

ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Year 9 London West End Trip**
Tuesday 18th – Wednesday 19th November
- **Yr 11 Mock Exams begin**
w/c 17th November
- **Christ the King Mass – St Bernadettes**
Friday 21st November
- **North Lincs Cross Country**
Wednesday 3rd December
- **School Closed – Inset Day**
Monday 8th December
- **Year 11 Photo**
Tuesday 9th December
- **Carols by Candlelight**
Monday 15th December



Message from the Headteacher

November is a special month in the Catholic Church, dedicated to remembering those who have passed away. We pray that God welcomes them and cares for them as they journey from this life to the next.



This week, it was fitting that our school joined the rest of the country in pausing for reflection on Tuesday to honour those who sacrificed their freedom and opportunities so that we can enjoy ours. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow us to gather outside as planned, so each tutor group watched the reflection virtually instead. The reflection has been recorded and is available on YouTube for parents to view at:

In addition, we have launched a parental survey this week. This is an important opportunity for you to share feedback—celebrating what the school does well and highlighting areas for improvement. Please use the following link to take part:

[St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy, parent survey 2025. – Fill in form](#)

Finally, looking ahead to next week, the forecast suggests the first cold spell of the autumn/winter season. Please ensure that students come to school wearing coats, as we often see students outside in poor weather without them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 8

As many parents will be aware Mr Harris who is currently is the Head of Year 8 works on a part time basis. I am very pleased to announce that Mr Tindall will be the Head of Year 8 on the days that Mr Harris does not work. Therefore on Monday and Friday Mr Tindall will assume the role whilst Mr Harris Tuesday – Thursday. We wish Mr Tindall all the very best.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Loving God, we take a moment to remember those who have gone before us. We give thanks for the love, guidance, and memories they have left in our hearts. May their lives inspire us to live with kindness, compassion, and gratitude. Bring comfort to those who miss them, and help us cherish the time we have with our families and community. Amen.

Anti-BULLYING Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 – “Power for Good”

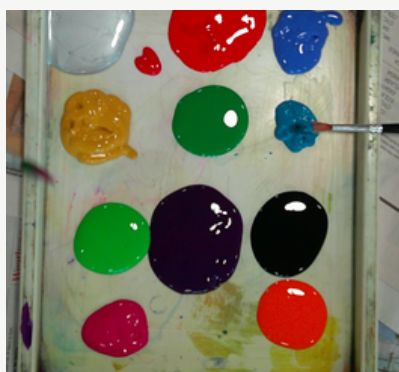
This week, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week 2025 with the theme “Power for Good.” The focus was on encouraging everyone to use their own “powers”—kindness, courage, and speaking up—to make a positive difference and create a safer, more inclusive environment.

Students and staff took part in a wide range of exciting activities.

Throughout the week, students also took part in kindness challenges featured in the Student Bulletin, and assemblies highlighted the importance of standing against bullying. Special prayers were held in the Chapel for both students and staff, giving everyone an opportunity to reflect on kindness, courage, and respect.

It was inspiring to see our students embrace their “power for good,” showing compassion, creativity, and support for one another. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the week such a meaningful and positive experience.

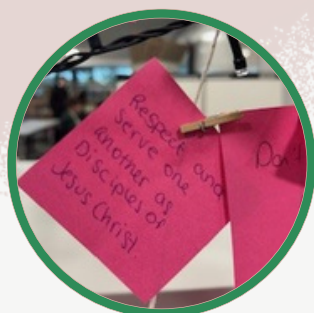
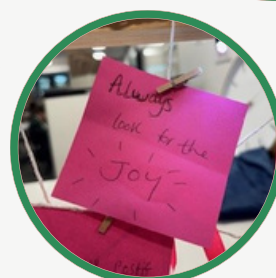
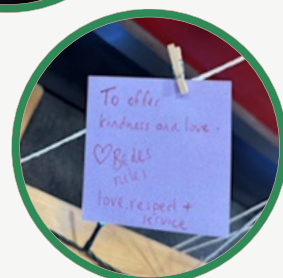
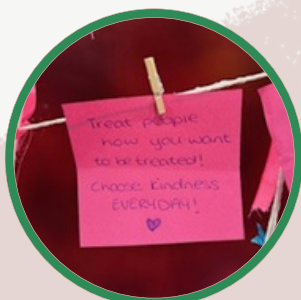
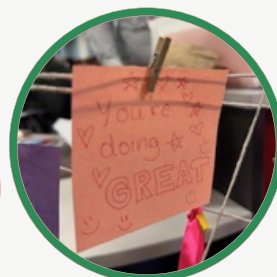
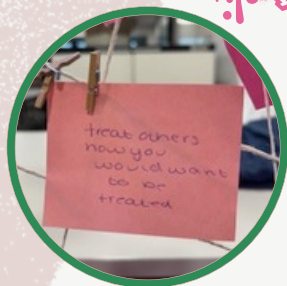
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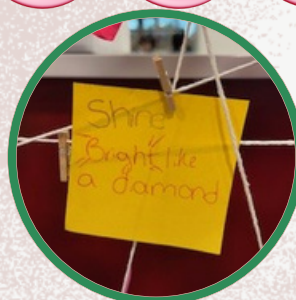
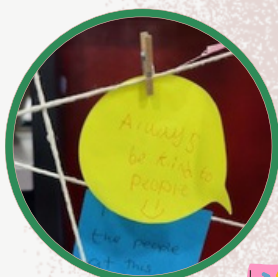


