

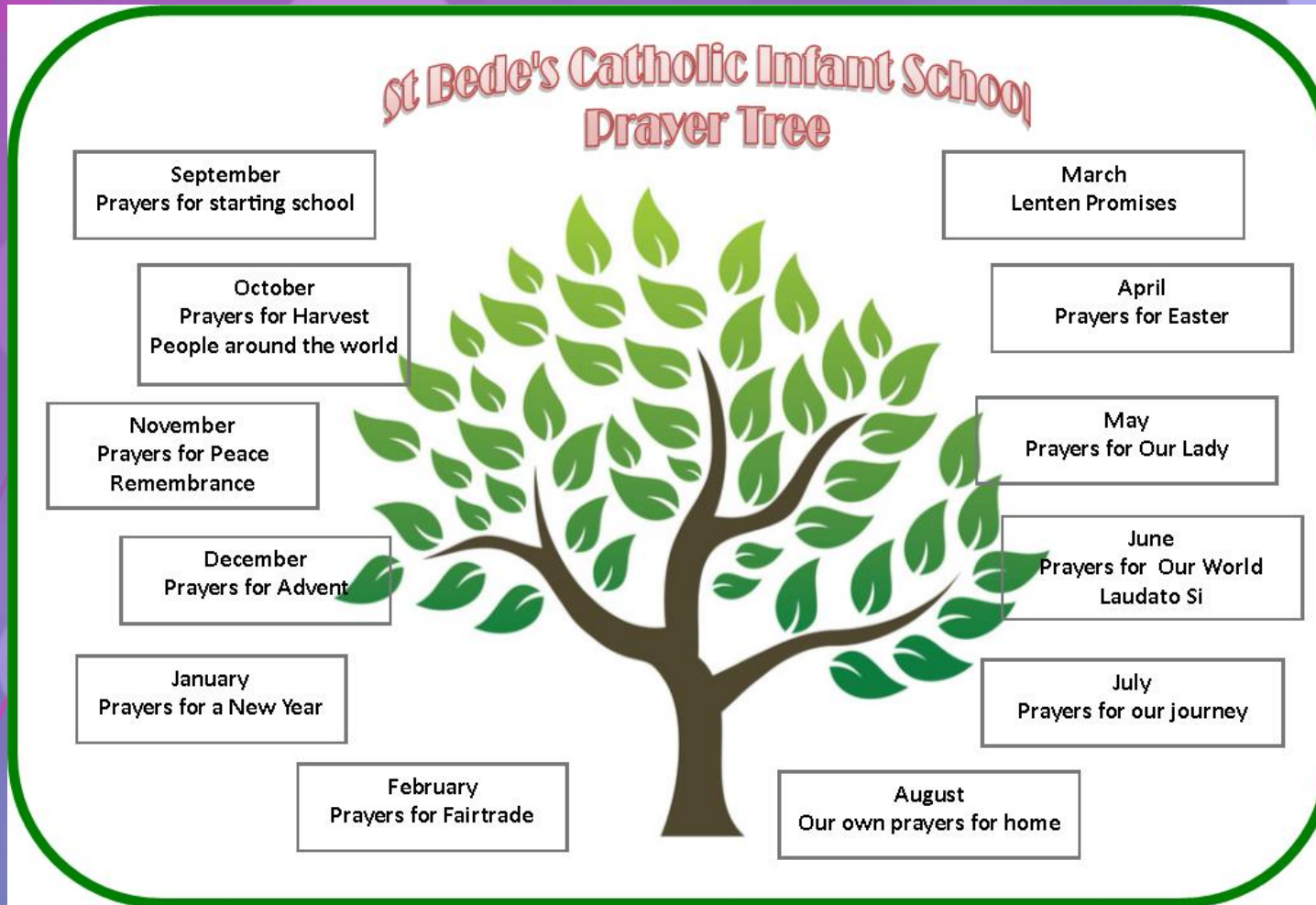
Live Simply

St Bede's Catholic Infant School

2023-2024



Our Prayer Tree



Throughout the year we have been using our prayer tree as a focus for different themes. All children take part and add prayers from their classes. The tree was added to our hall to be a focus area for prayer and the foci linked to ongoing themes and topics throughout the year.

