



# Benedict Biscop CE Academy

## 8th November 2024



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

### # With God all things are possible

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week after a restful half term. This week we have celebrated and reflected as a community on Remembrance - it was fantastic that so many of you were able to join us as part of the services the children led.

We are now in full Christmas preparation mode and I would urge you to keep an eye on and read the newsletters carefully over the next few weeks as the diary becomes jam packed with celebration events!

Mrs Armstrong

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	98.13%	97.79%	100%	96.21%	98.1%	94.84%	98.15%	98.22%	100%	97.8%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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

### WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF .....

Our BB families who serve or served in the **Armed Forces and Emergency Services** who we honoured at our Remembrance service today.

We thank you all for your service and would like to say how proud we are to have you in our BB Community.



### PTFA - Christmas Jumpers



At our Parents evening's next Wednesday & Thursday our PTFA will be selling Christmas jumpers.

Please remember to bring some cash with you on the night. If you have any old jumpers you wish to donate please bring them to the school office.

The PTFA are also looking for donations for their Christmas extravaganza to be held on Thursday 28th November ([see letter for more info](#)) - items for Raffle prizes or tombola would be welcomed. (Raffle tickets have already been sent home with your child).



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT BENEDICT BISCOP

We have emailed a letter out to everyone today detailing some of our Christmas events at BB - please 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 will follow for some events.

Thursday 28th November		Wed 11th December	Thur 12th December	Fri 13th December
Join us for our PTFA Christmas Extravaganza in the school hall from 3.45 - 5.00pm.  <i>Refreshments will be sold and the PTFA will have a number of stalls and games as part of their fundraising efforts selling cakes, crafts and other festive goodies. The Christmas raffle will also be drawn.</i>		<b>EYFS Nativity Performance</b> (Reception families) 9.30am  <b>KS1 Nativity Performance</b> (YR2 Families) 1.30pm  <i>Doors open 30 mins beforehand. 2 adults per child can attend</i>	<b>EYFS Nativity Performance</b> (Nursery families) 9.30am  <b>KS1 Nativity Performance</b> (YR1 Families) 1.30pm  <i>Doors open 30 mins beforehand. 2 adults per child can attend</i>	<b>Panto (YR 1 - 6)</b> at Sunderland Empire  <i>Expected return time of 4.30pm - texts will be sent with an ETA.</i>  <i>No book bags to be brought to school</i>
Mon 16th December	Tue 17th December	Wed 18th December	Thur 19th December	Fri 20th December
<b>EYFS Winter Wonderland</b> (in school event)  <b>St Matthews Service</b> at 6pm for KS2 families  <i>Separate letters to follow for these events.</i>	<b>Christmas Lunch &amp; Christmas Jumper Day</b> (whole school)  <i>See letter for more information on how to book if your child does not usually have a school meal.</i>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>  <i>Children can come to school in their party clothes.</i> <i>£2 per child paid via School Money for party food, disco &amp; treat from Santa.</i> <i>No book bags to be brought to school</i>	<b>KS2 Eucharist 10am</b>  <i>Join us in a Service of Holy Communion in the school hall. Reverend Dave and Year 6 children will lead the Worship and will be joined by the rest of the Key Stage 2 children.</i>	<b>Christmas Movie Morning</b> (in school event)  <b>Christingle</b> (in school event)  <i>No book bags to be brought to school</i>



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## RAINBOW AWARDS

### Nursery

**Emmie** For increased confidence and being a superstar!

**Sophie** For showing resilience in developing her gross motor skills.

**Archie** For investigating fireworks with milk & food colouring.

### Reception

**Theo** For being a kind friend & wonderful role model.

**Phoebe** For applying strategies to solve tricky situations.

**Erin** For caring for our environment on an Autumn walk.

### Class 1

**Poppy** For a fantastic firework safety poster.

**Ada** For working really hard in Maths this week.

### Class 2

**Isaac** For some super speedy reading during phonics.

**Zara** For working hard on her joined up writing & letters.

### Class 3

**Penny** For phenomenal confidence when singing.

**Oliver** For being a fantastic map reader.

### Class 4

**Leo** For fantastic explanations to stay safe on Bonfire night

**Scarlett** For excellent descriptive language in her story

### Class 5

**Poppy** For working extremely hard in RE.

**Amelie** For a brilliant detailed poster on firework safety.

### Class 6

**Hendrix** He has designed & produced a wonderful clay pot.

**Maddie** For fantastic research into the features of Greece.

### Class 7

**Daniel** For excellent understanding in Geography

**Ethan** For fantastic understanding during multiplication.

### Class 9

**Fred** For excellent effort in all areas this week.

**Jacob** For a fantastic overlay map in Geography.



### 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;



[Apply for Free School Meals](#)





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#### DATES AND EVENTS IN 2024/25



<b>W/C 11th November</b>	EYFS Open Week (Nursery & Reception Parent meetings)
<b>11th - 15th November</b>	Anti Bullying Week
<b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying week ( <a href="#">see Poster 1</a> ) ( <a href="#">see Poster 2</a> )
<b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	Year 2 Walkwise (session 2)
<b>Wednesday 13th November</b>	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Parents Evening - appointments
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	Class 6 (Y4) Visit from Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Parents Evening - appointments
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	Children in Need ( <a href="#">see letter for further details</a> )
<b>Tuesday 19th November</b>	Year 2 Walkwise (session 3)
<b>Thursday 28th November</b>	PTFA Christmas Extravaganza (see front page for more info on Christmas events)
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	EYFS (Reception) Nativity Performance (AM) KS1 - Y2 Nativity Performance (PM)
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	EYFS (Nursery) Nativity Performance (AM) KS1 - Y1 Nativity Performance (PM)
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Pantomime Trip - Sunderland Empire (4:30 return)
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	St Matthew & St Wilfrids Carol Service (KS2 Children will be taking part) details to follow



#### Anti Bullying Week (11th - 15th November)

In school we will be learning about how to be respectful and how we should treat each other.

We are encouraging **EVERYONE**, including adults at home, to **'CHOOSE RESPECT'** and to ensure that we talk to people respectfully both offline and online.

We are inviting **EVERYONE** to take part in 'Odd Socks Day' next **Tuesday 12th November** – everyone can come to school wearing their odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness and differences.



Please click on the posters to view - designed by our Y4 Rights Knights Olivia & Ted



#### EYFS FIRE SNACKS

Children in EYFS have enjoyed toasting their own marshmallows on the fire and sandwiching these between the biscuits.



Donations are welcome towards the costs of fire snacks via the bird box at the EYFS door or please speak to a member of staff to donate any spare change.

# PE

#### PE Days

# PE

<b>MONDAY</b>	Class 9 (Year 6) & Class 1 (Year 1)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Class 2 (Year 1/2) & Class 7 (Year 5)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Class 4 (Year 3) & Class 6 (Year 4)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Class 3 (Year 2) & Class 5 (Year 3)

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

#### SWIMMING LESSONS

Class 6 (Y4)  
**ON MONDAY**

#### HOUSE POINTS

**Aidan** 6120

**Cuthbert** 4391

**Bede**

**6611**

**Caedmon**

**8665**



#### Schoolz Out clubs!

Please follow the link to view our clubs for next week

[SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS](#)