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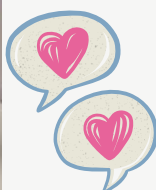
OUR ANTIBULLYING PLEDGES



CHOOSE Kindness



Compliment chain



Act of kindness tree



School nurse drop in



Friendship Friday



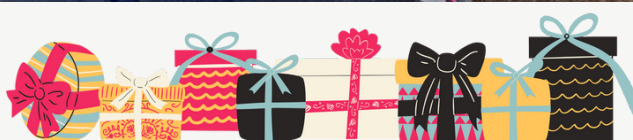
Shoebox Appeal

A Heartfelt Thank You – Christmas Boxes

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for your wonderful contributions and for encouraging your children to donate to the Christmas Boxes.

Thanks to your generosity, our St. Bede's family has created 38 Christmas Boxes—an amazing achievement! These boxes will bring joy to 38 children who might otherwise have gone without a Christmas present this year.

Your kindness and spirit of giving truly make a difference, and we are so grateful for your support.



Advent One Sporting Fixtures

As usual, the Advent One half-term was dominated by football fixtures before the clocks change and the evenings become too dark. Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 have played fixtures away at South Axholme, Baysgarth, as well as fixtures against Outwood Brumby and Year 8 & 10 playing Sir John Nelthorpe in Brigg. The teams have seen varying degrees of success, with Year 7 winning one fixture, Year 8 winning one, Year 9 team winning one and drawing one (winning on penalties) and Year 10 still looking for their first win. The remaining fixtures to be played in Lent 2 are against Vale Academy, Frederick Gough and Year 7 & 9 have SJN to play.

Year 11 football has a different format to the other year groups and were drawn against South Axholme in the Y11 Cup. After a hard fought game, the Y11s went down 3-1 to end their footballing journey at St Bede's.

Away from football, the U16's girls competed in the netball tournament hosted at Frederick Gough, competing against other teams from across North Lincolnshire.

Looking forward to Advent Two half-term, the PE Department is looking forward to Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Boys & Girls Badminton qualifiers, hosting a Y7 Netball tournament at St Bede's, the annual Scunthorpe School's Cross Country Championships at Central Park, Year 8 Girls 6-a-side football as well as a collaboration with Frederick Gough to provide our exam PE students with opportunities in Football and Netball.



Apprenticeship Opportunity

Are you year 11 and interested in trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing, plastering, brick and block work? Why not consider applying for an apprenticeship with TESCO, earning £25.900 per year after the first 12 weeks.

Work

Most of your apprenticeship is spent working. You'll learn on the job by getting hands-on experience.

What you'll do at work

- You'll be supporting a local store with general maintenance tasks.
- You'll learn a wide range of fundamental trade skills, including carpentry, joinery, plumbing, plastering, brick and block work.
- You'll be ensuring all Tesco sites are a safe and functioning environment for customers and colleagues.

Representing the Tesco brand by demonstrating our core values, maintaining a positive attitude and taking pride in wearing the Tesco uniform.



For more details, click on this link:

[Stronger Starts Maintenance Apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

Lincolnshire Show 2026 - Now Live

We are pleased to let you know that our Year 7 trip to the Lincolnshire Show is now live on Arbor for you to book a place.

