



NEWSLETTER December 2024

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



Dear Parent/Carers,

This weekend will celebrate the start of **ADVENT**, a time of preparation and getting ready to welcome Jesus in to our lives at Christmas. We are looking forward to the different events that have been arranged to make Advent a special season for all. KS2 will be visiting St Bede's Church for a service of reconciliation, led by Fr Paul; Reception and KS1 will lead our Advent Service in Church and each class will have the opportunity to bring home a Travelling Crib.



ADVENT PRAYER

In this season of Advent, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son. Let us take time to pause in our busy lives, to prepare our hearts and minds. Let your light shine within us. So that through our actions we may show hope and kindness to everyone we meet, especially to those in need. Amen

RECEPTION AND KS1 ADVENT SERVICE - Monday 16 December at 2.00pm



Please join us at St Bede's Church on Monday 16th December to listen to our pupils sing *hymns and carols*, and share *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. **ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM CHURCH AT 3PM.** Children attending the Sunrise/Sunset Club will be walked back to school.

ADVENT MASS IN ST BEDE'S CHURCH - Friday 20 December 1.15pm

We invite you to end the term together in St Bede's Church with the celebration of Mass. If you are unable to attend this service, ***please collect your child/ren from St Bede's Church at 2.15pm. There will be no after school club on this day***

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025

A letter has been sent to families in Year 3 who would like their child to join the **Sacramental Programme 2025**. If you have a child in Year 4 and above and would like them to join the programme, please inform the School Office and further details will be shared with you. If you would like to find out more about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or would like your child to be baptised in the Catholic faith, please contact Sr Phyllis or Fr Paul at St Bede's Church. [St Bede's Church website](#)



CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 12NOON – 2.00PM

In preparation for the Christmas Fair the second non-uniform day is **Friday 6 December – requesting a donation of £1.00 per pupil**. Gifts, donations and raffle prizes can also be donated. 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 on Saturday, the fair creates a wonderful atmosphere and sense of community for everyone.



Christmas Post Box

As we draw closer to Christmas, the children may wish to send Christmas cards to their friends. We will open the Christmas Post Box on **Wednesday 11 December**. Please ensure the name of the recipient, surname initial and class year group is on the envelope. Eg Andrea P Y3

KS2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



The pupils are rehearsing very hard to remember all their words, stage directions, actions and songs in preparation for the big night. We look forward to seeing you all at the performances on the 11 & 12 December. This year there will be **four performances** to allow as many families as possible to attend and celebrate the talents of the children. We do require you to book your seats due to limited space and for health and safety regulations. Look out for a separate email with further details on how to book your tickets or contact the School Office.

Non-Uniform Day 'Christmas Colours'

On Wednesday 18 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!



VACANCY – LUNCHTIME MIDDAY ASSISTANT

Midday Assistant wanted 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

PARKING ... PARKING ... PARKING ... PARKING ... PARKING ... PARKING ... PARKING

Outside the school gates: We continue to receive complaints about dangerous and thoughtless parking. Sadly, these complaints also include aggressive conduct and abusive behaviour from adults, behaviour which is often witnessed by the children. We encourage all adults to be positive role models.

INSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES: Staff Car Park

Sunrise/Sunset Club users must respect the car park and park appropriately at all times. **Do not enter the carpark after 8.20am or before 4.00pm.** Please park in an **AVAILABLE SPACE** and **avoid blocking staff vehicles.** Do not leave your engine idling or take time to make phone calls. Unfortunately, there have been reports of scratched and damaged cars in recent weeks. Hopefully we can respect the limited space available and each other.



Mr Birkin, our Site Maintenance Officer, will now be assigned to monitoring the car park in the mornings to assist you in driving slowly and moving around the car park.

INCREASING ISSUES MAY LEAD TO NO PARENTAL VEHICLE ACCESS ON SCHOOL SITE.

Dates for your Diary

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

December 2024		
Tuesday	3	Y5 and Y6 Service of Reconciliation at St Bede's Church
Thursday	5	Y3 and Y4 Service of Reconciliation at St Bede's Church
Friday	6	NON-UNIFORM DAY #2 Christmas Fair donation
SATURDAY	7	CHRISTMAS FAIR 12 noon – 2.00pm
Wednesday	11	KS2 Christmas Production 2.00pm and 6.00pm (Ticketed event)
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	13	Whole School trip to see Cinderella Pantomime
Monday	16	2.00pm KS1/Rec Advent Service in St Bede's Church – ALL WELCOME <i>(please collect from Church 3.00pm)</i>
Tuesday	17	Year 6 History Enrichment Day
Wednesday	18	Christmas Colours/ 'Jumper' Day and Christmas Dinner
Friday	20	1.15pm Whole School Advent Mass – St Bede's Church ALL WELCOME <i>(please collect from Church 2.15pm)</i> There will be no after school club on this day Autumn Term ends – children break up
January 2025		
Monday	6	Pupils return to school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany

