



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

4th October 2024



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

With God all things are possible

It has been such a lovely week in school, filled with the joyful sound of the children practicing their songs for our Harvest Festival celebration next week. Their excitement and enthusiasm are contagious, and we can't wait to see them perform! This week is also been special as it is BB's official 50th birthday—a wonderful milestone for our school. It's incredible to think about how BB will continue to grow and evolve over the next 50 years. I feel truly privileged to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school, and we are incredibly proud of every member of our BB family. Here's to celebrating our past and looking forward to a bright future! Mrs Armstrong

Class	Nursery	Reception	Class 1 (Year1)	Class 2 (Year1/2)	Class 3 (Year 2)	Class 4 (Year 3)	Class 5 (Year 3)	Class 6 (Year 4)	Class 7 (Year 5)	Class 9 (Year 6)
Attendance	%	%	%	%	%	%	97.83%	97.81%	97.1%	99.0%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

To download our full attendance policy please follow this link - [Benedict Biscop Policies](#)

We are incredibly proud of.....

Penny in Class 3



Penny decided all by herself to make a welcome card for Jay, a new starter in her class, how kind and thoughtful of you Penny. We are so proud!



Today marks **50** years since Benedict Biscop was officially opened by the Lord Bishop of Durham in 1974. It has been an amazing journey so far and our wider BB families are always welcome. Here's to next 50 years and what wonders that will bring!

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OUR CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES

HOPE, COMMUNITY, FORGIVENESS, JUSTICE and ENDURANCE

Justice

'Learn to do right. Seek justice.'

Isaiah 1.17

At Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy, we believe that there should be a clear culture built where we can all get along well, promoting responsibility towards others and being able to stand up for things that we perceive as being wrong or unjust, looking out for our community and the world we live in.

Justice



Harvest Worship

Friday 11th October

Due to limited space in the school hall we ask if Parents of Girls could attend the AM service @ **9:30am** and Parents of boys attend the PM service @ **1:30pm** (if you have boys & girls you can decide which service you would prefer to attend) (see letter by [clicking here](#))



EYFS Nursery Application Process

The application process to apply for a Nursery place for September 2025 will be opening soon.

If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for a nursery place please complete an initial interest form so that we have your details to forward the application form.

[Initial Interest in Nursery Form](#)

There will be an open evening for prospective applicants to come and view the provision and talk to staff on

Thursday 17th October 2024 @ 4:30pm

Safeguarding Leads at Benedict Biscop

Mrs Armstrong Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Clark Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Thompson LGB Safeguarding Lead

For further safeguarding information please click [here](#)

PLEASE PARK AROUND SCHOOL WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS AND NOT ON THE PAVEMENTS



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RAINBOW AWARDS

There will be no rainbow awards in this week's Newsletter as it is our Harvest Festival next week. Rainbow awards will resume next week to be presented in Worship on 18/10/24

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale

Our PTFA will be holding a Krispy Kreme glazed doughnut sale following both of our Harvest Workshops next Friday



Friday 11th October

Please bring along some spare change and treat yourself, doughnuts will be £1 each.



Thank you for your continuing support of our wonderful PTFA

EARRINGS & SPACERS/RETAINERS



Can all parents/carers please refer to our [uniform policy](#) regarding the wearing of jewellery.

Children should not wear **any jewellery** as it poses a risk of injury, particularly through OPAL play or within P.E. lessons.

This includes retainer plastic earrings.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest Donations

You are still able to drop off your Harvest donations next week. The hall doors will be open from 8:45am (and there is a drop off point in EYFS)

Donations will be taken to Sunderland Foodbank
Thank you



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You should have received your school photo proofs this week.

Please wherever possible order your photo's using the online portal



(login codes should be on your child's proof)

Deadline for orders is Friday 18th October 2024

To order online please use the link below:

Phototronics.gotphoto.co.uk

The deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October

GOV.UK



Applications to Secondary School

The [school admissions](#) portal is now open for Y6 pupil applications to secondary school.

(closing date is October 31st 2024)

Please make sure you apply before the deadline.

Venerable Bede Academy is part of our Northern Lights Learning Trust family and would welcome any questions that you may have about the transition to Year 7

[Letter from Jo Heaton \(CEO of Northern Lights Learning Trust\)](#)



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LEARNING TRUST
Venerable Bede
CE Academy

Christmas jumpers wanted!

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Our PTFA will be holding their annual pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale at our Parents Evening's later this month.

If you have any Christmas jumpers (child & adult sizes) that you could donate they would be very happy to receive them.

Please drop any jumpers at the school office.





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DATES AND EVENTS IN 2024/25

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th October	STEM Festival @ Beacon of light (invitation only)
Friday 11th October	Harvest Festival (AM parents of Girls/PM Parents of Boys)
Friday 11th October	Flu Immunisations (Rec - Class 9 pupils) an Email has been sent
Monday 14th October	Book & Breakfast (EYFS in school hall from 8:30am)
Monday 14th October	Reception Reading workshop for Parents (Letter to follow)
Tuesday 15th October	Book & Breakfast (Class 1, Class 2 & Class 3 in school hall from 8:30am)
Tuesday 15th October	Year 1 Parents Reading workshop @ 9am (letter emailed to parents)
Wednesday 16th October	Book & Breakfast (Class 4, Class 5 & Class 6 in school hall from 8:30am)
Thursday 17th October	Book & Breakfast (Class 7 & Class 9 in school hall from 8:30am)
Thursday 24th October	School Disco (see item for more details)
W/C 28th October	HALF TERM (School Closed to all pupils)
Monday 4th November	INSET DAY (School Closed to all pupils)
Tuesday 5th November	School re-opens to all pupils for 2nd Autumn Half Term
Tuesday 5th November	Y2 Walkwise (session 1) (letter to follow shortly)
W/C 11th September	EYFS Open Week (Nursery & Reception Parent meetings) (see item)
4th - 8th November	Class 7 (Y5) Bikeability (letter to follow shortly)
Wednesday 13th November	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Parents Evening - appointments (see item)
Thursday 14th November	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Parents Evening - appointments (see item)

SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

MONDAY	KS1 Story Adventure KAS1 & KS2 Karate Club KS2 Creative Challenges Collection from FRONT GATE
TUESDAY	KS1 Karaoke Kicks & Dance Flicks KS1 The Sports Zone KS1 & KS2 Forest School KS2 Loom Band Club KS2 Netball Club Collection from BACK GATE
WEDNESDAY	KS2 Football Clubs Collection from SCHOOL OFFICE
THURSDAY	KS1 Crafty Creations KS1 & KS2 Performing Arts Club KS2 Animagination Club Collection from FRONT GATE

School PTFA Disco

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

4pm to 5pm - Reception - Class 3 (Y2)

5:15pm to 6:15pm - Class 4 (Y3) - Class 9 (Y6)

Our wonderful PTFA will be holding their first school disco of the year next month.

Entry is £2 and is via the Hall doors

Hot dogs, Tuck and drinks are also available to buy.



PE

PE Days

PE

MONDAY	Class 9 (Year 6) & Class 1 (Year 1)
TUESDAY	Class 2 (Year 1/2) & Class 7 (Year 5)
WEDNESDAY	Class 4 (Year 3) & Class 6 (Year 4)
THURSDAY	Class 3 (Year 2) & Class 5 (Year 3)

On your child's PE day they should come to school in their

SWIMMING LESSONS

Class 6 (Y4)

ON MONDAY

HOUSE POINTS

Aidan 2040

Cuthbert 2160

Bede

2035

Caedmon

1230