



# Benedict Biscop CE Academy



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11th April 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

As we approach the end of this term and look forward to the joy and hope of Easter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful things that have been happening across our school. This term has been filled with learning, laughter, and a real sense of community. From enriching classroom experiences to creative projects and collective worship, it's been heartening to see our children grow not only in knowledge but also in kindness, resilience, and faith. We are so grateful to our fantastic PTFA, whose dedication have helped make so many events across the school a true success, thank you!

Wishing you all a joyous Easter. Mrs Armstrong

Class	EYFS1	EYFS2	EYFS3	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 9
Attendance	94%	98.79%	97.22%	98.15%	96.3%	97.78%	99.49%	99.03%	97.57%	97.13%	98.89%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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

## Happy Easter Everyone!



Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful Easter

A time to celebrate new beginnings, renewal, and the light that shines even in the darkest of days. May we all carry that message of hope into the new term.

## WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF ...

All of our wonderful PTFA Volunteers

Your dedication and generosity have helped make so many events across the school a true success (especially over this last week!)

Your time, energy and love for our school community have brought joy to both pupils and staff alike – thank you for all that you do.



## Swimming Gala Trials



Y5 & Y6 Pupils will be going swimming at Farringdon school as shown below, an email has been sent to parents with more details.

**Y5 Pupils - Monday 28th April 2025 (AM)**

**Y6 Pupils - Monday 19th April 2025 (AM)**

Please ensure that swimming kit is brought to school on these days & that children have coats as they will be walking to and from Farringdon School.

## 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](#)



## WOW Walk to School Challenge

As part of our drive to become a more sustainable school and reduce the traffic congestion around school, the children have chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school!

WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

Please click on the link to view the letter emailed to parents this week

[WOW Parent Letter](#)

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

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



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## Congratulations you have received a RAINBOW AWARD

<u>Nursery</u>	Lucas M, Eloise F & Archie W
<u>Reception</u>	Charlie W, Theo P & Heidi P
<u>Class 1</u>	Sonnie H & Effie W
<u>Class 2</u>	Mille S & Frances J
<u>Class 3</u>	Jay D & Nina R
<u>Class 4</u>	Lucas C & Archie D
<u>Class 5</u>	Bobby B & Zac G
<u>Class 6</u>	Maddie K & James F
<u>Class 7</u>	James B & Olivia F
<u>Class 9</u>	Ella T & Oscar H

### Uniform Reminder!

We would like to remind Parents of our school uniform policy and request that this is adhered to. We kindly ask that there is no shaved/coloured hair or trainers (please follow the link for our full policy)

[School Uniform Policy](#)

### Y6 Booster Club & SATs week

When pupils return after the Easter Holidays the booster club which runs on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am will be open to all Y6 pupils who wish to attend. (further details to follow soon)



SATs week (w/c 12/05/25)  
All Y6 pupils are invited into school from 8am for breakfast and to prepare them calmly for their SATs. (further details will follow soon)

### Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - named 'Wear Here 4' in Sunderland - is a Department for Education funded programme delivered locally for families in receipt of free school meals, providing fun, enriching activities and tasty, nutritious meals during school holidays.

Sessions are free for children and young people who:  
Live in Sunderland

Are of school age (between 4 and 16 years old)  
Are eligible for means-tested free school meals during term time

Have a special educational need or disability (up to age 25)  
For more information & to book a place please follow the link below



[Sunderland West \(SR3 & SR4\) Programme](#)

### Congratulations & Well Done!



To all pupils in Aidan House  
They scored the most house points this term in school.

Everyone enjoyed a fantastic treat yesterday afternoon on the school field in the lovely sunshine

### HOUSE POINTS

Cuthbert	2538
Aidan	3920
Bede	2625
Caedmon	3327

### Y5 SWIMMING LESSON

**MONDAY 28TH APRIL**

Class 7 (Y5) swimming

Please remember your swimming kits!

