

# ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1.50pm**  
School closes for summer!

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Yr 7's in school only

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
All students return to school

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Yr 9 Future Focus Social  
Science Day

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Yr 8-11 Alton Towers trip

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
Flu Vaccine



## Message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of our students and the wider St Bede's community.

Last night, we celebrated our Awards Evening and recognised students for their effort, commitment and success. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents there to share in the celebrations.

While we celebrate individual achievements, we also have a great deal to celebrate as a school community. Last year's Year 11 students achieved excellent GCSE results, including:

- 51% of students achieving Grade 5 or above in both English and Mathematics, 6% above the national average.
- 72% of students achieving Grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics, 8% above the national average.
- Both measures were the highest in Scunthorpe for the second year running.
- Disadvantaged students achieved results 19% above the national average.

These results are only possible because of the strong partnership between students, parents and carers, and staff. Success is not just about exam results. It is also about students feeling safe, valued, respected and supported. When young people feel happy and secure, they are much more likely to achieve their potential.

We were particularly proud to be recognised by the Department for Education earlier this year as a Lead School for Attendance in the region. Our attendance figures continue to be strong and reflect what can be achieved when families and school work together to support our young people.

St Bede's continues to grow. This September, the number of students on roll will exceed 730, the highest in the school's 64-year history.

This year has also been one of remembrance and reflection. In October, we were saddened by the passing of former colleague Gerard Cadwallader, known to many as "Caddy".



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Gerard worked at St Bede's for more than 25 years as a Science teacher and later as Assistant Headteacher. He played a key role in securing funding for the redevelopment of the school in 2012. To recognise his contribution, our Sports Hall will be renamed the Gerard Cadwallader Sports Hall next year, with his family joining us for the official dedication.

We are also excited by the progress of the new building behind the Sports Hall. This development will improve our provision for students with Special Educational Needs and provide much-needed additional space. The £1 million project has been fully funded by a former St Bede's student who wanted to give something back to the school that played such an important part in his life. We are extremely grateful for his generosity.

In April, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Patrick to St Bede's for the first time since 2015. During his visit, he officially opened our Memorial Garden, a peaceful place where we remember members of our school community who are no longer with us. We continue to keep the families and friends of former students Lalia Mai-Lo and Kai Garner Pugh in our thoughts. Their memory remains an important part of our school community.

Our Catholic mission remains at the heart of everything we do. This year, we reintroduced Briars retreats for Year 7 students, strengthened our links with local parishes and welcomed visiting priests from Brigg and Gainsborough. We were also pleased to appoint Ms Clark as Lay Chaplain, supporting the excellent work already carried out by Ms Cotterill and Ms Jackson.

Beyond the classroom, students have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities and experiences. Highlights included trips to Paris and the Opal Coast, a London theatre visit and a rewards trip to Alton Towers attended by 300 students. Students also showcased their talents through performances such as Rock Nativity and the recent Night at the Musicals. Seeing so many students perform with confidence in front of a large audience was one of the highlights of the year. As we reflect on another successful year, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making St Bede's such a special place:

- Our Governors for their dedication, support and challenge.
- The Senior Leadership Team for their hard work and commitment.
- All staff for everything they do to support our students and provide opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.
- Parents and carers for their continued support and partnership with the school.
- Most importantly, our students, whose enthusiasm, character and achievements make St Bede's such a strong and caring community.

I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together this year. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break and has the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

On our final day of term, we will gather as a school community to celebrate Mass and give thanks for the year that has passed. We wish all our students and families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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### A Plea from Mrs Farr

We love celebrating our students' achievements and sharing the wonderful things they do both in and out of the classroom. From school trips and sporting events to everyday learning, our newsletter and social media help us showcase the many memorable moments that make our school so special.

To share photographs, we must have photo consent from each child's parent or guardian as part of our safeguarding procedures. We completely respect the decisions of families who choose not to give consent. However, we currently have over 100 students whose photo consent is still showing as 'Pending' on Arbor. This means we are unable to include these students in photographs and that checking permissions for every image becomes a very time-consuming process, limiting how many photos we can share.

