



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

6th December 2024



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

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What a wonderful week we've had in school! It's been such a joy to hear our Early Years and KS1 children rehearsing for their performances next week and KS2 for their Carol Service —the school sounds so festive! Our Choir has also visited Arriva, on Doxford International, spreading Christmas cheer by singing for the staff during their Christmas lunch—well done, everyone! This week, we also launched Christmas Countdown, a trust-wide attendance initiative with exciting prizes to be won (see below for details). Have a lovely weekend, everyone. 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	95.88%	91.40%	95.97%	92.67%	90.15%	93.6%	92.34%	98.26%	95.73%	97.79%

[Link for our Term Dates](#)

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

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF-Colton in Class 3



After learning about the importance of recycling and realising his class did not have it's own recycling bin - he took it upon himself to make one for everyone in his class to use, using only recycled materials - as he felt so passionately about it. Well done for advocating for protecting our planets resources. You make us Proud!



NORTHERN LIGHTS LEARNING TRUST YEAR OF COMMUNITY

Well done to our choir pupils who brought smiles and festive cheer to the staff at Arriva on Thursday!

As part of their festive lunch day celebrations, our talented pupils performed beautifully, spreading joy to our wider community. Thank you to everyone involved for representing our school so wonderfully!



Morning Drop-Off Facility – Keeping Our Children Safe

We operate a morning drop-off facility to help ease congestion in the streets around school and make the area safer for children and residents using the footpaths.

We kindly remind all parents/carers that the drop-off zone is for children to be dropped off to access the KS2 gate. It should not be used for parking and walking younger children to EYFS, as this poses a safety risk to those walking through the car park and disrupts the flow of traffic for others.

Additionally, please ensure that cars do not 'tailgate' through the gates. The drop-off area opens at 8:45 am, and access is permitted only when a member of staff is present at the KS2 gate. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and efficient drop-off system for everyone.



Countdown to Christmas

We're thrilled to launch our trust-wide attendance initiative, *Countdown to Christmas!*

Every child has received a special card to mark their entry into the draw. Each Monday, children who were in school the previous week will be entered into a draw to win a prize — a brand-new book of their choice!

At the end of December, children with 100% attendance will be entered into a trust-wide prize draw for an exciting **star prize!**

Let's make every day count!





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RAINBOW AWARDS

Nursery

- Parker** For growing confidence & building friendships.
- Remi** For following our school rules beautifully.
- Jack** For being a superstar during our RE sessions.

Reception

- Margot** For wowing us with her Phonics! Well done!
- Harriet** For beautifully decorating our Christmas tree.
- Lilia Grace** For her curiosity and enthusiasm on our Forest visit.

Class 1

- Hudson** For being a great role model in all lessons this week.
- Rosie** For trying her best & her enthusiasm in rehearsals.

Class 2

- Teddy** For being extremely kind & helpful in class.
- Ella** For singing & dancing beautifully in rehearsals.

Class 3

- Theo** For being a supportive & patient partner in Maths.
- Harley Jay** For working really hard with his multiplication.

Class 4

- Archie** For working extra hard in writing this week.
- Eliza** For working super hard in RE this week.

Class 5

- Fraser** For fantastic problem solving in Maths.
- Elliot** For developing a solid understanding in English.

Class 6

- Oscar** For working hard to identify 'AFOREST' in scripts!
- Josh** For working hard at division in Maths.

Class 7

- James** For excellent contributions to our class discussion.
- Aidan** For working extremely hard to master long division.

Class 9

- Jasmine** For working super hard in English.
- George** For working exceptionally hard in Maths.

Class 9 (Y6) SATs Meeting

Advance notice! Y6 Parents/Carers are invited into school on

Thursday 9th January @ 4pm

for a meeting to share information about the upcoming the KS2 SATs. We will be discussing a range of points such as what the SATs are, the different papers, writing and how it is assessed, how we are preparing at school, what you can do to prepare at home and how the results will be reported back to you.

Key Stage Two
SATS

Christmas Performances



Week Commencing 9th December



We are excited to announce our Christmas performances for Early Years and KS1!



Early Years Nativity

- Dates: **Wednesday 11th December** (Reception parents/carers) and **Thursday 12th December** (Nursery parents/carers).
- Time: **9:30am** (entry via the school office).
- Duration: Approximately 30 minutes.
- Seating: Due to limited space, we kindly request only 2 guests per child.



KS1 Performance – Are We Nearly There Yet?

- Dates: **Wednesday 11th December** (Year 2 parents/carers) and **Thursday 12th December** (Year 1 parents/carers).
- Time: **1:30pm** (entry via the school office).
- Duration: Approximately 30 minutes.
- Seating: Limited to 2 guests per child.



We kindly ask attendees to park considerately, ensuring access for emergency vehicles and respecting our neighbours.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Safeguarding Leads at Benedict Biscop

Mrs Armstrong	Designated Safeguarding Lead	For further safeguarding information please click here
Mrs Clark	Dep. Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs J Thompson	LGB Safeguarding Lead	



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DATES AND EVENTS IN 2024/25



Wednesday 11th December	EYFS (Reception) Nativity Performance (9:30am) KS1 - Y2 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)
Thursday 12th December	EYFS (Nursery) Nativity Performance (9:30am) KS1 - Y1 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)
Friday 13th December	Class 1 (Y1) to Class 9 (Y6) Pantomime Trip - Sunderland Empire (4:30 return)
Monday 16th December	EYFS Winter Wonderland (in school event)
Monday 16th December	St Matthew & St Wilfrid's Carol Service 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper day in school & School Christmas dinner
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Parties EYFS (AM) & KS1/KS2 (PM)
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Eucharist @ 10am (Led by Y6)
Friday 20th December	Christingle (in school event) & School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	School returns for Spring Term
Thursday 9th January	Class 9 (Y6) KS2 SATs Parents Meeting 4pm



Schoolz Out clubs !

Please follow the link to view our clubs for next week

SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

MONDAY	KS1 Story Adventure KAS1 & KS2 Karate Club KS2 Creative Challenges Collection from FRONT GATE
TUESDAY	KS1 Karaoke Kicks & Dance Flicks KS1 The Sports Zone KS1 & KS2 Forest School KS2 Loom Band Club KS2 Netball Club Collection from BACK GATE
WEDNESDAY	KS2 Football Clubs Collection from SCHOOL OFFICE
THURSDAY	KS1 Crafty Creations KS1 & KS2 Performing Arts Club Collection from FRONT GATE

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT BENEDICT BISCOP

Please follow the link below for more information regarding 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.



St. Matthew's Community Carol Service

Join us for the St. Matthew's Community Carol Service led by the children of Benedict Biscop on **Monday 16th December at 6pm**. This special event is always hugely popular, and the church is sure to be packed!

Please remember, this is not a school-organised event, and members of the church congregation will also be attending. We kindly ask for everyone's patience and respect toward those assisting on the night.

Seating is limited, so please try not to leave gaps between seats to ensure everyone can be accommodated. For those driving, allow extra time to park away from the church, as parking on church grounds is not permitted.

We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating and look forward to seeing you there!

Further information will be sent nearer the date for pupils involved in leading the service - including new drop off times and which entrance to the church to use.

Y4 Swimming

Last swimming lesson of the term

**MONDAY 9th
December**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



**TUESDAY 17TH
DECEMBER!**

PE Day

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

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

OUT & ABOUT

EYFS Out & About Groups

No out & about groups next week. Our out and about groups will resume after Christmas throughout Spring Term



HOUSE POINTS

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