

ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

North Lincs Cross Country

Wednesday 3rd December

Year 8 Advent Carol Service

Friday 5th December
13:30-15:05

School Closed - Inset Day

Monday 8th December

Year 11 Photo

Tuesday 9th December

SPANNED Christmas Event

Wednesday 10th December

Rock Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Monday 15th December

Christmas Performance - Rock Nativity

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December

Message from the Headteacher

This weekend marks the start of the season of Advent. Advent is a season of hope and preparation, inviting us to pause amidst the busyness and reflect on joy, peace, and kindness. As we journey towards Christmas, may we encourage our children to look forward with anticipation, share light with others, and embrace the spirit of giving that makes this time so special. At St Bede's there are a number of events I would like to inform you about:



1. Carols by Candlelight. (Tuesday 16th December)

We are looking forward to our annual Carols by Candlelight concert. It will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 6pm in school. There will be more information on the booking of tickets in due course.

2. Non-uniform day (Tuesday 16th December)

On this day students are able to attend school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1, this has already been placed onto Arbor. All monies raised will go towards supporting local families in difficulties.

3. Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper day (Wednesday 17th December)

Wednesday 17th December is Christmas dinner day in school, all meals should already have been booked through Arbor. Students on this day are also welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their normal blazer or school jumper. Please note this is not a non-uniform day, students not wearing Christmas jumpers should wear their normal school uniform. There is no charge for this.

4. Whole school mass and early closure (Friday 19th December)

This is the last day of term, the following events will be taking place:

- At 11:15am we will celebrate our end of term Mass with Father Lim, this will also include the draws for the "Be like Bede" rewards vouchers.
- School will finish at 12:50pm. There will be no lunchtime on this day. Any student who qualifies for free school meals and would like their lunch providing should Mrs Glynn at: kglynn@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk
- There will be a full catering service at break for students to get something to eat

5. Lent term (Monday 5th January)

The school will reopen to all students on Monday 5th January for all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for the support that you have shown to the school over the last 12 months. I hope that you and your family enjoy the hope, peace, joy and love of the advent season.

INSET day

A reminder that the school is closed to all students on Monday 8th December for an INSET day.

The First Week of Advent

This week marks the beginning of Advent, a special time in the Christian calendar that invites us to pause, reflect, and prepare for the Christmas season. Advent is traditionally a period of anticipation and hope, symbolised by the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath. This candle represents hope—a reminder of the light that guides us through darker days and the joy that lies ahead.

In school, we have been taking time to reflect on what hope means to us as a community. Students have explored themes of kindness, gratitude, and looking forward with positivity. Whether through tutor-time discussions, assemblies, or small acts of generosity, our young people have embraced the spirit of the season in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

As we enter this journey toward Christmas, Advent encourages us all—students, staff, and families—to slow down, appreciate the present moment, and find hope in the everyday. We look forward to sharing more Advent reflections and activities as the weeks progress.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and hopeful start to Advent.

Cheeky Elves Take Over School!

This week, some very mischievous visitors have arrived on site—our own team of Cheeky Elves! With December now in full swing, the elves have been popping into tutor groups across the school, bringing plenty of festive fun (and just a little bit of chaos!) wherever they go.

Each morning, students have arrived to find that the elves have been up to new tricks. From sneaking into classrooms and leaving behind tiny notes, to reorganising book displays, hiding in the most unexpected places, and even borrowing stationery, their playful antics have been the talk of the school. Tutor groups have enjoyed trying to predict where the elves will appear next and what sort of mischief they might cause.

The elves' visits have brought a wonderful sense of excitement and laughter to our school community, helping us all get into the festive spirit as we approach the end of term. We look forward to seeing what they get up to next—though we'll be keeping a close eye on them, just in case their tricks become too cheeky!

Stay tuned for more elf updates as the week continues!



Year 9 Reading Mentors Supporting Year 7 Students

We are delighted to share the success of our Year 9 Reading Mentor program! Each week, a group of enthusiastic Year 9 students work closely with Year 7 pupils to help develop their reading confidence and comprehension skills. These sessions provide younger students with valuable one-to-one support, while giving our mentors the opportunity to build leadership and communication skills.

The positive impact has been clear—Year 7 students are growing in confidence, and our mentors are proud to make a real difference in their school community. Thank you to everyone involved for fostering a love of reading across the year groups!

Thank you for your support

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legions' (RBL) Poppy Appeal 2025, together we raised a stunning amount totalling **£65,825.50**.

The schools in Scunthorpe, Messingham and Gunness/Burringham played a significant role in this year's appeal raising a combined total of **£6120.39** a truly magnificent effort. Individual school totals are available if required, please reply to this email.

