



# AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

## October 2024



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## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy start to the year. KS2 pupils have participated in a number of sporting events including success at netball and football competitions. Key Stage 1 enjoyed a fabulous Poetry Day with local poet Paul Delaney with four pupils selected to share their poems at the Cheshire Poetry Buzz Festival in December. Our pupil ambassadors were a credit to themselves at our OPEN DAY speaking confidently about *'What it is like to be a pupil at St Bede's School'* and sharing all the exciting activities and events that they have experienced. More Year 6 pupils and the school choir performed at the recent St Nicholas' Catholic High School Music Festival - they were amazing! Reception pupils visit our Forest Play every week, exploring the woodland, building dens, hunting for bugs, playing in the mud kitchen or just relaxing in the hammock!

What a delight it was to attend the **NORTHWICH SCHOOLS OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION** at Northwich Railway Station with two pupils from Year 3. They met our Northwich Mayor and local MP Andrew Cooper, Network Rail gave a rail safety talk and they enjoyed exploring the exhibition of artwork which celebrates the landmarks, parks, villages and natural spaces that can be found in Northwich.



In addition to the enrichment activities arranged for classes, it is with great pride that twenty-two Year 6 pupils completed their enrolment as Mini Vinnies and have offered themselves in service to others. They have already arranged a foodbank collection, led collective worship across the school, and next month they will be repurposing old Christmas cards, making new cards for the children and families of prisoners in HMP Forest Bank, HMP Hindley, HMP Berwyn and HMP Thorn Cross. The Mini Vinnie team have a list of wonderful ideas on how they aim to **'turn their concern in to action'** this year.

Well done Year 6 we are very proud of you!



## HARVEST



### FOOD BANK COLLECTION – Thank You so much ...

for your contributions to our annual harvest foodbank collection. The Mini Vinnies will arrange for all your donations to be sent to the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank to help those in need.

**HARVEST PRAYER SERVICE** - To give thanks for our food and the hands that make the food, there will be a prayer service in school at 2.40pm on Wednesday 23 October. You are welcome to join us.



### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK:

Monday 11– Friday 15 November 'Choose Respect'.

As part of the Anti-bullying activities we are inviting all pupils to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique on **TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER**



## OPEN DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Annual Open Day yesterday. This is a date in the school calendar that pupils look forward to showing visitors a typical St Bede's school day. We were able to celebrate our wonderful school and how we enjoy a variety of lessons and learning opportunities in the classroom and beyond. Once again, the Y6 Ambassadors escorted each guest around the school, they were confident and enthusiastic in their sharing of 'What it is like to be a pupil at St Bede's'. Thank you Y6!



**If you know someone who is looking for a Reception place September 2025, do ask them to contact the school office and we can arrange a tour of the school. We have places for families of all denominations.**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025



The Sacramental Programme for pupils in Year 3 and above will commence in the New Year - 2025. Fr Paul, Sr. Phyllis and the parish catechists are in the process of setting a date to meet with parents/carers who wish for their children to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. Additional information to follow after half term.



## WINTER UNIFORM POLICY

In line with our uniform policy, all pupils are required to wear their winter uniform after half term. Please note the main colour of our uniform is **BOTTLE GREEN**. We would request that pupils do not wear other colours. It is not a requirement to wear branded items.

Our pre loved uniform shop is open all year round – please complete a request form and we will locate the requested items [Pre Loved uniform](#) link

- Bottle green skirt/pinafore
- White blouse/shirt - long or short sleeved
- Bottle green cardigan, sweatshirt\* or sweatshirt cardigan\*
- Grey trousers - short or long
- Bottle green sweatshirt\*
- Green & gold tie\*
- Green/grey/white tights or socks NOT trainer/liner socks
- Black or brown shoes of a sensible style NOT boots or ankle boots

\*branded items available on line at [Uniform Shop link](#)

**Long hair to be tied back with soft bobbles/bands – green or neutral colours. We discourage extreme hair styles and that short hair is not to be cut below a No2 clip or to have lines shaved into it.**

## BUILDING FUND

A BIG thank you to all the families who have made their contribution to this year's building fund appeal. Every year we benefit from diocesan support to improve the facilities around our school to make it an inviting environment for all our families. As you are well aware the flooding in the car park is our number one priority and the fund will enable the essential remedial works to take place.



**PLEASE NOTE**

### WORKING TOGETHER to SAFEGUARDING OUR PREMISES

*Please note that the school campus begins at the top of the drive on Keepers Lane*

**At the start of the school day, pupils MUST be supervised by an adult when entering the school site.**

- If, for any reason, you need to drive on to the school carpark – **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WITH CARE AT ALL TIMES** – especially those who attend before and after school club.
- **REMINDER: Club parents can use the school car park until 8.20 in the morning** – after this time please park on Keepers Lane.
- Please do not ride bikes/scooters down the drive or on to the school playground. This can be hazardous to all pedestrians
- Please supervise your children before and after school and do not allow them to play on or with the playground equipment.
- Smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes/vaping is prohibited on the premises.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

AUTUMN TERM 2024		
	<b>October</b>	
Monday	21	2.20pm Reception Stay & Play – Reception parents/carers welcome
Wednesday	23	2.40pm Harvest Prayer Service – ALL WELCOME
Thursday	24	2.50pm Year 3 Class Assembly – Year 3 Parents/carers welcome
Thursday	24	Half-Term – Pupils break up
Friday	25	INSET DAY - School Closed
	<b>November</b>	<i>Month of the Holy Souls and Remembrance</i>
Monday	4	Pupils return to school – <b>Winter Uniform</b>
Thursday	7	Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme
Monday	11	2.30pm - Whole School Mass - Remembrance
Mon-Fri	11-15	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme: <i>Choose Respect</i> <i>Pupils are invited to wear ODD SOCKS on <b>Tuesday 12 November</b></i>
	<b>December</b>	<i>Advent</i>
Friday	13	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime - Cinderella
Friday	20	1.15pm - Whole School Mass – ALL WELCOME 2.15pm End of Autumn Term

*Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, concerns or you need clarification.*

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