If your child's photo consent is currently marked as 'Pending', I would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to log in to Arbor and either give or decline consent. Keeping this information up to date helps us ensure our records are accurate and allows us to celebrate as many of our students' achievements and experiences as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### Uniform Policy Update – September 2026

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind all parents and carers that our School Uniform Policy has been updated and will come into effect from September 2026.

We kindly ask that all families take a few moments to read the revised policy before purchasing any new uniform items over the summer. This will help ensure that students return in September wearing the correct uniform and ready to make a positive start to the new school year.

The updated Uniform Policy can be viewed here:

<https://www.stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/37/2026/06/Uniform-Policy-2026.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of presentation and ensuring all students wear their uniform with pride.



### School uniform support for families

North Lincolnshire Council will once again be providing financial support to help families most in need with the cost of school uniforms.

Through the Crisis and Resilience Fund, eligible families will be able to receive up to £50 per pupil towards the cost of school uniform for the 2026/27 academic year.

Applications will open in mid-August and will be managed by Citizens Advice North Lincolnshire, who will assess applications and determine eligibility. Families will be able to apply online, by telephone or in person, with support provided through uniform items and/or vouchers.

Please look out for further information when applications open.

Full details will be available on the council's webpage. The scheme will remain open throughout the 2026/27 academic year.

### Summer Bucket List FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

- ☐ ATTEND A PARISH PICNIC
- ☐ GO TO A *Weekday Mass* ☼
- ☐ LEARN A *New PRAYER*
- ☐ SIGN UP FOR VBS ☼
- ☐ VISIT A CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE 📖
- ☐ GO TO *Adoration* ☼
- ☐ GO ON A PILGRIMAGE ✚
- ☐ GOOGLE ☼ MARY GARDEN ☼  
AND PLANT SOME FLOWERS FOR HER
- ☐ Celebrate A SAINT'S FEAST DAY ☼  
(WITH CAKES)
- ☐ GO TO CONFESSION ✚
- ☐ Invite your priest ☼ FOR DINNER
- ☐ ✉ WRITE A LETTER
- ☐ Attend a *Saturday Vigil Mass*  
AND GO OUT FOR ICE CREAM AFTER.
- ☐ ATTEND A *Wedding* ♥
- ☐ PRAY A ROSARY *around a campfire*
- ☐ Read your Bible OUTDOORS





Olivia, Bethany and Emmi-Lou recently won the Humberside Airport Challenge, giving them the amazing opportunity to spend a full day behind the scenes at Humberside Airport.

Their adventure began at the airport's fire department, where they discovered the important role the fire crews play in keeping the airport safe. They had the chance to get up close to the impressive fire engines and even took control of the powerful water cannons — a thrilling experience they won't forget!



Next, the girls enjoyed a visit to Duty Free, where they explored the shop and picked up a few freebies to remember their fantastic day.

The excitement continued with a private tour of the helicopter. They were able to climb inside, explore the aircraft and test out just how spacious it was. It was a brilliant opportunity to see what it's like inside one of the helicopters used at the airport.







To finish off their incredible visit, Olivia, Bethany and Emmi-Lou headed up to the control tower. From high above the runway, they watched aircraft arriving and departing while learning more about how air traffic controllers help keep flights moving safely. Seeing planes come in and out and hearing the airport communications made them feel like they were part of the action...



### **Cleared for take-off!**

It was a truly unforgettable day full of adventure, learning and exciting behind-the-scenes experiences. Congratulations to Olivia, Bethany and Emmi-Lou on winning the challenge and making memories that will last a lifetime.