The Lincolnshire Show is always a fantastic and memorable day for students, offering hands-on learning, exciting demonstrations, live animals, interactive exhibits, and a brilliant insight into local heritage, agriculture, and rural industries. It's a highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for Year 7 students to explore, discover, and enjoy learning outside the classroom.

Places are first come, first served, so we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to another excellent visit and thank you for your continued support.



Year 9 Poetry Live! Trip – Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that our Year 9 students will soon be attending the Poetry Live! event at the Barbican Centre in York on 26th February.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience live readings and insights from some of the country's most celebrated poets. The line-up includes Simon Armitage and Carol Ann Duffy, both of whom feature on the GCSE English Literature syllabus, as well as John Agard, Imtiaz Dharker, and Owen Sheers, whose work students have enjoyed during Years 7 and 8.

Hearing these poets perform their own work helps to deepen understanding, spark creativity, and bring classroom learning to life. Students will also gain valuable perspectives on the writing process, themes, and ideas behind the poems they study.

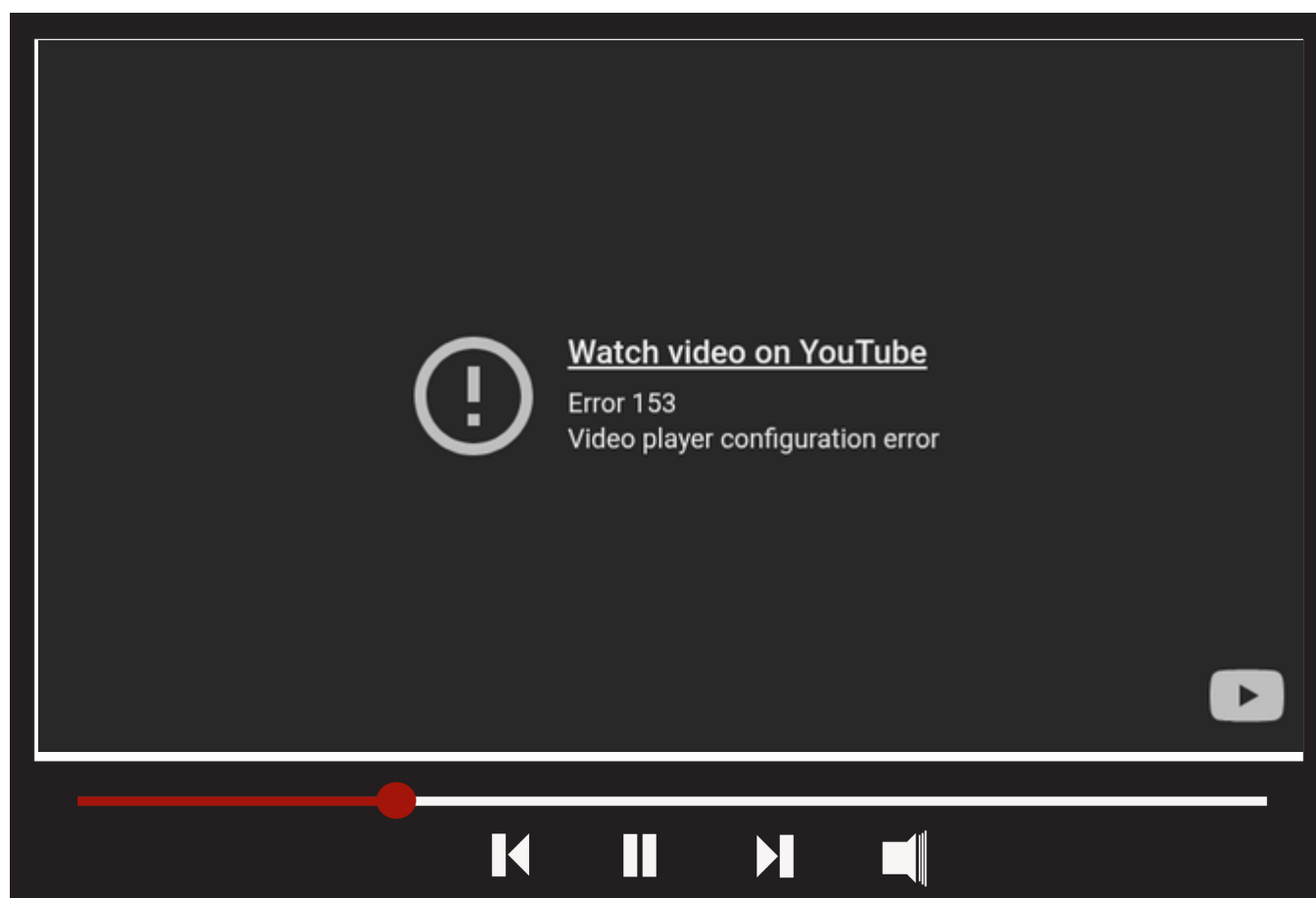
Further details regarding travel arrangements, timings, and permissions will be shared shortly. We look forward to a memorable and inspiring day for our Year 9 cohort.



