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Easter Newsletter 2025

As we get ready to celebrate the joy of Easter, we reflect on the hope and new life that Christ's resurrection brings. In school, the children have explored Lent and the Easter story, deepening their understanding of faith, hope and kindness. May this Easter be a time of peace and blessings for your family. St. Bede's Catholic Infant School



Thank you for your kind donations to the Widnes Foodbank.

Some of our Year 2 children delivered the donations to the nearby collection/distribution centre.



SUMMER TERM DATES

22nd April School opens

23rd May School closes

4th June School opens

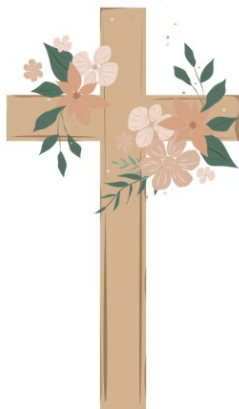
22nd July school closes

Other dates for

[Summer Term—click here](#)

EASTER SERVICE

Year 2 shared a re-enactment of the Easter Story with Reception and Year 1 this week. The children acted, read and sang about Easter Week and Reception and Year 1 joined in beautifully. We were pleased to welcome Fr. Mark and some of our Governors to share in this special time.



"I am the resurrection and the life." – John 11:25

TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

Each year group now follows the new Religious Education curriculum, 'To Know You More Clearly'. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.

Click [here](#) to view the Religious Education section of our school website.



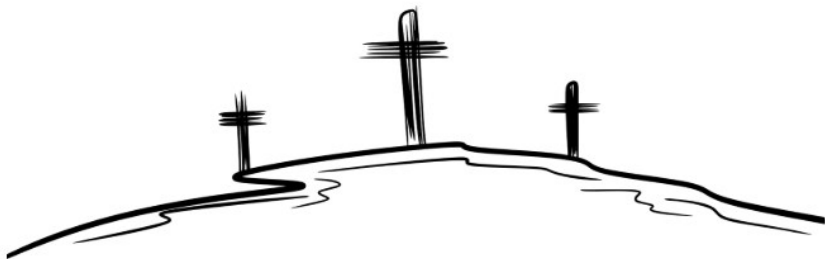
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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate in this Holy Year. It's a time to grow in our faith and prayer life...a time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation. Key aspects of a Jubilee Year include how we treat one another and how we live out the mission Jesus states in Luke 4:16-21, 'The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him to preach the gospel to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind, and to set free those who are oppressed.'

The children will be taking part in a variety of activities linked to the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, including special celebrations of the Word, a pilgrimage walk around school and Pilgrims of Hope pledges.





OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ We have been delighted to welcome Fr. Mark into school recently to join with our weekly singing sessions. Fr. Mark has kindly shared his sign language skills with us and the children have really enjoyed learning from him.
- ◇ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)
- ◇ Mass times—click [here](#)
- ◇ [School Website - Catholic Life](#)
- ◇ 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/>

KEY DATES:

- ◇ 18th April – Good Friday 20th April – Easter Sunday
- ◇ 29th May—Ascension of the Lord 8th June—Pentecost
- ◇ 25th May—St. Bede the Venerable

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

Some of our children have joined the recently formed Widnes Catholic Children's Choir. Miss Coughlan and Miss Scragg were delighted to watch their first performance which took place at St. John Fisher, alongside the Mayor and Fr. Mark. Anyone wishing to join the choir should go along to St. John Fisher Parish Centre, each Monday, 4pm-5pm.



"He is not here;
he has risen, just
as he said.
Come and see
the place where
he lay."
Matthew 28:6

SUMMER TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

29th April—Purple Class
7th May—Red Class
13th May—Orange Class
20th May—Green Class
10th June—Aqua Class
17th June—Blue Class
24th June—Yellow Class
1st July—Scarlet Class
8th July—Coral 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

Health and Well-Being Week

◇ The children had a great week of learning and fun during Health and Well-Being Week in February. Topics covered during the week included:

- Healthy lifestyles (including diet and exercise)
- Internet Safety
- SCARF values (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship)

Health and Well-Being Week



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WORLD BOOK DAY

The children had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. They enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing stories with



friends. It was lovely to see everyone's enthusiasm and love for reading!



Halton Primary Arts Network

HPAN Arts—We took part in the Halton Primary Arts Network art exhibition again this year.

The theme for this year was 'Each of us a single note, together we create a masterpiece.'

The children's work was displayed at Runcorn's Shopping City for 2 weeks. Halton mayor, Kevan Wainwright opened the exhibition and the St. Bede's Infants display combined the music and art work completed during Artsweek. Thanks to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Kaye for displaying the children's work so beautifully!



FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone for the kind donations towards the Foodbank. Widnes Foodbank has seen a 60% rise in demand for foodbank users. Your support for this invaluable cause is greatly appreciated.



TABLE MANNERS

We have been talking to the children about use of a knife and fork at lunchtime. It is really important that the children learn this fundamental skill and your support in guiding them with this at home is invaluable.

Lunchtime is an opportunity for the children to socialise with their friends. Use of a knife and fork is essential in order that your child can sit confidently and enjoy their school dinner. Learning to use a knife and fork will help your child become more independent at meal times.



NEWS

Purple Mash

All of our pupils have access to an online learning website called 'Purple Mash'. There are lots of activities linked to all areas of the school curriculum that can be accessed at home. To access Purple Mash, visit <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stbedeswa8#/> and search the

hundreds of games and activities on offer. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 use iPads in school to access Purple Mash so they will be familiar with some of the activities already. It's a fantastic resource that the children can use anytime and will also increase their confidence.

You will find your child's username and password in the back of their reading diary. If you have any issues accessing Purple Mash, please email missparle@stbedesinfants.co.uk



'How mammals feed their babies' workshop

We were pleased to welcome Halton's Health Improvement Team to deliver some sessions to Year 2 about 'Mammals and their young.' This initiative is designed to captivate younger children with fascinating insights into the world of mammals and how they nurture their young. The workshop is set out to support the science curriculum which included learning about mammals and nutrition through the life stages.





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 £8328.68
Cash Balance £108.92

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 up to Friday 2nd April 2025 is 96.4%.

As you will see from the policy ([here](#)) all requests for leave of absence in term time should be made using schools' 'Leave of absence in term time' request form and evidence of the exceptional circumstances must be provided for all requests and attached to the form. Information regarding penalty notices can be found in the policy (above).

We also appreciate that there are rare occasions when you might arrive late to collect your child and of course we understand that this sometimes happens! However, if late collection is frequent then this has a huge impact on our very busy teachers and support staff; 5 minutes late per day adds up to nearly half an hour per week. We thank you for your cooperation.

