



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

15th November 2024



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We're Proud to Announce... **OUTSTANDING!**

We are absolutely delighted to share the fantastic news that Benedict Biscop CE Academy has been awarded **OUTSTANDING in all areas** by Ofsted! This incredible achievement fills us with pride, and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our school along the way.

A huge thank you to our **brilliant BB staff** for their unwavering hard work and dedication every single day, especially during the inspection. Your commitment ensures that every child thrives.

To our **amazing team of school Governors**, who volunteer their time to guide and support us, thank you for your invaluable contributions to our children's education.

To our wonderful parents and wider community, your belief in our vision and values — *'With God, all things are possible'* — is deeply appreciated.


Finally, to our **fantastic children**—you are the heart of BB! You make us laugh, smile, and occasionally cry (with joy). BB is a wonderful place because of each and every one of you.

Well done, everyone! What an achievement!

(Please click on the link to view our full report) [OFSTED REPORT](#)



School report



Inspection of Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy

Marcross Drive, Moorside, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR3 2RE

Inspection dates:	8 and 9 October 2024
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

The headteacher of this school is Sarah Armstrong. The school is part of Northern Lights Learning Trust, which means other people in the trust also have responsibility for running the school. The trust is run by the chief executive officer (CEO), Jo Heaton OBE, and overseen by a board of trustees, chaired by Katie Hammond.



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Class	Nursery	Reception	Class 1 (Year1)	Class 2 (Year1/2)	Class 3 (Year 2)	Class 4 (Year 3)	Class 5 (Year 3)	Class 6 (Year 4)	Class 7 (Year 5)	Class 9 (Year 6)
Attendance	98.14%	99.11%	★100%	97.33%	97.33%	96.36%	★100%	98.13%	98.71%	97.67%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF

Marley, Jasmine, Olivia, Ted, Zakk, Ellia and Ruby



Our Lighthouse leaders who have led our whole school



worship this week. They planned their worship linked to Anti-Bullying week.

Well done everyone - We are really Proud!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT BENEDICT BISCOP

Please follow the link below for more information regarding some of our Christmas events at BB - follow [this link to view the letter](#).

We ask that you read this letter/leaflet thoroughly - the letter also has links to any forms that may need to be completed.

Further letters may follow for some events.

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Uniform Notice - The School Outfit

We have received notification this week that the Sunderland The School Outfit shop will soon be closing.



'To all of our much-appreciated customers, We have come to the very tough decision that it is now time to close our doors in our Sunderland store. We have been a massive part of Sunderland city centre for the last 35 years and the high street just isn't what it was.

With the vast majority of our trade now coming from online orders we have decided it is no longer viable keeping our high street store open.

We have 2 large retail outlets in Washington in which we will keep all of our stock all year round as normal. We have free parking directly outside. Customers are very welcome to come over if they like or alternatively, they can order online for home delivery or collection. '

We have been in touch with the company and have been advised that orders placed with them online can be delivered free of charge to the school (please select this option if required when ordering)

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](#)

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



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RAINBOW AWARDS

Nursery

- Grace** For using her confidence and involving others in play.
- Eloise** For amazing fine motor skills!
- Eva** For her growing confidence & exploring with friends.

Reception

- Jessie** For brightening everyone's day!
- Myah** For leading her peers during play retelling a story.
- Gray** For fantastic understanding of numbers.

Class 1

- Jack & Ava** Have been working together in Maths and have had some fabulous ideas and explained their thinking.

Class 2

- Ettie** For great effort in reading.
- Harry** For an excellent poem about Roker lighthouse.

Class 3

- Saul** For making huge leaps in spelling! Well done!
- Aspen** For making fantastic contributions during anti bullying.

Class 4

- Will** For working incredibly hard in his writing.

- Penelope** For a brilliant fact file in D&T

Class 5

- Phoebe** For working super hard to re-tell 'Stone Age Boy' story.
- Zephi** For sharing some fantastic ideas for anti-bullying week.

Class 6

- James** For working hard identifying grammar this week.
- Oliver** For creating digital graphs to showing rainfall.

Class 7

- Sam** For showing resilience in Maths, challenging himself.
- Nathan** For really thinking about his sentence structures.

