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AUTUMN TERM DATES

Tues 3rd Sep—school opens

Thurs 24th Oct—school closes

Mon 4th Nov—school opens

Fri 20th Dec—school closes

Summer Newsletter 2024

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter! We hope this finds you and your family well and enjoying the warmer weather. As we approach the end of the school year, we have a lot of exciting activities, events, and achievements to share with you.

Thank you for being part of our school family. Your support and involvement are what make our community so special. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we would like to wish Year 2 all the very best for the next part of their school journey.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity following the recent sponsored run. A fantastic £3157.48 has been raised and these funds will be used to purchase some new outdoor storage for our sports equipment. We have ordered some bike and scooter storage already and this will be installed over the Summer holidays. Thank you.

THANK
YOU

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

We were delighted to be awarded with the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award in April. The Live Simply award is a scheme for communities and schools to show how they have been living; simply, sustainably with creation and in solidarity with people living in poverty.

We welcomed local MP, Derek Twigg, and Margaret Rowlands, to present our award. Well done everyone!



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

Children in Reception have enjoyed exploring the new Religious Education curriculum, 'To Know You More Clearly'. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will begin 'To Know You More Clearly' from September 2024. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.

MAY PROCESSION

Our Year 2 children enjoyed a special visit to church as part of their honouring Mary, mother of God, as the 'Queen of May.' The children took flowers and sang songs near to the statue of Our Lady at St. Bede's Church. They read special prayers to ask for Mary to help us stay close to her son, Jesus, and try to live as Jesus shows us. They enjoyed singing the traditional hymn, 'Flowers of the Rarest' to remember this very special occasion.



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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/>

We would like to wish Fr. Bill every blessing for a happy and peaceful retirement and thank him for his work as our link priest over the last few years.

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Mark as our school chaplain from September. We are looking forward to the timetable of events already planned and know that we will work in partnership with Fr. Mark in the coming year.

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



With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, And guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge
and grace
All the days of our lives.

Amen.

AUTUMN TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

1st Oct Blue Class

8th Oct Aqua Class

15th Oct Green Class

22nd Oct Coral Class

5th Nov Scarlet Class

12th Nov Yellow Class

19th Nov Orange Class

27th Nov Red Class

10th Dec Purple Class



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular clubs this term.

We ask that you discuss any club choices carefully with your child to ensure that they are committed to attending, should they receive a place. Please do not put your child's name down for a club if they do not want to attend.

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 their website [here](#).

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

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

SPORTS WEEK

Sports Week was a great success! We started off in style with the sponsored run on the field—and thanks once again for your generous donations towards our sports storage fund.

Next was an obstacle course, followed by our dress up day...what a great time!



We were joined by 5 times British and European mountain bike champion, Danny Butler, who amazed us with his skills. Mr O'Neill very bravely 'volunteered' to let Danny bunny hop over him!

We finished with Sports Day and even after a busy week the children showed great enthusiasm, cheered on brilliantly by parents and carers! Thank you to Mr O'Neill for organising such a fun week.





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INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in the Infant Music Festival at Wade Deacon High School. The theme for this year was 'Terrific Tales' and the fairy tale songs were much enjoyed by the whole school. The children's (and adults) costumes were fantastic and the children represented St. Bede's Infants brilliantly. Well done everyone.



Jubilee Club

Members of the St. Wilfred's parish Jubilee Club came to listen to some of our Year 2 super singers. It was a lovely afternoon and many of the club members reminisced about their time at St. Bede's. We had been telling the

members about the fantastic fundraising effort from the sponsored run and the members very kindly donated a wonderful £114! Thank you very much to the Jubilee Club members for coming to visit and for being so generous.



PE QUALITY MARK



We were delighted recently to be awarded with the PE Quality Mark 'Distinction'. This award acknowledges our outstanding commitment to physical education, school sport and physical activity.

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 award. Well done to Abel for winning this year. Abel has a very positive attitude to learning and behaves beautiful at all times. Well done Abel!





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 £10,631.90
Cash balance £76.29

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 to Friday 12th July 2024 is 95.25%.

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 general information. You will also find our latest Internet Safety newsletter. Click [here](#).



Dear parents, carers and children,

As we wrap up another remarkable school year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our community's success. This year has been filled with hard work, dedication and numerous achievements, encompassed by an Outstanding Ofsted result in the Autumn Term. Your commitment and passion have made this possible and we are very proud of what we've accomplished together.

As we head into the summer break, we hope you all take the time to relax, recharge and enjoy the sunshine. For our students, may this be a time of fun and exploration and for our staff, a well-deserved period of rest and reflection.

Thank you once again for your incredible efforts and unwavering support. We look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 1 back in the Autumn, ready for another exciting and productive year. We wish our Year 2 children the best of luck as they move to Year 3 and we know that they will continue to work hard and try their best.

Warmest wishes for a happy and safe summer!

Staff and Governors at St. Bede's Catholic Infant School