### Useful Information

School Telephone: 0191 5947033

Address:

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

Marcross Drive

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

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[Useful School Forms](#)

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## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025



April 14th - 25th	Easter Holiday
Monday 28th April	School re-opens to all pupils
Wednesday 16th April	National Offer day for Reception places
Monday 28th April	Class 7 (Y5) Gala Swimming lesson
Monday 28th April	Class 3 (Y2) Pupil led Worship ( <b>10:00am</b> ) School Hall
Wednesday 30th April	Dogs Trust visit in school
Thursday 1st May	Girls Football 7 a side league match (details to follow)
Friday 2nd May	PTFA Meeting in school (after Worship)
Tuesday 6th May	Class 2 (Y1/2) Pupil led Worship ( <b>9:00am</b> ) School Hall
W/C 12th May	Y6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) Mon-Thur
Tuesday 13th May	EYFS Fire Fun Night (bookings only)
Monday 19th May	Class 9 (Y6) 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 (more info to follow)

## WEEKLY REGULARS

W/C 28th April 2025

	AM	PM	After School
MON	KS2 Keyboard Lessons Class 7 (Y5) Swimming Lesson	KS2 Drum Lessons Class 9 (Y6) PE Class 1 (Y1) PE	NO
TUE	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club KS2 Guitar Lessons	Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE	SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS
WED	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club	Class 4 (Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE	
THUR		Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE	BOOKINGS EXPECTED TO
FRI	9am Community Worship in the school hall		OPEN THIS WEEK





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## NLLT One Voice Event

The third NLLT One Voice concert was the biggest and best yet, featuring dance performances as well as showcasing choral and musical talent across children and staff at our primary and secondary schools. It was truly an event to remember... well done to all those who took part



## Easter Prayer Spaces

We were delighted to welcome visitors from Youth for Christ into school today, who spent time with our Key Stage 1 children creating thoughtful and engaging Easter prayer spaces.

The team led our pupils through a range of activities designed to help them reflect on the Easter story in a meaningful and age-appropriate way. From quiet moments of prayer to hands-on crafts and storytelling, the children had a wonderful time exploring the themes of hope, love, and new life.

thank you to Youth for Christ for their time and kindness – it was a special experience for our younger children.



## Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade Celebrates Sustainability and Creativity!

Today was a truly egg-citing day every year group took part in our Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade! This year, we added a fun and eco-friendly twist to the tradition by challenging our students to create their bonnets using sustainable materials — and what a success it was!

In a bid to promote creativity, environmental awareness, and resourcefulness, pupils were tasked with designing their bonnets using only junk modelling materials. That's right — the Art Cupboard was officially off-limits!

The results were nothing short of spectacular. From towering springtime creations to charmingly simple designs, the parade showcased just how imaginative our children can be when given a challenge.

A huge congratulations goes out to everyone who took part — it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and pride in their homemade designs. Special congratulations are also in order for the pupils who







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## KS2 Careers Fair



This week, we had the absolute pleasure of hosting our KS2 Careers Fair – and what an incredible event it turned out to be!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents and visitors who so generously gave up their time to come into school and speak to our children about their careers. It was amazing to see so many people from such a wide range of industries and professions sharing their knowledge, experiences, and passion.

The children were completely engaged and inspired – asking thoughtful questions, discovering new interests, and learning all about the exciting opportunities the future could hold, every visitor helped to broaden their horizons and spark their imagination.

Events like this are so valuable, and we're incredibly grateful to our whole school community for making it possible. Your support, as always, helps us bring learning to life in meaningful ways. Who knows – one of our pupils might just be the next to follow in your footsteps!

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm and commitment to inspiring the next generation.



## PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

This week, our PTFA have been hard at work bringing some Easter magic to every corner of the school. Thanks to them, every pupil in every year group got to take part in a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt!

Each class was challenged to find as many hidden plastic Easter eggs as possible. There was excitement and laughter all around as everyone got stuck into the hunt!

The pupils in each year group who collected the most eggs were awarded a chocolate Easter Egg – a well-deserved prize for their egg-hunting skills! Everyone who took part received a little treat to take home, making sure no one was left out of the celebration.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for organising such a fun event, and to all of you who donated towards making it possible. Your generosity helped make this a truly

