



# Benedict Biscop CE Academy



# With God all things are possible

## 16th May 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

I'd like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of all our Year 6 pupils this week. They have shown fantastic resilience, focus, and determination during their SATs, and truly gave their best effort in every test – well done! I'm equally proud of the rest of our Key Stage 2 children, who have been so respectful and supportive throughout the week. With classrooms being used for testing, many pupils worked in the hall and other spaces, showing great patience and understanding to help create a calm and quiet environment for Year 6. It's been a real team effort. Thank you to everyone – enjoy a well-earned rest this weekend before our final week of the half term! Mrs Armstrong

Class	EYFS1	EYFS2	EYFS3	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 9
Attendance	94.44%	98%	93.25%	92.96%	94.81%	99.26%	96.46%	98.55%	95.83%	93.19%	99.26%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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

### WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF ... All of our Year 6 pupils



We are so proud of our amazing Year 6 pupils who have smashed their SATs this week! They've shown real maturity, resilience, and gave their absolute best in every test.



We couldn't be prouder of you all.

Enjoy a well-earned, fabulous weekend – you've truly earned it!

#### School Class Photographs

Whole class photographs will be taken next week -

**Thursday 20th May**

Can all children please wear full school uniform for school - those pupils who usually come to school in their PE kit should bring in a drawstring bag to change into after the photographs have been taken



Thank you

#### 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](#)



#### Have You Downloaded the Arbor

##### App Yet?

We'll soon be using the **Arbor app** as our main way to communicate with parents and carers.

This means that **text messages and key updates will be sent directly through the app**, making it quicker and easier for you to stay connected with school news and information.

A huge thank you to those parents who have already downloaded it – we really appreciate your support in helping us make this transition as smooth as possible!

If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a moment to download the app.

Let's stay connected – we're looking forward to making communication easier and more efficient for everyone!

Please click [here](#) for more information.

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

See Sunderland City Council's leaflet - [Think before you park!](#)



**9th May 2025**

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## Congratulations you have received a RAINBOW AWARD

There will be no Rainbow awards this week as next  
Friday is a school inset day  
Well done to all of our Pupils this week!

### Swimming

Class 9 (Y6) will be attending their  
swimming lesson on

**Monday 19th May**

In preparation for the annual swimming gala

Class 6 (Y4) will not require their swimming kit on Monday



### Girls Football Team

We are extremely proud of our girls  
football team on finishing in the top two  
of their 7 a side division and qualifying for  
finals night, which will take place on

**Thursday 22nd May 2025**



On the night there will be trophies for winners and  
runners up, as well as medals for third and fourth place!  
Please refer to email already sent for more information

### Date for you Diary

Advance notice of our annual BBFest date

**On Friday 4th July (PM)**



Further details will follow soon, this is a whole  
school event to which  
parents & wider families are all invited.  
This year with a Country Music theme!



### CLASS 1 - Miss Eastick's Class Parents Evening

Following the cancellation of Miss Eastick's Parents Evening last month, we have rescheduled the appointments  
to **Tuesday 20th May**. All original booking times will remain the same. You should have received a confirmation of your  
allotted time at the point of booking—please refer to this if you are unsure of your appointment slot or contact the office.  
Appointments will take place in the Parent Room. We kindly ask that you wait in the School Office until you are called in for  
your meeting.

### EYFS Reception Children

w/c 19/05/25 the following reception  
children's groups will be attending  
**Forest School**



Monday 19th - EYFS3 (Mrs Holmes & Miss Rogerson)

Tuesday 20th - EYFS1 (Miss Liddle & Miss Britton)

Wednesday 21st - EYFS2 (Miss Atkinson & Miss Salkeld)

### PTFA Summer Disco

On Thursday our PTFA will be hosting  
their Summer Disco

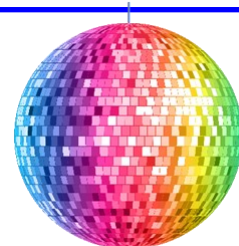
**THURSDAY 22ND MAY**

KS1 (Reception to Y2) 4pm to 5pm

KS2 (Y3 to Y6) 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Drop off and collection at Hall Door  
(accessed via the front and middle gate)

£2 Door Entry and sweets/hot dogs also on sale



### HOUSE POINTS

Cuthbert	2747
Aidan	2090
Bede	3080
Caedmon	2945

### SUNCREAM

Please ensure that all  
children have sun  
protection in the warm  
weather - apply suncream before  
school and ensure children have  
sun hats with them



### Useful Information

School Telephone: 0191 5947033

[bbinfo@nllt.co.uk](mailto:bbinfo@nllt.co.uk)

[www.benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk](http://www.benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk)

[Useful School Forms](#)

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## Walk to Win – Let's Get Moving!