**Visit our socials for more behind the scenes footage**

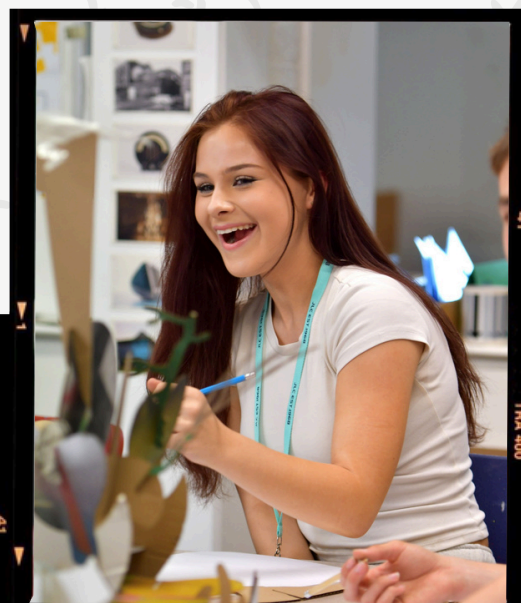
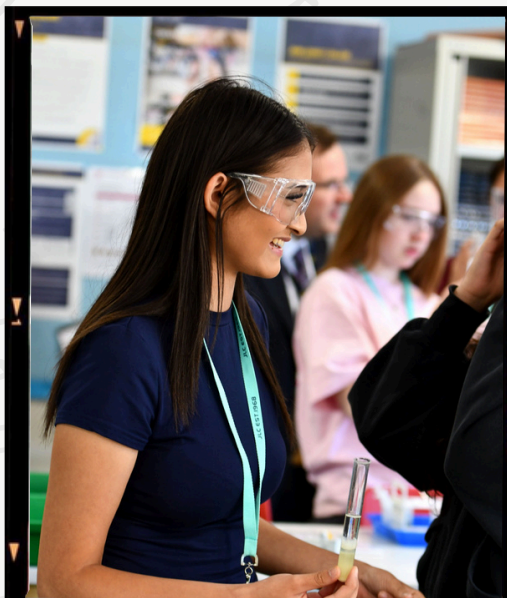
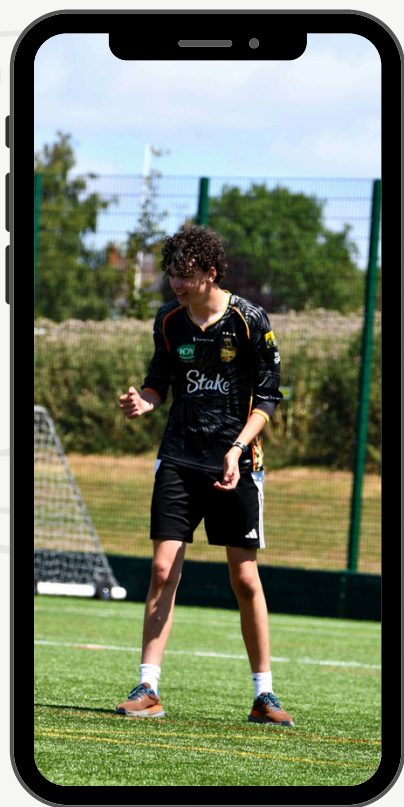




# COLLEGE TASTER DAYS

## Year 10 college taster days

Year 10 students have enjoyed two college taster days recently, North Lindsey College and John Leggot College. Both days gave students the chance to experience college life and to sample post 16 courses which may be of interest to them in the future. We received a lot of positive feedback from college staff about our students' level of engagement throughout both taster days, which we are very proud of.



 North Lindsey  
College

 JLC  
JOHN LEGGOTT  
COLLEGE



## UCNL

Our future Health & Social Care students from Y9 recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to UCNL, where they took part in a range of interactive workshops designed to give them a deeper understanding of careers within the healthcare sector, from injury through to recovery. Students learned directly from experienced healthcare professionals, taking part in activities ranging from theatre-based procedures to first aid training. They also had the opportunity to speak with employers about future career pathways, gaining valuable insight into the wide variety of roles available within healthcare



**Lifestyle 2026** is back for another summer of fun for all 10-16 year olds across Humberside. Lifestyle is a free project for your children to join together with their friends during the holidays and make a positive difference in their community.

Teams work together on a project of their choice, gaining valuable skills and winning amazing prizes for their efforts. Prizes this year include cinema tickets, karting, paintballing, activity holidays and the top prize is a trip to **Paris and Disneyland!**

To find out more visit [www.humbersidepolice.lifestyle.co.uk](http://www.humbersidepolice.lifestyle.co.uk)





# WATER SAFETY

## DURING THE SUMMER

As the weather gets warmer, many children and young people spend more time around rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals, beaches, ponds and other open water. While these places can be enjoyable, open water can be extremely dangerous.