CAREERS CORNER

Job of the Week...

Technical Author



Spotlight career

Technical authors turn complexity into clarity. They take cutting-edge technology and make it understandable—crafting manuals, guides, and documentation that empower users and support product success.

This career blends tech know-how with exceptional communication skills. Attention to detail, curiosity, and the ability to translate jargon into plain language are key. Technical authors don't just write—they connect people with technology, making it usable and accessible for everyone.

For those who love both technology and storytelling, this role is where clarity meets impact.

Year 7 students found out more about their careers journey at St Bede's in PSHCE this week. Mrs Bishop (Careers Leader) highlighted some of the key careers related events students will encounter. Students were completely engaged with the presentation and then went on to complete Year 7 Future Skills Questionnaire.



Avoid Bringing Nuts Into School

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of avoiding sending any nut products into school. We have several students with severe nut allergies, and exposure to nuts – even in small amounts – can pose a serious health risk.

While we cannot guarantee a completely nut-free environment, we rely on the support of all families to help us reduce the risk as much as possible. Please check lunchboxes and snacks carefully and avoid items such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts, pesto with pine nuts, and any products labelled as containing nuts. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep all students safe.

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th December



It's nearly time for our annual Christmas Dinner, and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season together!

Please place your order by Thursday 21st November via Arbor.

You'll find both the Meat and Vegetarian options listed in the School Shop.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please still place an order in the School Shop – there will be no charge.

Please note: the canteen will only be serving Christmas Dinner on this day.

If your child does not wish to have Christmas Dinner, please send them with a packed lunch instead.

Let's make it a joyful and tasty celebration to end the term!

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies – Now Available to Order!



We're excited to announce that Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies are now available to order! This much-loved tradition is a wonderful way for our students to celebrate their final year and remember their time at school.

All Year 11 students have been sent an email containing a link to the online shop, where they can choose their size, colour, and personalisation options.

Please note that orders must be placed by Friday, 26th December 2025. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted so we encourage students and parents to order as soon as possible.

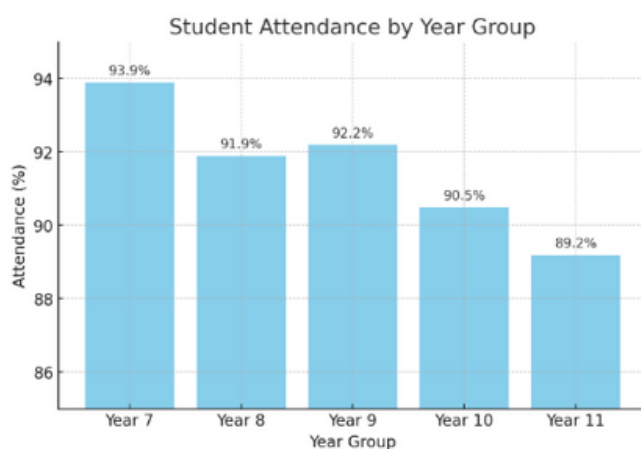
Homework Club

Our Homework Club is open to all students on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school from 3:05–4:00pm in LS. Staff are on hand to offer support, and laptops are available for students to use. The library is also open after school, providing a quiet space for study, reading, or completing homework.

SCHOOL CHOIR



W/E 7/11/2025



Breakfast

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club runs every morning from 08:15–08:30 in the Food Tech room, serving delicious warm bagels to help students start the day right!

There's no charge, and all students are welcome – it's a lovely way to begin the morning with good food and good company.