St. Bede's
6pm—St. John Fisher
6pm—St. Michael's
Midnight—St. Bede's

Christmas Day

9am—St. Bede's
10:15am St. Michael's
11am St. Bede's
Boxing Day
12pm—St. John Fisher



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT WALK

This week, our children took part in a beautiful Candlelight Walk around school. We followed a trail of candlelight around the school. We reflected on our uniqueness, shared prayers for the world at Christmas time and retold the Nativity story through calm and peaceful moments.





OUR CATHOLIC LIFE



- ◊ Our thanks to Fr. Mark, our school chaplain, for coming into school to share quiet reflections with the children and staff. He led a beautiful Advent reflection for staff recently, which led beautifully into the Advent season, which began on Sunday 30th November. We would like to wish Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter and the staff who work in the presbytery, a happy and peaceful Christmas.
- ◊ We have had a wonderful Year of Jubilee and we are continuing our journey as Pilgrims of Hope. In the summer term we completed our school pledge combining all of the pledges from our school community. On the 21st of November we held our Pilgrims of Hope celebration for the whole school. The children gathered together and listened to scripture from St Luke. We shared our pledge and the Pilgrims of Hope prayer. Each of the children took home a small wooden cross and a bookmark to celebrate the occasion, bringing hope to our world.
- ◊ We hope you enjoyed sharing the children's learning in Religious Education, during the recent parent's evening meetings. You will find lots of information about RE on our website [here](#).

**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."
(Isaiah 9:6)**

KEY DATES:

- ◊ 21st December – fourth Sunday of Advent
- ◊ 25th December – Nativity of the Lord
- ◊ 6th January – The Epiphany
- ◊ 11th January – Baptism of the Lord
- ◊ 18th February —Ash Wednesday
- ◊ 22nd February —1st Sunday of Lent
- ◊ 25th March—Annunciation
- ◊ 29th March—Palm Sunday
- ◊ 5th April—Easter Sunday
- ◊ 25th May—St. Bede the Venerable
- ◊ 14th May—The Ascension
- ◊ 24th May—Pentecost



**"The baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." –
Luke 2:12**

Oh come let us adore Him

- ◊ Click [here](#) for mass times
- ◊ Click [here](#) for website
- ◊ The Wednesday Word provides scripture and prayer, along with games for the children, linked to the weekly Gospel. [Click here](#).
- ◊ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)

SPRING TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9AM START)

- 13th January Yellow Class
- 20th January Scarlet Class
- 27th January Coral Class
- 3rd February Purple Class
- 11th February Red Class
- 3rd March Orange Class
- 10th March Green Class
- 17th March Aqua Class
- 24th March Blue Class

Santa Dash!

The children enjoyed taking part in our Christmas-themed PE event last week. They balanced, raced, weaved and jumped their way through a range of fun activities.



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS



Fundraising

We would like to say a huge **'THANK YOU'** for your generosity in supporting our Christmas fundraising. Together, you have raised an amazing **£1,078.35!**

We will use these funds to install some blinds in the school hall. This will make our shared space more comfortable and peaceful for Collective Worship, performances and lunchtimes. The funds will also allow us to buy some trays so that the children can get easier access to outdoor play resources. We are incredibly grateful to you all...your contributions have such a positive impact on your children and our school community.



Dance sensations!

Year 2 were very lucky to work with an ex-West End dance specialist recently. Alex Watts has toured and performed with shows including the Lion King and Matilda. He worked with our Year 2 children for 4 weeks to produce a fantastic dance to the music from Hercules. Mr Watts now works at Saints Peter & Paul High School and we were delighted to welcome Mrs Scott, Principal of Saints Peter and Paul to watch the children perform their dance. Well done everyone!



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Pantomime

The Emperor's New Clothes

Clothes—The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed Altru's version of The Emperor's New Clothes. This professional touring production came to visit, including a full set, costumes and live original music. The actors and musicians were brilliant!



Remembrance

The children gathered together for a service of remembrance in November. Each child brought a poppy and placed it on the ground, leaving fields of poppies in remembrance.



Artsweek

Our annual Artsweek took place in October. The children took part in a variety of Arts activities, with the theme of 'We are all different and that's what's beautiful!' The children painted, sketched, danced, and took part in drama sessions with AmaSing (arts organisation). As usual, the children impressed us all



SCHOOL SPIDER

We encourage our parents and carers to download the School Spider parent app. You will receive information and updates via app messages and email.

As well as receiving information, you can also report your child's absence, view galleries and respond to surveys.

Apple version [here](#)

Android version [here](#)

[Email](#) Miss Parle with any queries.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have safeguarding concerns about any child you can contact Halton's integrated Contact and Referral Team by clicking [here](#). If you need to contact school and speak to Miss Scragg regarding any advice around safeguarding please email safeguarding@stbedesinfants.co.uk

School Funds Information
Bank Balance £6169.60
Cash Balance £314.40

Fundraising totals:

Hamper tickets: £836.35

Pre-nativity draw: £242

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A letter will be sent at the beginning of each half term, detailing your child's percentage attendance. We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances as to why a child's attendance may be low. Attendance is also reported at the end of the school year, in your child's report. Please click [here](#) to view our Attendance Policy. If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school, please read the NHS link [here](#).

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence. Absences can also be reported using the School Spider parent app. Medical evidence may be required if your child's absence falls below 90%. Attendance up to Friday 12th December 2025 is 95.4%.

As you will see from the policy ([here](#)) all requests for leave of absence in term time should be made using schools' 'Leave of absence in term time' request form and evidence of the exceptional circumstances must be provided for all requests and attached to the form. Information regarding penalty notices can be found in the policy (above).



Thank you to Mrs Towell (aka Mrs Claus) for leading a storytime in the garden on our Candlelight Walk.

As we finish for Christmas, we say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Gibbons. Mrs Gibbons has worked as a midday assistant and cleaner since 2019 and she will be greatly missed. Thank you Mrs Gibbons for being such a wonderful part of the St. Bede's Infant School community.