Hidden currents, cold water, sudden changes in depth, and underwater hazards can put even strong swimmers at risk. Sadly, serious incidents occur every year, particularly during hot weather.

Keeping children safe around water is a shared responsibility between schools, families and the wider community. Regular conversations about water safety can help children make safe decisions and potentially save lives.

**Message for Parents and Carers**

Please talk to your children about water safety. Understanding the risks and knowing what to do in an emergency can help prevent tragedy.

**Remind children that:**

They should never enter water on a dare or because of peer pressure.

Social media challenges involving water can be dangerous.

They should look out for their friends and seek adult help if someone is at risk.

### Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

**To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...**

- **Enter slowly and carefully**  
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers\*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**  
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**  
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.



Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision

**In an emergency...**

- **Call 999**  
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**  
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

## WATER IS UNPREDICTABLE!

**4 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

**STOP AND THINK –**  
what dangers can you see?

**Don't be caught out on**  
your own – **STAY TOGETHER**

**If you fall in, stay calm and**  
**FLOAT to live**

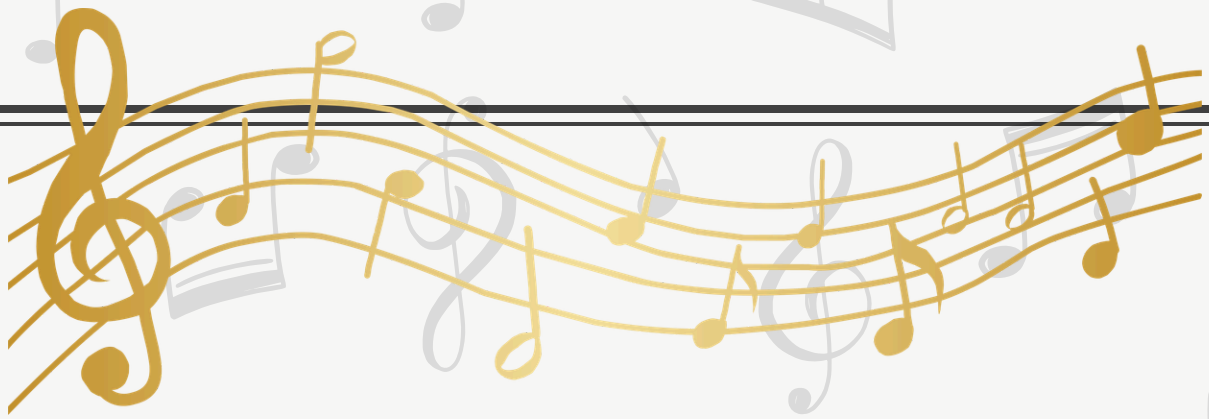
**Someone in trouble?**  
**CALL 999 OR 112** and tell them that  
someone's in trouble in the water

**BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN**

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea  
and provides a vital lifeline to those in trouble at sea  
For more information visit [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk)

**Lifeboats**





Wow, wow wow! What a fabulous evening was had on Monday at our **Night at the Musicals!** On behalf of Myself (Mrs Beuzelin) and Mrs Cotterill we'd like to say a huge well done and thank you to all of our performers and backstage helpers for their hard work and amazing efforts that culminated in a really absolutely fantastic show that had people laughing cheering and crying at all the right moments. Really very well done!



A huge well done to all of year 9 for **Battle of the Bands** yesterday it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and round off to your musical journey at St Bede's. And an even bigger well done to your finalists and you runners up and winners!

In 3rd place with Billie Jean 9N Braedan Charlie Byron Will Jayden Logan

In 2nd place with Viva La Vida 9V Freya, Grace, Lena, Wiktor and Priya (with help from Zak!)

And your first place winners for 2026 Battle of the Bands 9M – Roshna, Evie, Liwia, Leiana, Tulisa and Mayar with Where Is My Husband!





