

20th March 2026

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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

This week in assembly, we focused on the Gospel Value of 'Perseverance.' In an unprecedented move, Mr Usher announced that every child in the school would receive the Merit Award this week. This special recognition was given because each and every pupil demonstrated what perseverance truly looks like in action during Wednesday evening's Festival of the Arts.

No matter their role or contribution, all of the children showed that through practice, dedication, teamwork and a determination to be their very best, great things can be achieved. Their efforts made the staff, parents and grandparents incredibly proud. As a reward, the children will be given an extra long playtime at some point next week.



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

What a wonderful occasion we enjoyed together as a school community on a glorious spring evening this Wednesday. Every child was truly magnificent, confidently showcasing their talents through performance poetry, singing, musical instrument playing and the display of their art and craft work.

We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and grandparents who attended; the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. A special thank you also goes to our dedicated staff for their support and commitment in helping the children shine and for making the evening such a great success. Please take a look at our school Facebook and Instagram pages to see more images and videos of our talented pupils.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHING

After the Easter break, Mr Bowie will be leaving his role as our 1:1 peripatetic music teacher. We thank him for his valuable contribution to the school.

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers: Rebecca Chambers (piano) and Richard Taylor (guitar, ukulele and drums), both of whom bring extensive experience and expertise.

Lessons will initially continue for current pupils, with some additional spaces available. Parents interested in lessons for their child should contact the school office to complete an expression of interest form.



OUR LENTEN CHARITIES UPDATE

We are delighted to share that the sale of Easter Chicks in aid of Francis House raised an amazing £127. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you for your generous support.

Over the coming week, our Charity Prefect will be collecting all of the St. Joseph's Penny boxes. We look forward to revealing the grand total raised very soon—thank you in advance for your continued kindness and contributions.



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ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

St. Bede's will be holding a Year 5 'Taster Day' on Wednesday 13th May 2026. Parents can book their child onto the taster day by clicking on this link:

<https://fixr.co/event/st-bedes-college-upper-third-taster-day-tickets-777353335?lang=en-US>

Representatives from St. Bede's and a complimentary coffee van will also be in attendance at the entrance to school next Friday morning at drop-off time. This will be an ideal opportunity for any interested parents to meet some members of staff and chat about what St. Bede's has to offer.

READATHON

The Readathon organised by the PTA closed this week. Please can all children bring their sponsorship forms into school and can parents transfer any monies raised into the PTA account. Thank you all for your support and well done to the children for their participation this year.

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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

This week we have been very busy preparing for the Festival of the Arts on Wednesday night. It was a bit scary performing in front of so many people but the rendition of the poem 'Tiger' went down a storm, so very well done to the children who performed it.

We have been really enjoying our PE lessons this term focussing on hockey skills and the rules of the game. Well done to Ophelia who was Coach Brendon's star of the week for her excellent 'stick control'.

Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have had another busy week of learning. In English, they explored formal and informal writing by creating postcards and writing letters. In Maths, Year 2 completed their unit on measuring in metres and centimetres, achieving strong results in their end-of-unit assessment. In Geography, the class worked together to create a display for their topic Our World. In Religion, they learned about different celebrations, with two children sharing how they celebrate Eid.

Year 4/5

This week, the children have been working hard in Maths, developing their understanding of fractions by multiplying and comparing those with different denominators. It has been great to see them applying their multiplication knowledge with growing confidence. In History and English, the class continued exploring Norse mythology, combining research with creative writing to introduce different gods. Their character work brought figures such as Odin, Loki and Freya to life, with some imaginative and engaging writing.

Year 6

It's been a really busy week in Year 6 this week! In English, the children have been learning about past participles, proverbs and honing their letter writing skills. In Maths, the children have been studying about metric measurement and converting metric measures. They've loved practising dribbling a basketball in P.E and sketching a friend using charcoal during their Art lesson on Thursday.

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)



Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)
NOTE - not on next two Tuesdays

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8 per sessions
(Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth –
FREE after-school club for all ages (3.05 pm
– 3.45 pm)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Monday 23rd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Thursday 26th March	Academic progress reports to go home	
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade followed by Easter Draw.	2:45pm
Friday 27th March	School closes for the Easter holiday (2 weeks)	3:05pm