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We use our prayer tree to share prayers with the other children in the school. Each class is invited to share their prayers each month. We have a different theme for each month that we are in school. Here are some of the children gathering together to share their prayers with each other.



Our prayers for Peace and Remembrance

Here are a few examples ...

Prayers for Advent



Lenten Promises



Our Prayer for Peace

Dear God

Help us to be role models for peace.

Let us show people how to love one another.

We want everyone to stop their unkindness and let everyone live in peace.

Let people make friends and respect each other

Please help families across the world to live happily and safely, free from wars and battles

Everyone is special and precious to You

We are all unique and have the right to live in peace

It does not matter our colour or our beliefs – we should respect and celebrate our differences

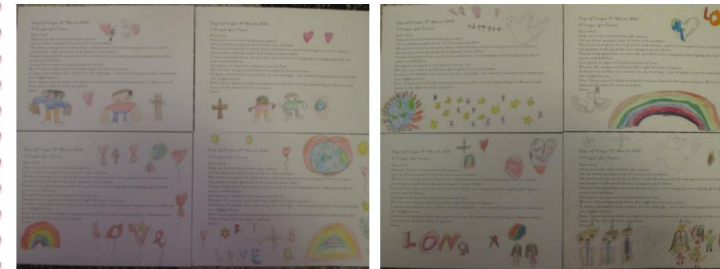
Dear Jesus please help everyone across the world, especially in Ukraine and Gaza to be able to live in peace.

Amen



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Fundraising - supporting and working with our local community

Foodbank collections - Harvest and Lent. We are in the middle of collecting for Lent at the moment.

Harvest Foodbank Collection
October

Once again we were delighted by the response of our school community and their generous contributions to our foodbank collection.



CAFOD visitors

After School Club with children from the CAFOD and Spirituality Groups and the Faith in Action Group from St. Peter and Paul High School.

Nugent Care

Can you complete the Easter challenge for Nugent Care?
There are five mixed up words for you to solve and then can you match the word to the correct picture? Can you find the names of five baby animals?

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Now that you have completed your challenge can you find some of the five things that you have named? You can take photos of them or draw them then bring them into school after the holidays to share with Miss Scragg.
If your family have sponsored you, can they help you to find the animals?

We hope you enjoy our Easter challenge and hope that you are able to raise some money for Nugent Care and have fun with the extra challenges and activities too.

Please send any sponsorship money and any pictures into school by Friday 21st April. I will send you a reminder by email just before the end of the holidays.

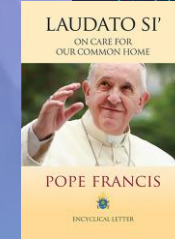
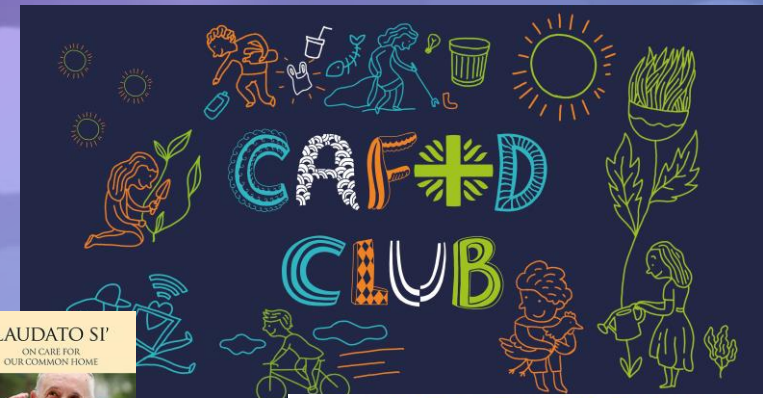
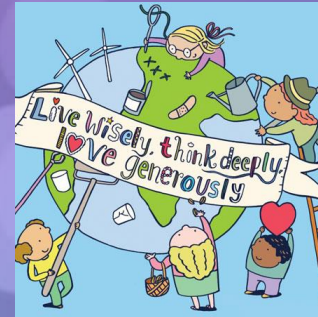
Thank you again for your support
Have a lovely Easter
Miss Scragg

Can you complete the Easter challenge for Nugent Care?
There are five mixed up words for you to solve and then can you match the word to the correct picture? Can you find the names of five flowers?