Your contribution will be greatly received by the RBL and certainly put to good use, enabling the RBL to support and assist our serving personnel both past and present. The work of the Legion is as relevant and vital today as it was in the aftermath of the First World War when the charity was founded. The time and effort your team has given to help the Poppy Appeal will help to preserve the memory of the fallen and the future of the living.

Thank you again for your efforts and kind donation.

Kind Regards

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SCUNTHORPE CHESS CLUB

Adults - Mondays and Thursdays
from 7.20pm

Juniors - Thursdays 6pm-7pm
monthly tournaments on the last
Thursday of each month. Prizes for
all. £2.50 entry

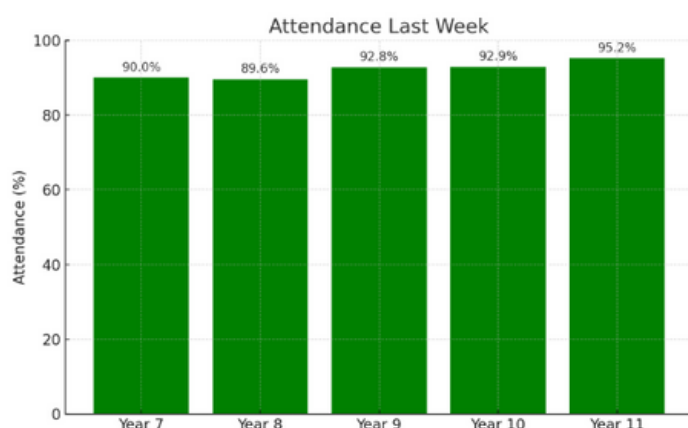
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Attendance W/E 21/11/2025



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Offering financial support to enhance learning opportunities for young people in North Lincolnshire under the age of 21 years old.

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How to apply

Write to:

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FREDERICK GOUGH SCHOOL
GRANGE LANE SOUTH
BOTTFESFORD
SCUNTHORPE
DN16 3NG

The Withington Trust was created following the will of the late ex-headteacher of Frederick Gough School, Peter Withington, who was headteacher from 1966 to 1977. He bequeathed money for the purpose of providing financial assistance for young people under the age of 21 who undertake activities that are not normally provided for in a normal educational curriculum. In the past, the Trust has awarded up to £350 for equipment or other costs associated with the provision of these extra-curricular activities. The Trust cannot pay for course fees, but does provide a helping hand that has assisted hundreds of North Lincolnshire pupils during its existence. Young people who wish to apply for financial assistance are invited to write to: Withington Trust, Frederick Gough School, Grange Lane South, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 3NG Please include:

Personal information - Begin with your name and give additional details such as your interests, school/college attending and course of study. Explain why you are applying:

- Detail the reasons why you are applying, eg for equipment, or to support extra-curricular activities or charitable events (please note course fees cannot be funded)
- Give a clear explanation of your circumstances and explain how you meet the criteria of the Trust (under 21 and resident of North Lincolnshire)
- Explain what actions you have taken to help with your finances, such as taking up employment, sponsorships etc.
- Where possible provide a breakdown of associated costs
- Explain how the funding will help you.

Requirements: Under 21 and resident in North Lincolnshire. Please note there is a limit to funding allocated depending on the activity

FUELLED

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

It's the Winter holidays and Fuelled is back with activities for Teens!

Join **Elsham Activity Centre** for fun-filled days of exciting outdoor activities in **Elsham** such as; Paintball, Bubble Football, Air Rifle Shooting, Axe Throwing and more but activities on the day will depend on how many are booked on (Ages 11-16).

Twin Tigers Martial Arts are in **Scunthorpe** with two fun activities this Winter. Join them for some kickboxing and a proper Victorian Christmas dinner and a trip to ten pin bowling (Ages 11-16)!

Fancy some STEM activities over Christmas? Then why not go to **Engineering UTC** and take part in some wonderful experiments (Ages 11-16).

We also have **pantomime tickets** and **activity packs** available to book on our website too. Make sure to check them out!

Limited places available, bookings open 2nd of December at 1pm!
To book onto an activity scan the QR code below.

The Fuelled HAF Programme is funded by the Department for Education. We offer activities and food for school-aged children who receive benefits-related free school meals. To find out more, head over to www.northlincs.gov.uk/fuelled or scan the QR code to go straight to our booking platform. Some providers also have free or paid places for non-eligible children which can be booked on the same website.