Class 9

- Annabella** For a brilliant website prototype for anti-bullying week.
- Amy** For a brilliant research page & trying extremely hard in D&T



Durham Cathedral Christmas Event

Durham Cathedral is offering something new this Christmas: A performance of that stunningly beautifully musical work by Benjamin Britten – **A Ceremony of Carols** – on **Saturday 14th December at 6.00 p.m.** in a wonderful celebration of Christmas which will last about one hour. Hear the Cathedral's Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing the ancient music of Vespers followed by A Ceremony of Carols sung by the Cathedral Choristers, accompanied by harpist Helena Pearson and conducted by Daniel Cook.

There is no charge and you are invited to book free tickets (as many as you want) using the following code **BRITTEN24** or by scanning the QR code (see below).

The general public do not need tickets but your ticket will ensure that you get a decent seat in a reserved area within the Cathedral in sight of the performance.

We encourage you to book your tickets as soon as possible and you should still turn up early to ensure the best seats.

Doors open at 5.15 p.m. Donations will be invited as you leave if you are able to make an offering.



<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173657074/events>

For more events at Durham Cathedral please follow this link to their [concerts & events page](#)



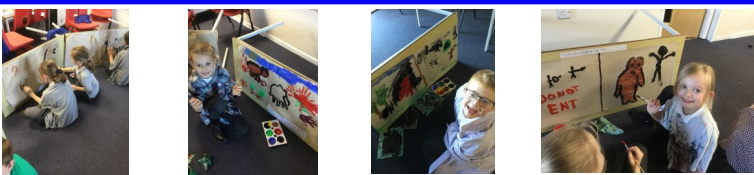
Christmas Holiday Free School Meals Vouchers

We have received notification today from Sunderland Together for children that vouchers will be available for those families in receipt of free school meals this Christmas Holidays period. Vouchers worth £60 per pupil will be issued.

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals you can apply by clicking on this link;

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SUNDERLAND

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)





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DATES AND EVENTS IN 2024/25



- Tuesday 19th November** Year 2 Walkwise (session 3)
- Wednesday 20th November** Inter-Trust Sporting Competition
- Tuesday 26th November** 7-a-side Girls Football League Match (see letter already emailed)
- Thursday 28th November** PTFA Christmas Extravaganza (see link to our [Christmas events letter](#) for more details)
- Wednesday 4th December** Flu Immunisation catch up
- Wednesday 11th December** EYFS (Reception) Nativity Performance (AM) KS1 - Y2 Nativity Performance (PM)
- Thursday 12th December** EYFS (Nursery) Nativity Performance (AM) KS1 - Y1 Nativity Performance (PM)
- Friday 13th December** Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Pantomime Trip - Sunderland Empire (4:30 return)
- Monday 16th December** St Matthew & St Wilfrids Carol Service (KS2 Children will be taking part) details to follow
- Wednesday 18th December** Christmas Parties EYFS (AM) & KS1/KS2 (PM)
- Thursday 19th December** Christmas Eucharist (Led by Y6)



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SUNDERLAND



Winter Holiday Camp 9-3

23rd / 30th December / 3rd January

£2.50
BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEAL
(INCLUDES A HOT LUNCH)

£10 PER DAY IF NOT ELIGIBLE
(£12 HOT LUNCH)

Please contact Stacey on 07397539921 /
Stacey@keepactive.org.uk for more information
Places are limited

Mind Wellbeing Hub, Church Street East, Hendon,
SR1 2BB

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please follow the link below to our school lunch menus for Autumn/Winter (EYFS lunches are the top line only)

MENUS



Email Problems

We would like to apologise to everyone for the problems we were experiencing late last week /early this week with our emailing system. We were notified by Teachers 2 Parents that those email addresses ending @hotmail, @outlook and @live domains were being blocked by Spamhaus blocklist.

This problem has now been rectified & Teachers to Parents re-sent all affected emails again. (Sorry if you received 2/3 emails with the same content!)

PE Day

On your child's PE day they should come to school in their PE Kit

Class 4 & Class 6

please note your change of PE day for next week only.

MONDAY	Class 9 (Year 6) & Class 1 (Year 1)
TUESDAY	Class 2 (Year 1/2) & Class 7 (Year 5)
THURSDAY	Class 3 (Year 2) & Class 5 (Year 3)
FRIDAY	Class 4 (Year 3) & Class 6 (Year 4)

Schoolz Out clubs!



Please follow the link to view our clubs for next week

[SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS](#)

SWIMMING LESSONS

Class 6 (Y4)
ON MONDAY

HOUSE POINTS

Aidan	4168	Cuthbert	3947
Bede	4378	Caedmon	5198