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Summer Newsletter 2026

As another wonderful school year comes to an end at St. Bede's Infants, we would like to thank our children, families and staff for making it such a happy and successful year. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved, both in and out of the classroom and of the kindness, confidence and enthusiasm they show every day.

Wishing all our families a safe, restful and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 1 children back in September and we know that Year 2 will continue to shine brightly at the Junior School.

With best wishes,

St. Bede's Catholic Infant School

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Weds 2nd Sep—school opens

Thurs 22nd Oct—school closes

Mon 2nd Nov—school opens

Fri 18th Dec—school closes

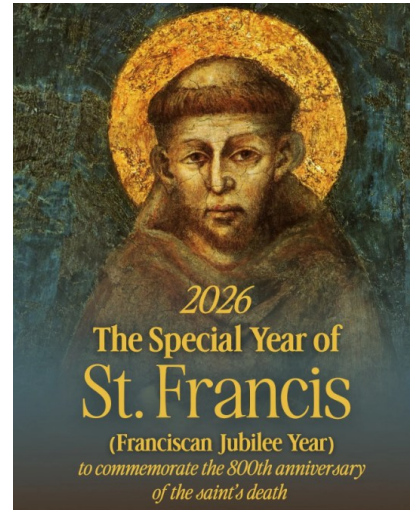


ST. FRANCIS

A SPECIAL JUBILEE

2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared that it will be a special Year of St Francis. Pope Leo has said: "This Year of St Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ... may the hope that has seen us as pilgrims now be transformed into zeal and fervour of active charity." The Year runs from 10 January 2026, the closing of the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", until 10 January 2027.

We have had a special week in school for all the children to find out more about St Francis and how he was a peacemaker and carer of nature. We have shared his peace prayer and also the Canticle of the Sun. Information can be found on the school website under our Catholic Life section [here](#). The [CAFOD website](#) contains prayers and videos that you can share at home.



"Let all that you do, be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

To know You more clearly

All of our children follow the 'To Know You More Clearly' Religious Education Programme, as set out by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.



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YEAR 2 CHOIR & STS PETER AND PAUL

Mrs Saunders from Saints Peter and Paul brought her wonderful choir to share some fabulous songs with our Year 2 choir. We had such a lovely afternoon, sharing singing talents and making beautiful music!



OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)
- ◇ Mass times—click [here](#)
- ◇ [School Website - Catholic Life](#)
- ◇ There is a 'useful links' document on the website where you can access links to Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. The links will take you to the animations for the children. You can also access the full version of the new RE Directory – To know You more clearly.

There is also a link to the Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word provides scripture and prayer, along with games for the children, linked to the weekly Gospel. <https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

For more dates and further information, please visit the Liturgy Office Calendar—click [here](#).

Father Mark

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Father Mark, our school chaplain, for coming into school throughout the year to share quiet reflections with the children and staff. The children really enjoy it when Father Mark is able to join them for singing. They love to learn new signs to our songs as well as show Father Mark how they love to sing. We have missed Father Mark during the summer term and it is lovely to see him back after his time away. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him in the Autumn term.



SPRINGS DANCE

Springs Dance led workshops with Year 1 and Year 2. The sessions were based on the 'Creation' story and the children showed us their creative talents. They found different ways to re-enact different parts of the story and had a great time!



A Summer Blessing

May God bless you
throughout the summer
days.

May the sunshine bring you
joy,
the fresh air bring you
peace
and time with family and
friends fill your hearts with
love.

May you find moments to
rest, to laugh and to make
happy memories together.

May God watch over you
wherever you go, keep you
safe in His care and bring
you back to us refreshed
and ready for a new school
year.

AUTUMN TERM

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

- 29th Sep—Blue Class
- 6th Oct—Aqua Class
- 13th Oct—Green Class
- 21st Oct—Coral Class
- 3rd Nov—Scarlet Class
- 10th Nov—Yellow Class
- 17th Nov—Orange Class
- 25th Nov—Red Class
- 15th Dec—Purple Class



Special Educational Needs

Information about Special Educational Needs can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

Information about Halton's Local Offer can be found via the Family Hub—[click here](#).

Parent workshops offered by ADDvanced Solutions are emailed termly. Information about these can also be accessed via their website [here](#).

SEND email address click [here](#)

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

SPORTS WEEK

What a fabulous time we had in Sportsw week. The children took part in dance sessions, had fun with water, met an Olympic gymnast, played rounders, took part in a football tournament and had fun at sports day...phew!



Thank you to Mr O'Neill for organising such a fun week!



Olympic gymnast, Danny Purvis, told us about his Olympic career and showed us some of his fantastic skills!





EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Year 2 made their way to Wade Deacon in June for the annual Infant Music Festival! The theme for this year was 'Our Wonderful World' and the songs were much enjoyed by the whole school. The children represented

St. Bede's Infants brilliantly and were proud to be part of such a joyful event! Thanks to all those who came along to help us. Well done everyone.



POLICE VISIT

We were visited by Merseyside Police officers earlier this week. The children loved exploring the police van and talking about all of the special jobs that the police do. Thanks to Merseyside Police.



Fundraising Thanks

£3631.82 was raised in the recent Sports Week sponsored run! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support for the children and school community.

As previously outlined, we will be developing a multi-sports area on the playground and this fantastic amount will ensure that the project can be completed.

Thank you for helping to make this exciting development possible for our children.

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AWARDS

MR HANRAHAN AWARD

Each year, our school staff select a child from Year 2 to receive the Mr Hanrahan award.

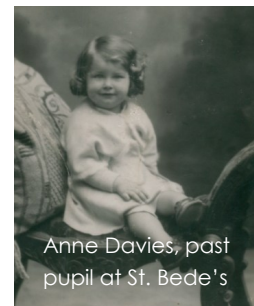
Mr Hanrahan was a much-loved Governor of our school for many years and since he passed away, we have remembered him by giving this annual award. Well done to Polly from Blue Class for winning this year. Polly sets a fantastic example to others, behaves beautifully at all times and tries her very best.

Well done Polly!



Anne Davies Reading Award

We were delighted to hear from the daughter of a former St. Bede's Infants pupil. Anne Davies attended the Infants in the 1940s and always spoke warmly of her time here. Sadly, Anne has recently passed away but her daughter has kindly donated a book for one child from each class, to recognise outstanding effort in reading. We were proud to present the first awards this week and this will now become an annual reading award. Anne's daughter has also kindly donated a tree for our garden, which will be planted in the Autumn. Thank you to the family of Anne Davies and well done to all the prize winners.



Anne Davies Reading Award winners 2026



Well done to our Friendship Award winners. These children have been chosen by their teacher for being a fantastic friend all year.



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 £6822.70
Cash balance £332.88

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%. Overall attendance to 10th July 2026 is 95.52%.

Guidance is changing around penalty notices. [Please click here to read Halton's latest information](#). DfE guidance can be found [here](#). We are awaiting a new Halton Borough Council attendance policy in line with the revised DfE guidance and this will be posted on the school website on the return to school in September.

INTERNET SAFETY

The children learn about Internet Safety whilst they are in school. Please talk to your children about keeping themselves safe online. We have a page dedicated to Internet Safety on our website with advice about age-ratings and other general information. You will also find our latest Internet Safety newsletter. Click [here](#).

