



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

Newsletter

26th September 2025

AUTUMN ONE

'with God all things are possible'

Welcome to our 'new look' Newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading it and find it full of useful information. We'd really appreciate your feedback so we can make sure the newsletter includes the things that matter most to you. Please take 5 minutes to complete our short online survey by clicking here: [\(Newsletter Feedback\)](#).

It's been another busy week in school! Our Reception pupils enjoyed their first session of Balance Bikeability and our Schoolz Out clubs also returned this week, which the children have really enjoyed.

Looking ahead to next week, we have some school trips planned for Monday and Tuesday, plus a special 'Dress Down Thursday' non-uniform day.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

REMINDER

'Dress Down Thursday'

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Pupils are invited to attend school in non-uniform next Thursday for a voluntary suggested £1 donation. There will also be a special under the sea themed school lunch!

[\(Click here to view Lunch Poster\)](#)

Celebrating Our Pupils!

CELEBRATE!

We love celebrating the amazing achievements of our pupils!

Well done to;

- * Margot in Class 5 who has been selected for the U9 County Performance Squad in Tennis!
- * Ella in Class 9 for a successful audition for a production of Annie.

If you are a parent or carer and have something exciting or positive you would like us to share with the wider school community, whether it's an achievement, event, or special news, please let us know by emailing the school office.

We'd love to highlight the wonderful things happening both in and out of school!

Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

2026 NURSERY & RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
4:00PM - 5:00PM

2026

Applications for Reception Places will open via Sunderland City Council parent portal on Monday 29th September (current Nursery children will have received an email notification regarding this)

Our Nursery 2026 application process will begin at the end of October

[Click here to view full poster](#)

Safeguarding Leads at Benedict Biscop

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

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

Tel: 0191 5947033

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Northern Lights
LEARNING TRUST

Congratulations you have received a RAINBOW AWARD

<u>EYFS1</u>	Parker Y & Harrison H
<u>EYFS2</u>	Millie W & Max Y
<u>EYFS3</u>	Eliana T & Anna B
<u>Class 1</u>	Harvey L & Lilia-Grace M
<u>Class 2</u>	Will Mc & Mila C
<u>Class 3</u>	Hettie C & Harry H
<u>Class 4</u>	Andie T & Charlotte M
<u>Class 5</u>	Elijah B & Georgia D
<u>Class 6</u>	Rosie S & Will H
<u>Class 7</u>	Eleanor T & Matthew C
<u>Class 9</u>	Mason T & Phoebe J

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Please click on the school trip to view further details;

[Monday \(AM\) Y3 visit to the Iskcon Temple, Newcastle](#)

[Monday \(PM\) Y4 visit to the Iskcon Temple, Newcastle](#)

[Tuesday \(Full Day\) Y5 visit to Jarrow Hall](#)

All children will require a packed lunch. (unless we have been informed otherwise)

The voluntary contribution towards these trips can be made through Arbor, it is important you follow the process on Arbor even if you wish to contribute more or less than the recommended amount.

If you do not complete this process, we presume you do not consent to your child attending the trip.

School Football Team Trials

Those pupils in Y5 & Y6 who have expressed an interest have received an email inviting them to trials for the school football team, next Thursday (2nd Oct) 3:30pm—4:30pm (pupils will leave via back gate) Good Luck to everyone! Girls football team trials will be communicated soon!

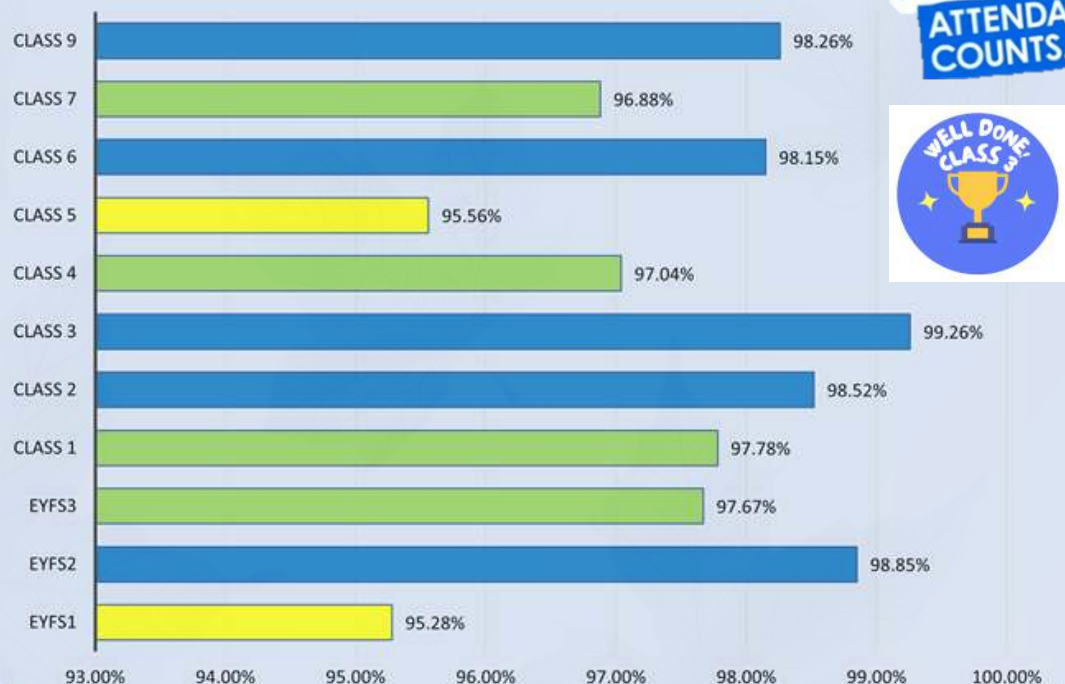
WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is so important—it helps children make the most of their learning and enjoy all the opportunities school has to offer.

