



Benedict Biscop CE Academy



With God all things are possible

2nd May 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

What a lovely week it has been in school! The children have really enjoyed the beautiful weather, and we'd like to say a big thank you to all our parents for helping to keep them safe in the sun by applying sun cream before school. We started the week with a wonderful pupil-led Worship from Class 3, who did a fantastic job sharing their message of hope with the whole school and parents. Our girls' football team have also been in action this week – well done to everyone who took part and represented the school so brilliantly. Wishing you all a restful and sunny bank holiday weekend!

| Class | EYFS1 | EYFS2 | EYFS3 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 | Class 9 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attendance | 96.84% | 88.51% | 92.52% | 96.67% | 100% | 93.67% | 93.94% | 98.55% | 94.1% | 96.06% | 91.85% |

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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



New School System

We have recently started using a system called **Arbor** to manage all of our pupil information. The system has a number of functions to enable everything to be in one place which we hope will benefit families as well as streamline and improve efficiency in our school office.

Arbor have a parent app which we can send notifications through.

Our aim is for this to be our main method of communication, replacing the texts. In advance of this change we kindly request parents to **download the Arbor app** on your mobile phone. Please click [here](#) for more information.

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF ...

Our Girls football team



Congratulations to Benedict Biscop girls

football team on becoming the first ever Division B league

champions with 8 wins from 9

games in the Sunderland

Primary Schools FA. The girls

only conceded one goal in the whole nine games!

Well Done everyone

You make us proud



Swimming

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

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



Our Walk to school challenge week has begun! 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! If parents have to bring their car because of distance we kindly ask that you try parking away from the school e.g. the Prior car park and walk up to school to try to reduce emissions & keep the streets around school clear.

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!](#)



Congratulations you have received a RAINBOW AWARD

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| <u>Nursery</u> | Lydia D, Gabe F & Joey H |
| <u>Reception</u> | Isabella C, Sadie T & Erin M |
| <u>Class 1</u> | Ellie B & Rayne Y |
| <u>Class 2</u> | Cole G & Archie A |
| <u>Class 3</u> | Harley-Jay B & Norma-Rose M |
| <u>Class 4</u> | Mollie B & Penelope S |
| <u>Class 5</u> | Oliver P & Jenson W |
| <u>Class 6</u> | Evie C & Matthew D |
| <u>Class 7</u> | Ella JM & Fallon M |
| <u>Class 9</u> | Ethan I & Isabella D |

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May



We will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. This important event marks the end of World War II in Europe and offers a valuable opportunity for our students to reflect on history, learn about the sacrifices made, and celebrate peace.

To mark the occasion, we invite all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue. Throughout the day, pupils will be taking part in a range of engaging activities including themed lessons and assemblies, creative arts, and opportunities to reflect and deepen their understanding of the significance of VE Day.



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.

SIAMs Report

We are absolutely delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

The report has now been published, and we are extremely pleased with its findings. It highlights many of the wonderful things that make our school such a special place – including the strength of our Christian vision, the inclusive and nurturing environment we provide, and the way in which our values are lived out daily by both staff and pupils.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL REPORT](#)

HOUSE POINTS

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| Cuthbert | 6118 |
| Aidan | 5890 |
| Bede | 5185 |
| Caedmon | 3382 |

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



Y4 Bikeability - On Friday 9th May

We are delighted that we have been able to secure a session for our Year 4 pupils on Sunderland City Councils Bikeability programme.

All cycles and helmets will be provided by the Bikeability Plus team, ensuring that every child can participate—regardless of whether they own a bike—and removing the need for pupils to bring equipment into school.

Please ensure a consent form is completed for your child by clicking on this link [CONSENT FORM](#)

Can all those taking part please wear their **PE kits** on this day.

Useful Information

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[Useful School Forms](#)

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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025

Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 6th May | Class 2 (Y1/2) Pupil led Worship (9:00am) School Hall |
| Thursday 8th May | VE Day celebration (pupils to wear red, white & blue) |
| Friday 9th May | KS1 (Y1 & Y2 Pupils) School Trip to the beach (see letter) |
| Friday 9th May | Y4 Bikeability (one day only) (see letter) |
| W/C 12th May | Y6 Statutory Assesment 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) |
| Friday 23rd May | SCHOOL INSET DAY (School closed to pupils) |
| W/C 26th May | HALF TERM (School closed to all pupils) |
| Monday 2nd June | School re-opens to pupils |

WEEKLY REGULARS W/C 28th April 2025

| | AM | PM | After School |
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| MON | BANK HOLIDAY | BANK HOLIDAY | BANK HOLIDAY |
| TUE | 8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club KS2 Guitar Lessons | Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE EYFS OUT & ABOUT Doxford Park - Miss Liddle & Miss Brittons family groups (Reception pupils) | Outdoor Adventures (4:25pm Finish) Netball Club (In school 4:30pm Finish) (Club collection from back gate) |
| WED | 8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club | Class 4 (Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE EYFS OUT & ABOUT Doxford Park - Miss Salkeld & Miss Atkinson's family groups (Reception pupils) | KS2 Boys football (4:30pm finish) (Club collection via school office) |
| THUR | | Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE EYFS OUT & ABOUT Doxford Park - Mrs Holmes & Miss Rogerson's family groups (Reception pupils) | KS1 Football (4:25pm finish) Performing Arts (4:30pm finish) (Club collection from back gate) |
| FRI | 9am Community Worship in the school hall | | |