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Summer Newsletter 2025

As we reach the end of another busy school year, we take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we've shared as a school community. This summer edition of our newsletter is a celebration of the learning, laughter and love that has filled our classroom and playground over the last academic year.

From our youngest children taking their first steps in faith and friendship, to the many special events that have brought us together in play and prayer, it has been a year full of growth.

We are proud of each and every child for their hard work, kindness and the way they live the Gospel values each day.

As we look ahead to the Summer holidays, we pray that this time brings rest, renewal and happy time with family and friends. May God's light continue to guide and bless our school community throughout the Summer and beyond.

With best wishes,

St. Bede's Catholic Infant School

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Tues 2nd Sep—school opens

Thurs 23rd Oct—school closes

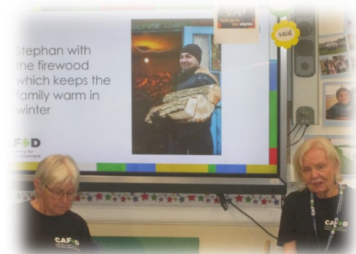
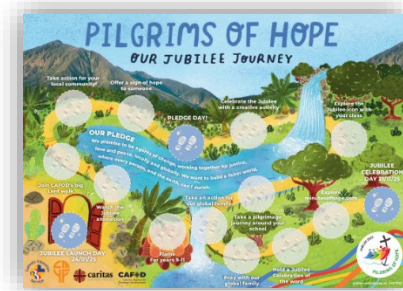
Mon 3rd Nov—school opens

Fri 19th Dec—school closes



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The children and staff have been pilgrims throughout the year. We have followed the journey map, marking different milestones. We have been on a pilgrimage around school, written Pilgrims of Hope prayers and completed class and year group pledges. Ann and Terry, two volunteers from CAFOD, came into school in July to deliver workshops to each of the Year 2 classes. The visit was part of our Pilgrims of Hope Pledge Day. We look forward to continuing our journey into the next academic year. Click [here](#) for more information about CAFOD pledges.



"Let all that you do, be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

All of our children now follow the 'To Know You More Clearly' Religious Education Programme, as set out by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.

MAY PROCESSION

Year 2 gathered together to celebrate Our Lady. They shared special hymns dedicated to her and shared prayers including the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Our Father. We remembered what Mrs Naughton had shared with us when she visited to teach us about the Rosary. We placed special artefacts onto our focus table below the prayer tree.



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OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)
- ◇ Mass times—click [here](#)
- ◇ [School Website - Catholic Life](#)
- ◇ There is a 'useful links' document on the website where you can access links to Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. The links will take you to the animations for the children. You can also access the full version of the new RE Directory – To know You more clearly.

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/>

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

Thank you to Fr. Mark for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and share some special moments with us this year. He has been able to join us for the Ash Wednesday service, nativity and some of our weekly singing sessions. Thank you Fr. Mark for sharing your warmth, wisdom and spiritual guidance with our school community—your presence has been a blessing.



Thank you to all of our families who shared their views on our Mission statement and made wonderful contributions to our Pilgrims of Hope pledge, during the recent Arts morning. All of our pledge responses have been collated and added to the pledges made by the children, staff and governors.



Our school pledge will be posted on the school website.

Families also had the opportunity to explore some of the resources and talk about how the school teaches the children about equalities. What a great morning! Thank you all.



A Summer Blessing

As we come to the end of a joyful school year, we thank you, Lord, for all we have learned, for the friends we've made, and for the love we've shared.

Bless our families and keep us safe this summer. Help us to rest, play and grow in your light. May we return refreshed, ready to learn, and full of your peace and joy.

AUTUMN TERM

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

30th Sep—Blue Class

7th Oct—Aqua Class

14th Oct—Green Class

21st Oct—Coral Class

4th Nov—Scarlet Class

11th Nov—Yellow Class

18th Nov—Orange Class

26th Nov—Red Class

9th Dec—Purple Class



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular clubs this year.

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 the Family Hub—[click here](#).

Parent workshops offered by ADDvanced Solutions are emailed termly. Information about these can also be accessed via their website [here](#).

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

SPORTS WEEK

Sports Week was a great success! Although we were disappointed not to be able to complete the Sports Day event with parents, the children took part in lots of fun, sports-themed events, including Quidditch, an obstacle course and a visit from the Paralympic sprinter, Michael Churm.



Thank you to Mr O'Neill for organising such a fun week.





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INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL



Our Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in the Infant Music Festival at Wade Deacon High School. The theme for this year was 'Curious Creatures' and the songs were much enjoyed by the whole school. The children represented St. Bede's Infants brilliantly and were proud to be part of such a brilliant event! Well done everyone.

MR HANRAHAN AWARD



St. Bede's Squirrels

Jamie from Coral class was awarded the Acorn Badge, which is the highest award a Squirrel can achieve. Jamie is first child in Widnes to ever receive this honour — only a handful of children across the whole country have been presented with it. We think you'll all agree this is an incredible achievement and we're all so proud of Jamie. Well done, Jamie — you've set a fantastic example for everyone!

If you would like more information about Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, please click [here](#).

Each year, our school staff select a child from Year 2 to receive the Mr Hanrahan award. Mr Hanrahan was a much-loved Governor of our school for many years and since he passed away, we have remembered him by giving this award. Well done to Jake for winning this year. Jake works incredibly hard and has an excellent attitude to learning. Well done Jake!



Thank you for all of the kind donations of unwanted toys for our Reception classrooms.





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 £4456.24
Cash balance £122.58

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%. Overall attendance to 18th July 2025 is 95.76%.

Guidance is changing around penalty notices. [Please click here to read Halton's latest information](#). DfE guidance can be found [here](#). We are awaiting a new Halton Borough Council attendance policy in line with the revised DfE guidance and this will be posted on the school website on the return to school in September.

INTERNET SAFETY

The children learn about Internet Safety whilst they are in school. Please talk to your children about keeping themselves safe online. We have a page dedicated to Internet Safety on our website with advice about age-ratings and other general information. You will also find our latest Internet Safety newsletter. Click [here](#).



Dear parents, carers and children,

As we come to the end of another school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the joy, growth and shared experiences that have made this year so special. From classroom successes and creative projects, to friendships formed and challenges overcome — every moment has contributed to the vibrant life of our school.

A special thank you goes to our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Your involvement plays such a vital role in everything we do. We are also incredibly proud of our dedicated staff team, whose care and commitment is evident every day.

To our wonderful Year 2 children, we send you off with pride and confidence as you take the next step in your journey — we know you will carry all you've learned at St. Bede's into the future. To our returning Reception and Year 1 children, we're already looking forward to seeing your smiling faces back in the Autumn term.

May the summer holidays bring you laughter, rest and precious time with those you love. Take care and we'll see you soon!

With warmest wishes,

Staff and Governors at St. Bede's Catholic Infant School

