

ST. BEDE'S BUGLE

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT INSPIRING US TO ACHIEVE.

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to our Spring 2025 edition of St. Bede's Bugle and once again, a huge thanks to Mrs Fairbairn for creating such a beautiful keepsake of our journey through this term in school. As always, it has been an extremely busy term and so much has been achieved. This term's Bugle is filled with just a snapshot of some of the learning activities which have enhanced our curriculum, brought our school together and created a sense of awe and wonder for pupils to really enjoy their learning as well as our ongoing mission to continue to develop ourselves spiritually and emotionally.



Of course our mission as a Catholic school continues to thrive and we have been particularly proud of the children this term. As Fr Peter continues to welcome staff and children into church to be part of weekday mass, the children's contributions and participation is excellent. The children have also really enjoyed planning class acts of collective worship for their families and excelled in sharing the Easter story in their recent services – they really were outstanding!

Fr David, Parish Priest at St Bernadette's led an assembly in school with the children to talk about his missionary work in Muhironi, Kenya. It didn't take long for the children to spring into action - with our Year 4 Mini Vinnies planning and leading Easter activities for the whole school to raise funds to support this mission and a beautiful gesture from one pupil who knitted a blanket as Fr David told us it can be very cold at night for the babies.

Additionally, the children have enjoyed contributing to their community through providing Bedlington with a range of artwork from across school to mark the 80th celebrations of VE day. We have also continued our charity work through the Big Lent Walk. Thank you to our families and community for continuing to support our charitable work – this event raised a staggering £485.

This term, we have launched the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. The children understand that Pope Francis has asked them to be pilgrims of hope, finding God in unexpected places, and bringing hope to others through acts of love and kindness. They have also listened to his key message in 'Laudato Si' that we all have a duty to care for our common home and instigated litter picking to improve the school grounds. Eco Club made the decision to make their own Fat Balls to support the local wildlife population and made Bug Hotels to promote safe habitats for minibeasts.

As always, we continue to exploit every opportunity to enhance our curriculum and this term, children across school have enjoyed a number of specialist weeks as documented in the Bugle: Science week, World Book Day and most recently Art week which ended with a fabulous art exhibition.

On behalf of all staff and governors, I would like to thank our whole school community for your ongoing support to our school and wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

FRIENDS OF ST BEDE'S

What a fabulous term it has been !

It has been great celebrating this term and one where we do one of our favourite activities. Easter Egg competition! We were thrilled to be able to donate prizes for all children and supported by Asda Blyth with eggs for all winners. A huge thank you to them.



We were so excited when as parents we received a message that there would be an Easter performance this year. When a request for help to make costumes was shared we knew we wanted to help and so donated close to £50 to pay for materials. The children were all amazing and the costumes were brilliant.

We are focusing now on our Summer Fair, we know everyone is excited for this as it's our biggest event and after the success of last year we cannot wait to make it bigger and better. We will also be sharing further fundraising events for this academic year where we will be involving all of the children to help us. As ever, a huge thank you for everyone's continued support and we look forward to what's next!



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FRIENDS OF ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST LUKE

St Luke, one of the most significant figures in Christian history, was a physician and the author of the third Gospel in the New Testament. Born in Antioch, Syria, around 1 AD, Luke is believed to have been a well-educated Greek, who was a close companion of the Apostle Paul. His dual profession as a doctor and writer uniquely positioned him to document the life and teachings of Jesus Christ with a keen perspective and attention to detail.

The Gospel of Luke, composed approximately between 80-90 AD, presents a detailed account of Jesus' life, focusing on His compassion for the marginalized and the importance of social justice. Luke is also credited with writing the Acts of the Apostles, which chronicles the early Christian church and highlights the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire.



Luke's writings are distinguished by their emphasis on inclusivity, portraying women, the poor, and sinners as central figures in Jesus' ministry. For instance, his account of the Nativity features the shepherds, ordinary men regarded as outcasts, receiving the angelic announcement of Christ's birth.

Traditionally, St Luke is depicted as a martyr, and his feast day is celebrated on 18 October. Artistic representations often portray him as a man with a winged ox, symbolising sacrifice, and compassion. St Luke remains a pivotal figure in Christian theology, affirming the belief that faith should prompt action towards justice and love for all.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

EASTER SERVICES

To celebrate the important story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection our Reception and KS1 children told this story through song in a musical called Resurrection Rocks. We



were amazed with the hard work of the children and the effort they put into their roles. A big well done to those children who took on solo singing parts, this was not an easy thing to do and they wowed our audience. The children told the story with maturity way beyond their years. This was our first KS1 Easter retelling but it most certainly won't be our last.