We're excited to take part in the 'Walk to Win' competition, launched by the Sunderland's Environmental, Green and Sustainable (EGS) youth group!

From Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May, we'll be tracking how our pupils travel to school to celebrate Walk to School Week using our Walk to School tracker.

The aim? To boost sustainable travel like walking, cycling, scooting, or taking public transport.

Each morning, pupil journeys will be recorded on the School Travel Tracker Form. Schools showing the biggest increase in eco-friendly travel could win fantastic prizes – including class bundles of goodies and vouchers!

Let's get active and support a greener future together!



## Living Streets: Walk To School

In the first full week of our Living Streets:Walk to School Class 3 have made the most active trips to school.

85% of their journeys were classed as active.

Well done everyone!



## Class 6 (Y4) - BIKEABILITY

Y4 pupils had an exciting opportunity last week as they took part in the bikeability 'Learn to Ride' scheme.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to build confidence and skills ahead of their full bikeability training in Year 5.



## Benedict Biscop Celebrates... 80th anniversary of VE DAY

### VE 80th Anniversary Celebrations

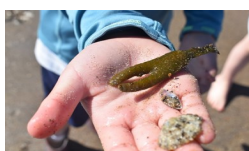
Last week, our school community came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, taking time to honour and remember all those who served in the Armed Forces during the Second World War. The children

looked fantastic dressed in red, white, and blue, and took part in a special Worship, where they reflected on the significance of the day and enjoyed singing some well-known songs from the wartime era. It

was a memorable and meaningful way to help the children understand and appreciate this important part of our history.



**KS1 School Trip to Seaham beach** - As part of their Geography and Science curriculum KS1 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to the beach - they explored all the different uses of the beach and also helped keep our environment tidy by completing a littler pick. Well done everyone.





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## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 19th May	<b>Class 9 (Y6)</b> Gala Swimming lesson
Tuesday 20th May	Y6 Thurston Weekend - Parents Meeting @ 15:45pm (email already sent)
Tuesday 20th May	EYFS Fire Fun Night (bookings only)
Wednesday 21st May	Class 7 (Y5) Visit to Newcastle University (school of Computing)
Thursday 22nd May	WHOLE CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS (AM)
Thursday 22nd May	PTFA Summer Disco
Friday 23rd May	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY</b> (School closed to pupils)
W/C 26th May	<b>HALF TERM</b> (School closed to all pupils)
Monday 2nd June	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 6th June	PTFA Meeting in school @ 9:45am
Monday 9th June	Class 1 (Year1) Pupil led Worship @ 9am
Tuesday 10th June	Y6 Leavers Service @ Durham Cathedral (pupils only - letter to follow)
Wednesday 18th June	Y5/Y6 Swimming Gala (further details to follow)

## WEEKLY REGULARS W/C 19th May 2025

	AM	PM	After School
<b>MON</b>	Class 6 (Y4) Swimming KS2 Keyboard Lessons	Class 9 (Y6) PE Class 1 (Y1) PE KS2 Drum Lessons Reception Pupils - Forest School EYFS3 (Mrs Holmes & Miss Rogerson)	Lego Club (4:25pm Finish) Karate (4:30pm Finish) KS2 Girls Football (4:30pm Finish) Puzzle Club (4:30pm Finish) Creative Challenge Club (4:30pm Finish) (Club collection from back gate)
<b>TUE</b>	KS2 Guitar Lessons	Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE Reception Pupils - Forest School EYFS1 (Miss Liddle & Miss Britton)	Outdoor Adventures (4:25pm Finish) Netball Club (In school 4:30pm Finish) (Club collection from back gate)
<b>WED</b>		Class 4(Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE Reception Pupils - Forest School EYFS2 (Miss Atkinson & Miss Salkeld)	KS2 Boys football (4:30pm finish) (Club collection via school office)
<b>THUR</b>		Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE	<b>NO SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS AS SCHOOL DISCO</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>