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Visits from our local Jubilee Club
The members are invited to our Nativity performances and for annual coffee afternoons where the children perform for them.

Our CAFOD Group



We arranged for CAFOD volunteers to come in to school to talk about CST

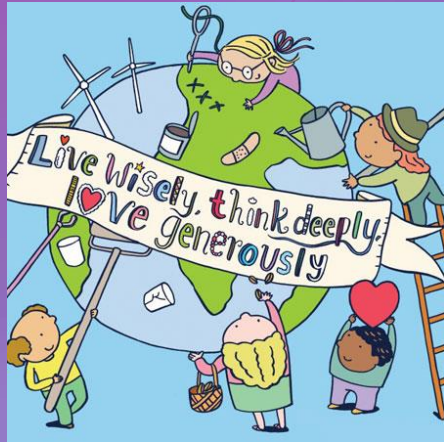
Here are some of our group in the Peace Garden



<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/primary-school-assemblies/advent-assembly-primary>

We are now looking forward to working with the Faith in Action Group from St. Peter and Paul Catholic High School

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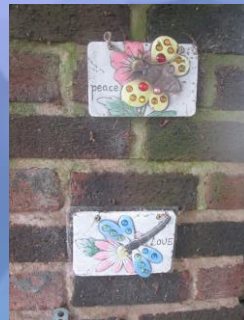
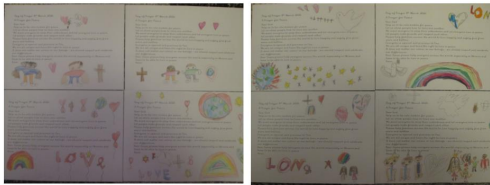
Our Peace Garden

The children in the gardening club worked with Mrs Ward and Mrs Cross to tidy the corner of the Mary Mary Garden to make our lovely Peace Garden. They added flowers, seating and mobiles to the garden to provide a quiet space for prayer and reflection. The children across the school can now sit peacefully in small groups, sit on the benches as part of their restful play or gather together as part of class prayer and reflection.



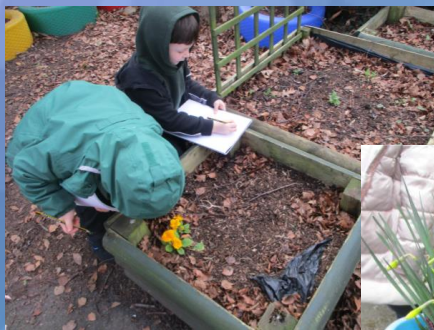
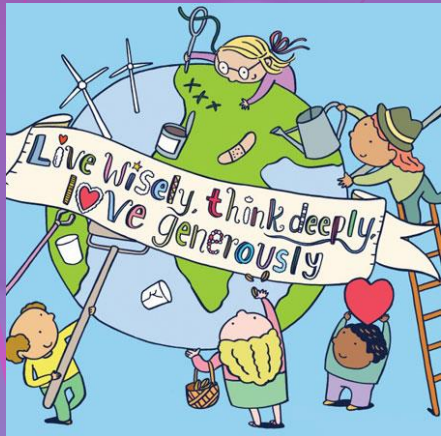
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Our Mary Mary Garden

A place for nature – a home for plants and animals that is looked after by the children.



We love our garden!

Fairtrade – Living in Solidarity

Pablo the Super Banana designs
Some examples of the children's designs—the challenge to create a new outfit for Pablo. Completed by all children across the school.



Examples of Fairtrade posters. There are many more linked to the competition and work completed in class. These are just three with positive Fairtrade messages and highlighting of different products.