Our KS2 classes came together to lead our community in a service highlighting the stations of the cross. Again a special mention to our soloists who brought tears to the eyes of parents, parishioners and teachers! At St Bede's we are particularly proud of our children's voices. It is hard to explain just how beautiful the harmonies of all of our children are when they come together. Thanks to Mrs Kindred and Mr Crispin who play an integral role in supporting our children to sound amazing! The service was a beautiful mixture of prayer, scripture and song and really highlighted the importance of Easter.



ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday we gathered as a school community and all children received ashes that Father Peter kindly brought us from church.



Miss Dempsey led us in a service which reminded us of the significance of Ash Wednesday and how this marks the start of Lent. All children were prayerful thinking about how over Lent we will pray more, fast more and give alms.



CATHOLIC LIFE

KENYA PROJECT

This term, we had an extra special visit from Father David who talked to all of us about the Muhoroni Mission in Kenya! The Charity provides aid to vulnerable families living in the village of Muhoroni in rural Kenya. He showed us some of the great charitable work he has completed over the 18 years that he has been visiting the Muhoroni village!



One of our children took Father David's messages into her heart and came in the following week having made baby blankets for the families in Muhoroni, having heard Father David's message. What a wonderful way to support a great cause and live out the Gospel values of helping others.



BELONGING, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

BIG LENT WALK

On Thursday 3rd April, the school took part in the Big Lent Walk. We walked a 3km route around our local area to raise money for CAFOD. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

The sun was shining as we set off on our route with parents lining the road to cheer us on. Our Y6 children carried buckets for donations as we walked the route together. Everyone made it back in one piece not too exhausted.

The event was a great success and we have so far raised £485.

THE **BIG** LENT WALK



BELONGING, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

VE DAY ARTWORK PROJECT

As part of a project set up by Bedlington Town Council, our classes worked hard to put together some art work to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day. Using a range of art mediums, our youngest to our oldest children learnt about the significance of VE day and created some beautiful, collaborative pieces.

Bedlington Town Council collected our work, which was sent to a printer who will be making the artwork into beautiful pieces to be put in our local bus shelters. Watch out for our artwork which can be found around the local community.



EYES

WATCH OUT SPRING IS ABOUT !

Children in our Early Years have been looking for signs of spring. Using our school grounds they have been looking for shoots and flowers and any signs that spring is on its way! They did this over several weeks to notice the key changes.

They then continued this learning using their indoor provision using paints to help them explain the changes they had seen.



EYFS

LIVING SIMPLY—LITTER PICK

Our nursery children have been supporting our school to achieve the live simply award. Mr Fletcher, our caretaker, took our Nursery on a litter pick in our prayer garden. They discussed what litter was and how to make the prayer garden tidy. What a great way to live out the message of living sustainably as part of our Living Simply award.



CURRICULUM

ARTS WEEK

As part of the Live Simply Award, we took part in an art week across school. The theme for art week was God's wonderful world. All classes completed beautiful artwork that they showcased in a afternoon of the arts.

Using different mediums such as clay, paint and oil pastels the children showcased their work in an art exhibition.

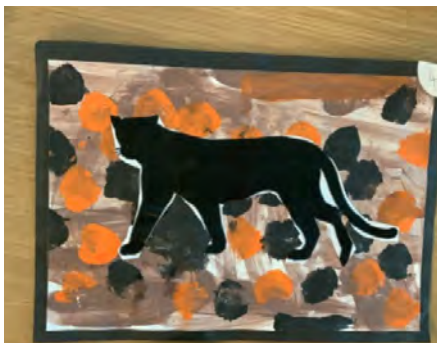
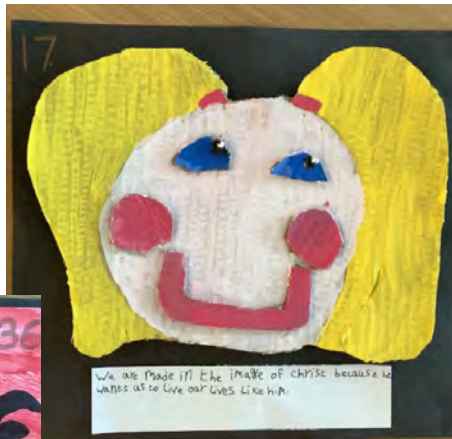
With their fizzy orange and canapés the children perused their artwork before our school community were invited in to see the work and vote for their favourites.



CURRICULUM

OUR ART WEEK WINNERS

Well done to all of our winners and runners up.