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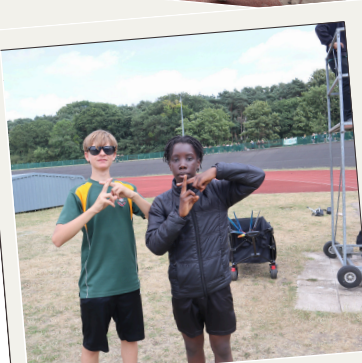


# SPORTS DAY

What a day! Despite the warm weather, our students showed incredible determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day at Quibell Park. From the first race to the final event, everyone gave their best, cheered each other on and represented St Bede's with pride. *Congratulations to 7 Wiseman, who were crowned our Sports Day 2026 champions and proudly took home the trophy!*









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# BONJOUR



Forty of our Year 8 students recently embarked on an unforgettable three-night adventure to the stunning Opal Coast in France. Travelling via the Dover–Calais ferry, students enjoyed a packed itinerary full of exciting experiences, from thrilling rides at Parc Bagatelle theme park to discovering the art of French baking during a visit to a traditional boulangerie.

The group also explored a fascinating snail farm, browsed the shops at Cité Europe, and soaked up the atmosphere in the beautiful seaside towns of Le Touquet and Boulogne-sur-Mer. Throughout the trip, students embraced French culture, practised their language skills, and created lasting memories with friends. It was a fantastic experience that combined learning, adventure, and fun.





# SAFEGUARDING

## Summer safety

We wish you all have a wonderful summer holiday with your family but do want everyone to remain safe. The students have all heard a water safety talk this week delivered by Humberside police.

The following site can be used to give important information regarding staying safe in the summer.

This includes

- Safety in the heat
- Swimming risks and safety in water
- Bike safety

Safety online.

<https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/staying-safe-summer>



## Stay safe this Summer

## Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

Also known as **Clare's Law**



### What is Clare's Law?

It's the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) that **allows any member of the public to ask the police if their partner or former partner may pose a risk to them**. Once an application is made, police and partner agencies will carry out a range of checks. They will consider disclosing this information if the checks reveal a record of abusive offences or suggest a risk of violence or abuse. If an application is made by a friend or family member they will not receive any disclosure themselves – the disclosure will be to the person deemed to be at risk.



### How can disclosure be made under the scheme?

**Right to Ask:** A member of the public may make an application regarding a current or ex-partner. A disclosure can also be requested by a third party – a family member, friend, colleague or neighbour to protect someone they think could be at risk.

**Right to Know:** If the police or partner agency finds information that an individual could be at risk of domestic abuse they may disclose this information to protect a potential victim.

### How to make a DVDS request



Scan the QR code to find out more and make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application.

Call 999 in an emergency or 101 for crime not ongoing

Visit our website [humberside.police.uk](https://humberside.police.uk)

Ask Bobbi, our AI virtual assistant on our website, your

## FUELLED

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

**THE FUELLED HAF PROGRAMME IS BACK FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

We have plenty of activities on offer from football and pottery painting to roller disco's and horse riding.

Head over to our website for more information and a link to our booking system and remember, all activities come with a healthy nutritious meal.

The Fuelled HAF Programme is funded by the Department for Education to provide activities and food for school-aged children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

North Lincolnshire Council  
Department for Education

For more information please visit: [www.northlincs.gov.uk/fuelled](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/fuelled)

**Premier Education**

SUMMER HAF CAMP 2026

**Henderson Avenue**  
Fun · Healthy meals · Activities · Learning through play

- Summer holidays 2026
- Ages 4-11
- Scan the QR code below to find out dates
- Scan the QR code below to register

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

**This programme is for HAF eligible children only — aged 4-11 and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.**

[www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)  
Funded by the Holiday Activities and Food Programme

## ONGO Carnival

**2026 FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

Large variety of food stalls you can choose from or bring your own picnic  
All day entertainment • Bouncy castles • Face painting  
Animal petting • Fairground rides • Information stalls

**5 August | 11am - 3:30pm**  
Manor Park, Burringham Road Scunthorpe

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