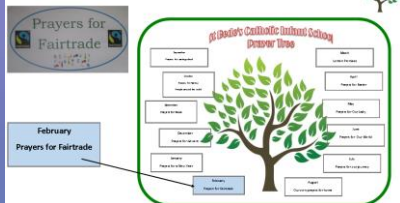
Some of the children in Year 1 wanted to share pictures of the packaging that they had brought in from home and some of the Fairtrade packets that they had in their packed lunches too.



Fairtrade Fortnight 2023
Collective Worship



Our school prayer tree. We have a prayer tree in the hall where all classes can contribute. In February the focus is Fairtrade.



Information from the Fairtrade website – this will be shared with whole school and we will move from March to September. We will keep our Prayer tree focus in February to ensure that Fairtrade is always at the forefront of our work to live in solidarity.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 date change

Our next Fairtrade Fortnight will be from Monday 9 September – Sunday 22 September 2024.

2024 is our 30th birthday, so we want to use the occasion to highlight how 30 years of working together has made the FAIRTRADE Mark a leader of life-changing impact for farmers and workers across the world.



**Awarded to
St Bede's Catholic Infant School**

**On
21st May 2023**

Next Renewal due:
21st May 2026



Michael Gidney
Chief Executive
Fairtrade Foundation



CAFOD Action



We all watch the different special assemblies and take part in actions that link to the campaigns.



Living Streets Walk to School WOW – living sustainably

LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL



EXPLANATION OF TRAVEL MODES ON THE WOW TRAVEL TRACKER

- Cycle:** Select this icon if you have cycled all the way to school. 'Cycling' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.
- Other:** This icon counts as an active travel trip and will contribute towards earning a badge. Choose this for any active journey that does not fit into the other categories.
- Walk/Stride:** Select this icon if you have walked or whooped all the way to school. We support counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.
- Public Transport:** Select this icon if you have used public transport to get to school. 'Bus' does not count as an active journey, so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.
- Motor Vehicle:** Select this icon if you have used a motor vehicle to get to school. 'Car' does not count as an active journey, so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.
- Other:** Select this icon if you have used another mode of transport to get to school. 'Taxi' does not count as an active journey, so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.
- Question Mark:** Select this icon if you are unsure of the correct mode to select.
- Incorrect:** Select this icon if you have selected an incorrect mode.

THE BRITISH NATURE WALK WOW BADGES 2023-24	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024
FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024

We mark off the way we travel to or from to school each week. We love to see when we have earned our badges. We love to collect the badges each month.

Sustainability

We made our own pledges to look after our world. These included some things we could do at home and some at school.

Don't litter! We won't throw our rubbish on the floor.

Turn off lights— don't waste electricity.

Turn off taps !

In school—

- we also have new LED lights
- Lights are on a timer
- we don't have the heating on when we don't need it—we close the doors.
- Our taps turn themselves off

Don't waste water!

Some people around the world don't have enough water so we shouldn't waste it!

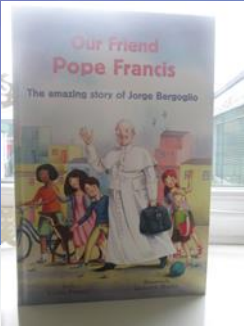
We will reuse paper. There is a lot of deforestation and the trees are being cut down to make paper so we should use both sides and use the whole piece not just part of it.