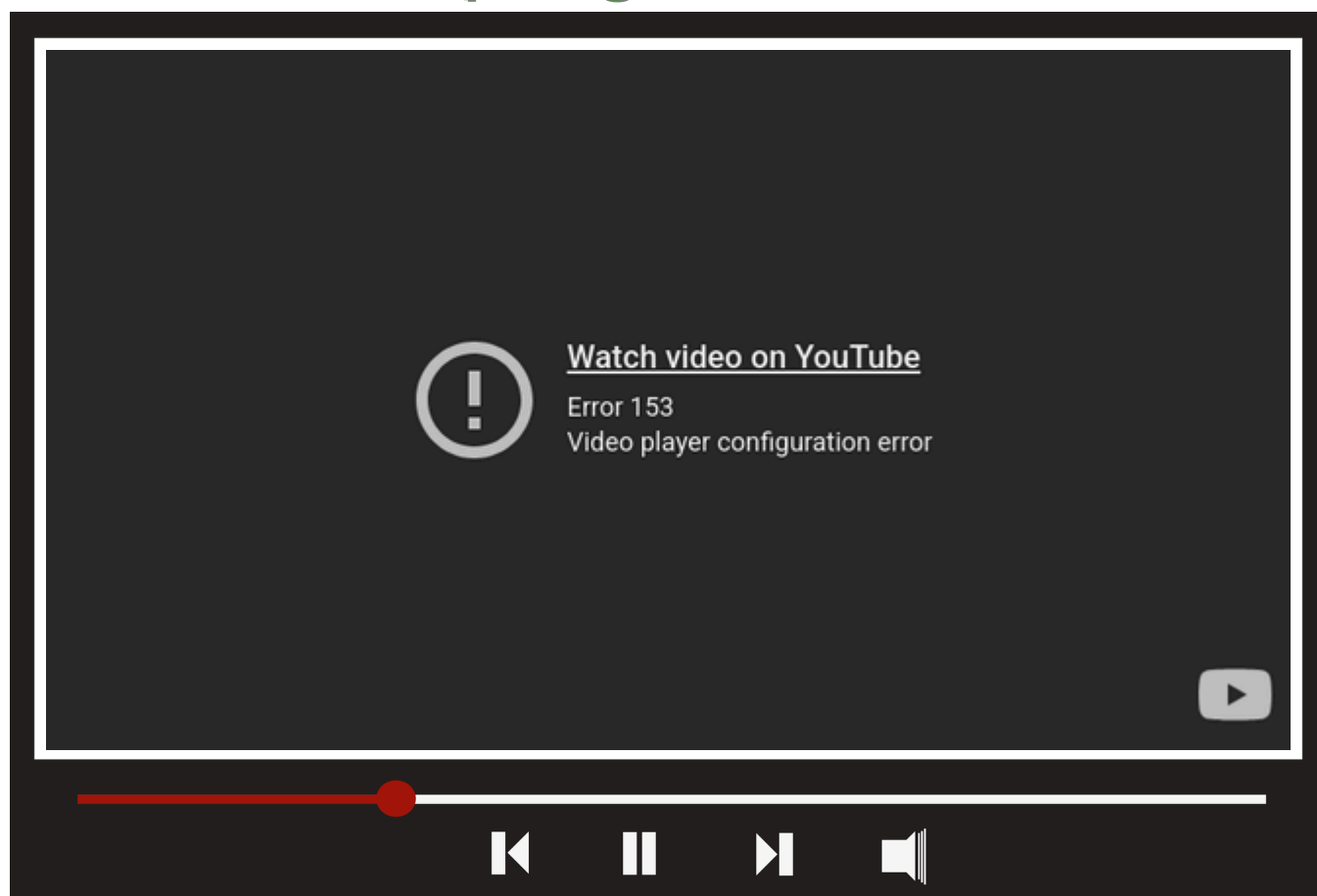

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Spotlight career



Job of the Week...

This week, our Careers Department is shining a spotlight on the role of a Stonemason, an occupation that combines artistic skill with practical craftsmanship. Stonemasons are highly trained professionals who work with natural stone to create, restore, and preserve a wide range of structures—from grand historical buildings and monuments to modern architectural features and detailed decorative pieces.

Their responsibilities can vary widely. Some stonemasons specialise in carving intricate patterns, lettering, or sculptures, bringing artistic visions to life with precision tools and steady hands. Others focus on restoration work, carefully repairing or replacing weathered stone on heritage buildings to ensure these culturally significant structures stand strong for future generations. This work requires extraordinary accuracy, patience, and a deep understanding of different stone types and historical building methods.

Stonemasonry is a career that beautifully blends traditional craftsmanship with evolving modern technologies, such as laser measuring tools and computer-aided design. Job opportunities can be found in construction, architectural design, conservation projects, sculpture, and even bespoke interior or landscape design.

For students who enjoy hands-on, practical tasks and have a passion for history, architecture, art, or design, stonemasonry offers a rewarding pathway. It is a craft that allows individuals to leave a lasting mark—quite literally—on the built environment, while contributing to both contemporary projects and the preservation of our shared heritage.