If your child is absent, please let the school know as soon as possible. You can find more details in our [Attendance Policy](#) on the school website.

For your reference, please click on the link to view our [Term Dates](#).

Class Weekly Attendance

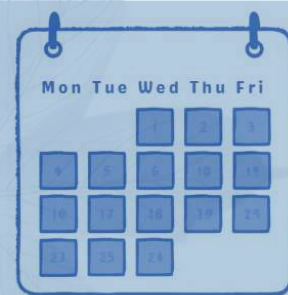


**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th Sept	Y3 & Y4 Trip to Iskcon Temple (see letter)
Monday 29th Sept	EYFS Showbie/Reading Parent workshop 4pm (NURSERY)
Tuesday 30th Sept	Class 7 (Y5) Trip to Jarrow Hall (see letter)
Weds 1st Oct	Reception Balance Bikeability
Thurs 2nd Oct	Non-Uniform day 'Dress Down Thursday' (see article)
Thurs 2nd Oct	Boys School Football Team Trials Y5/Y6 (3:30pm—4:30pm)
Friday 3rd Oct	PTFA Meeting (after Worship)
Monday 6th Oct	Y1 Parent Workshop (see letter)
Thursday 9th Oct	Y2 Parent Workshop (see letter)
Friday 10th Oct	Harvest Festival 9:00am (parents of boys) 1:15pm parents of girls (See letter)
13th—17th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Thursday 16th Oct	PTFA Autumn Disco
Tuesday 21st Oct	School Photographs (individual)
Friday 24th Oct	INSET DAY (School Closed to pupils)
5th– 6th Nov	Parent Evenings
Friday 7th Nov	Remembrance Service

**APPLE CRUMBLE IN EARLY YEARS!**

Our early years children enjoyed a wonderful hands-on experience making homemade apple crumble!

We picked apples from our tree, we then peeled and cut the apples before working together to follow a recipe – learning about measurements along the way.

It was great to combine outdoor learning with early maths and cooking skills

All the children agreed on how sweet and delicious their cooking was!

**EYFS SNACK DONATIONS**

Thank you for the donations received to support and further enhance the experiences of our Early Years children.

There is still time to donate through the school shop on Arbor.

Thank you!

HOUSE POINTS

Cuthbert	7251
Aidan	6377
Bede	8107
Caedmon	10217

Useful Forms

Please use the links below to notify the school office of any changes;

[Change of Lunch Preference](#)

[Change of Gate Preference](#)

[Breakfast & After School Club Contract](#)

[Initial Interest in Nursery](#)

[Exceptional Leave Request](#)

[Appointment Notification](#)

WEEKLY REGULARS

MON	Keyboard Lessons Class 2 PE Class 7 PE
TUES	Drum Lessons Class 3 PE Class 9 PE
WEDS	Guitar Lessons Class 4 PE Class 5 PE
THURS	Class 1 PE Class 6 PE
FRI	Community Worship

WEEKLY SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

For further details regarding dates & times of Schoolz Out clubs please follow this link [**SCHOOLZ OUT AUTUMN TERM**](#)

MON	KS1 Science Club KS2 Creative Challenges Club
TUES	KS1 Arts & Crafts Club KS1 & KS2 Karate Club KS2 Vision & Design Club KS2 Netball Club
WEDS	KS2 Football Club
THURS	KS1 Football Club KS1 & KS2 Wellness Club KS1 & KS2 Performing Arts Club

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Well done to Ethan and Hannah for attending their first Trust Pupil Parliament meeting, representing Benedict Biscop.

Both pupils spoke well about what things happened last year and they suggested ideas for how we might further engage our families to feel part of the Benedict Biscop and Northern Lights family.

They are looking forward to learning from other schools in the Trust to see what we can do to further improve here at BB!

**Harvest Celebration – Friday 10th October 2025**

Our Year 1–6 children are busy preparing artwork, prayers and songs for our Harvest Celebration on Friday 10th October. To help with space in the hall, we kindly ask:

Parents of boys – attend the 9:00am service

Parents of girls – attend the 1:15pm service

(If you have both boys and girls, please choose whichever service suits you. Both services are the same). [**\(See letter\)**](#)

As part of Harvest, we will once again be supporting the Food Bank. Donations can be brought from Monday 29th September via the hall doors from 8:45am, or for Early Years via the snug entrance.

Items most needed include:

Cereal · Soup · Pasta · Rice · Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce · Lentils/beans/pulses · Tinned meat · Tinned vegetables · Tea/coffee · Tinned fruit · Biscuits · UHT milk

Thank you for your generosity and support at this special time of year.