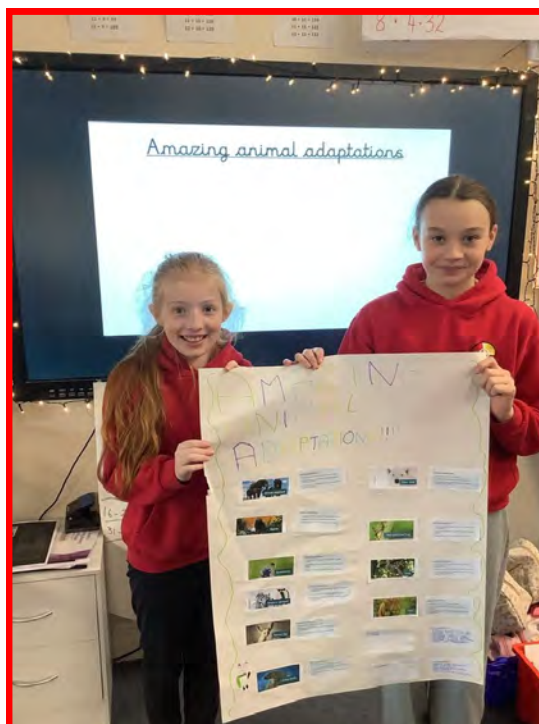
CURRICULUM

SCIENCE WEEK

During Science Week, our school became a hub of curiosity and exploration, capturing the imagination of both students and teachers alike. Every day was filled with thrilling experiments and engaging live lessons that sparked our enthusiasm for the sciences.

The theme of this year's event was change and adapt. As part of this learning, KS1 listened to vets discussing the different parts of their jobs. Year 3, understood that astronauts are scientists and how their bodies change in space.

By the end of the week, we had not only conducted enlightening experiments but had also collaboratively created posters to showcase our findings. Science Week reminded us all of the joy of discovery and the importance of inquiry in our daily lives. It was an unforgettable experience that truly inspired my passion for science and learning.



WIDER OFFER

EGGCELLENT EGGS

As we approached Easter we hosted St Bede's 2nd Easter Egg competition. All children designed their eggs in school before bringing in the materials to make their eggs in school.

The heat was on, competition was fierce as all children worked to create their designs in school. All eggs were then showcased in the hall with our school community voting for their winners.

It was a eggcellent day and great fun was had by all.



WIDER OFFER

ST BEDE'S BOOKWORMS

Here have been some of the Bookworms favourite recommendations of this term.



St Bede's Bookworms



“Dogman is a great choice . It is a comic so it has less words so is a good choice for younger children wanting to read a longer book and it’s funny too.”

“I love Enid Blyton books. I love her characters and watching Malory get into mischief and adventure. I want to read the Secret Seven next.”



WIDER OFFER

WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day we began the day with our popular breakfast with a book event. It was a great way to start the day with many families joining us to share a croissant and a story before 9am.

The first event on the agenda was the much-anticipated book swap, hosted in the school hall. Students gathered to peruse a diverse range of genres, from fantasy to historical fiction before choosing a book to take home. The atmosphere buzzed with enthusiasm, was truly fulfilling.

As the day progressed, whispers filled the air about 'secret readers'—members of our school community who had volunteered to read excerpts from their

favourite books. This mysterious element added to the day's charm, as we all wondered who might reveal their inner bookworm.

It was a great day filled with stories and a great way to engage our wonderful St Bede's Community.



SPORTS NEWS

KS2 FOOTBALL

Our KS2 football team have begun to take part in their 2025 football tournament. They have played their first few matches and have impressed Mrs Craik with their teamwork, resilience and attitude. They will continue to play more games next half term and we wish them the best of luck!

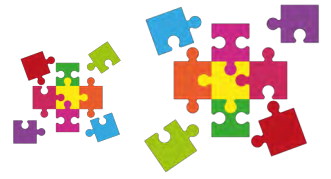


GIRLS FOOTBALL

This half term we began a KS2 girls football team. Playing in a new Northumberland tournament, Mrs Craik has supported the team to develop new skills. They did an amazing job working together and supporting one another.

BEDE'S PUZZLE PAGE

EASTER WORDSEARCH FUN!



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TOMB
BETRAY
JUDAS
JESUS
BLOOD
BODY
SACRIFICE
WINE

LENT WORD SCRAMBLE!

Can you unscramble the words?

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As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ, we would like to thank you for all of your continued love and support. We thank you so much for the support that makes our school so special.

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of St. Bede's we would like to wish you a very happy Easter.



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