



St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form College

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze'

Newsletter: 20 June 2025

Faith

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christ – which means The Body of Christ. In some parts of the world there are processions through the streets and this is also a time when children traditionally make their first Holy Communion.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 9:11-17) we hear the story the '5 loaves and the 2 fishes.' The gathering in this Sunday's Gospel wasn't just a huge miraculous, open-air picnic but a sign of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Jesus makes the same offer to nourish us today, especially when we receive Holy Communion – a moment in which we receive Jesus – a gift from heaven.

Excellence

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to **Michael Amusat 7H2**. Michael submitted three exercise books to show his commitment to maintaining the St. Bede's Standard in his school work. His effort, presentation and production of work was outstanding. Well done, Michael!

Students may show work they are proud of to our school leaders each Friday. If their work meets our St. Bede's standard they will be rewarded with a celebration postcard, acknowledging their good work. Over 30 students met with Mr Logan last week, proudly demonstrating their work.

Tutor Group of the Week

10C2

House Students of the Week

Columba **Hollie Hodgson 9C2**

Hilda **Lennon Thirkell 9H3 & Ellie O'Connor 10H1**

Oswald **Harry Rochester 8O1**



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Ben's Spanish Flair!

Congratulations to Benjamin Brown Y9 who has been highly commended in the Oxford University 2025 Spanish Flash Fiction competition. The annual competition invites secondary school pupils to write a short story of no more than 100 words in Spanish. They received over 450 entries to the competition this year and the judges were extremely impressed with the hard work and creativity that went into Ben's piece of fiction in a different language! Well done!



Durham University Collingwood College Cup Winners!

Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls and Boys who took part in the Durham University Collingwood College Cup and were victorious in the Plate Final winning 1-0 with a goal from Lacey H. They were also the lunchtime Skills Games winners, mostly thanks to Ben I's Crossbar Challenge performance!!



Young Lionesses training at St George's Park

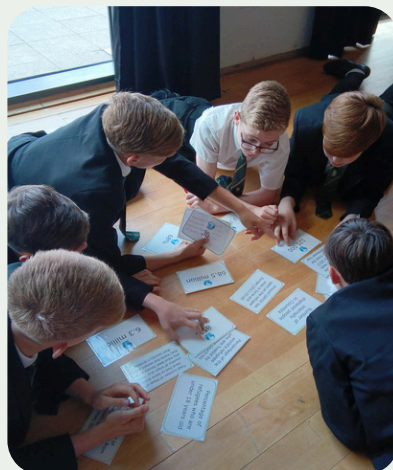
Two of our St Bedes girls Katie (Y9) and Anna (Y10) were down at St George's Park last weekend for their England Lionesses Training Camp. This is a fantastic achievement for both girls and we are very proud!



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Refugee Week

To mark Refugee Week, our community have taken part in celebration of the Word which has been led by our young people. In addition to this our year 9 cohort have taken part in workshops aimed at raising awareness about the challenges and resilience of refugees and what it means to be a refugee. The session included interactive activities such as storytelling, looking at statistics and taking part in a journey in which they themselves became a refugee, enabling them to discover how perilous the journey can be and what has to be sacrificed in order to find a safe place to live. This workshop has encouraged participants to express their perspectives and at the same time has fostered empathy and understanding. The workshop provided a safe and supportive environment for young people to connect, learn, and celebrate diversity within our community."



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SAFC Players visit our Fast Feet Girls

Last week our Y7-10 Fast Feet Academy girls enjoyed an afternoon chat and Q&A session with Sunderland AFC Women Libbi McInnes and Katy Watson, where they learned about life as a professional footballer and the sacrifices and barriers they faced along their journey.



Maths Legends!

Following in the footsteps of Pythagoras, Stephen Hawking and Ada Lovelace, we are delighted to unveil 6 more pupils as "Legends". These pupils epitomise our values and they are setting the world ablaze with their effort, presentation and manners. Well done - a particularly good week for the young women of St Bede's!

- Mr Taylor - Sophie Ward 10O1
- Mr Fowler - Sophie Johnson 9H2
- Dr Treanor - Angel Thornton 11O1
- Mrs Keniry - Rhea Gardner 8C2
- Mr Still - Jacob Knowles 7H2
- Miss Houghton - Lucy Thompson 7H1



Teenage Cancer Trust: Great North Run

Mr Larkin, once of our Fast Feet Football Academy coaches, is running the Great North Run to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. If you are able to support this worthy cause please click this link: <https://AJBellgreatnorthrun2025.enthuse.com/pf/colin-larkin>

Cookery Brilliance!

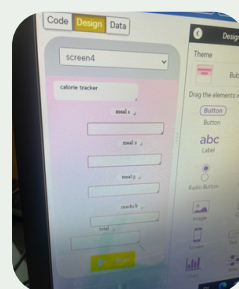
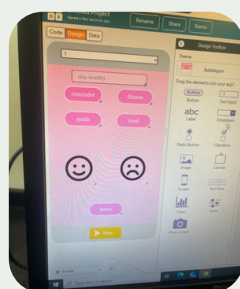
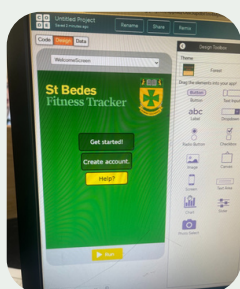
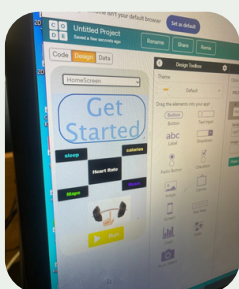
Our amazing children have been working through the cookery cycle on Wednesday evenings after school. Last Wednesday was the final session and they made amazing cheesecakes! Each student brought their own unique flair to the kitchen, resulting in a delightful array of flavours and presentations. This cookery club has not only honed the students' culinary skills but also inspired confidence and creativity, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved. We're already looking forward to the next cycle and the delicious dishes it will bring!



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Year 8 Health and Fitness is App-tastic!

This week in IT Year 8 have been designing their own St Bedes Health and Fitness Apps. They have all been using App Lab to create their own unique design which we will program to become functioning apps in the next few weeks. The quality of designs we have seen has been fantastic, so the department wanted to share and celebrate some of our favourites!



Nut Free Reminder

Just a reminder, our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of students with allergies. We kindly ask that all snacks and lunches brought from home do not contain any nut products. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe space for everyone.

Water Bottles

As the weather is warming up, please could we encourage students to bring in water bottles (no glass bottles) to school where they can be refilled at our water stations. Staying hydrated is important and will help you feel your best throughout the day!

Lunch Accounts

Please ensure that lunch accounts are topped up in advance. We kindly ask that any outstanding lunch balances can be cleared on a weekly basis.



Key Dates

- Monday 23 June: Week B
- Monday 23 June: Transition evening - Y6 parents
- Wednesday 25 June: SEND coffee morning
- Thursday 26 - Friday 27 June: Y6 Transition Days
- Friday 4 July: INSET - school closed for pupils
- Thursday 17 July: End of term *Summer holiday begins Friday 18 July

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Designated safeguarding leads:



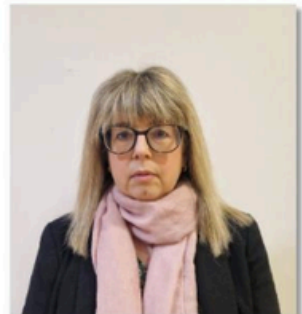
Mr Logan
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cessford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Robinson
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Mrs Ord
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