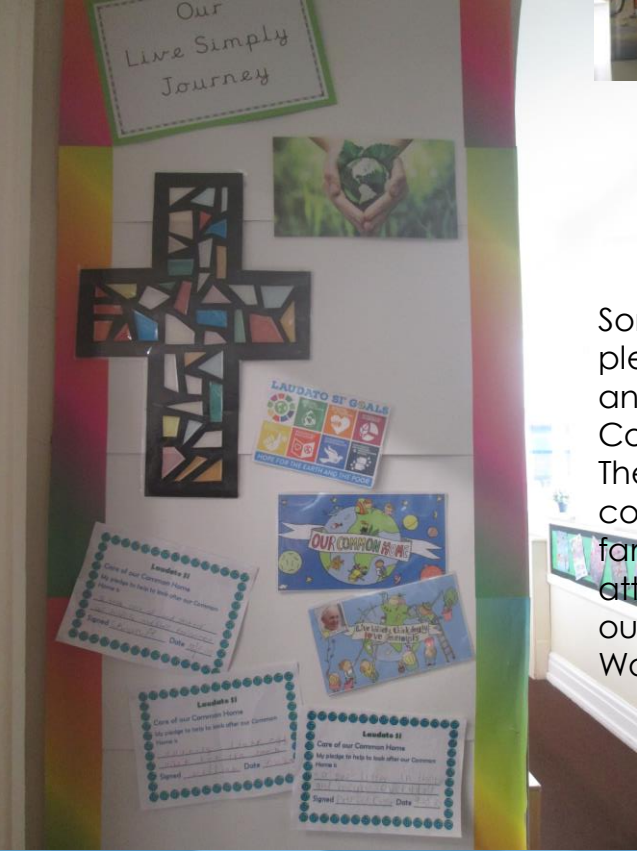
In Year 2 we are learning all about activists, including Greta Thunberg, during the Spring term. We are finding out about the importance of protecting our common home. We will be protesting about climate change and deforestation. We have covered this topic for a number of years and linked it to COP26 and the CAFOD Eyes of the World in the past.

Our Community Day 1st July 2023

We have two community days each year. In October and July.



Our Community Day
1 July 2023
Sharing our Live Simply journey and our community sharing their prayers for our world.

A collage of four photographs showing community displays. The top-left photo shows a green board with signs for "Our Live Simply Journey" and "Prayers for Our World", along with a sign that says "Fratelli Tutti means all brothers and sisters". The top-right photo shows a circular display of prayer cards. The bottom-left photo shows a child standing next to a large tree cutout on a door. The bottom-right photo shows a similar circular display on a wall.

Some of the pledges to care for and protect our Common Home. They were completed by families who attended one of our Collective Worship.



We will be inviting CAFOD back to school to talk about Catholic Social Teaching. We will have one of the characters as a mascot for each of our nine classes.

Faith in Action, CAFOD and Spirituality Groups working together focusing on Living Simply and Laudato Si.

We are really excited to establish our new links and work with the young people from the high school on a number of activities.



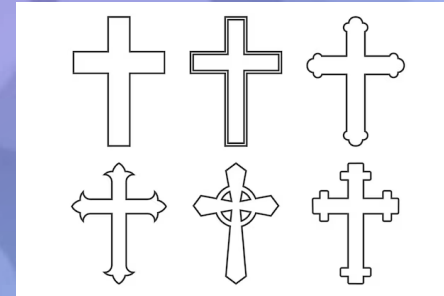
Faith in Action and Live Simply 2024

Community Links – St Bede’s Catholic Infant School and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic High School.

Working with the Faith in Action Group from Sts Peter and Paul and children from our school groups to support Live Simply Award.

We have met with Heather and Matt from Sts Peter and Paul to put together some activities for the Faith in Action group to work with some of the children from our CAFOD and Spirituality Groups at an after school club. We have put together a timetable for activities to be completed over five weeks. The members of the Faith in Action group will work with the children and lead them in the different activities.

All after school sessions will take place at St Bede’s Catholic Infant School.



Date	Activities
Friday 15 th March 2024	Design a cross for the Peace Garden. Working on the design that will be chosen to be made into a cross for the garden.
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Gardening. Tidying the garden and preparing the area for adding some plants and other artefacts.
Friday 3 rd May 2024	Gardening. Planting our plants to enhance the garden.
Friday 10 th May 2024	Prayer focus. To create prayers to be added to the garden.
Friday 17 th May 2024	Celebration. We will have an opportunity to share some food and drink together and talk about our activities and enjoy some time in the garden. Invite parents to join us – to be confirmed.

So, what's next?

Harvest and Lent
To continue to be collection points for Foodbank. To continue with our fundraising.

To continue to enhance our Mary Mary Garden and Peace Garden

To continue to work with the community including the Faith in Action group from the High School and the Jubilee Club.

To have more visitors in school including CAFOD.

To remain a Fair Achiever School.

To continue to use our prayer tree across the year. Focus also on Year of Prayer.

To engage with resources and activities for the Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope.



...and more!