



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

13th December 2024



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

With God all things are possible

What a brilliant week we've had in school! Our younger children truly shone in their productions, performing twice — well done to everyone, you were amazing! Excitement was in the air today as the children got ready to see Jack & The Beanstalk at the Sunderland Empire, courtesy of our fantastic PTFA. I'm sure that they have all had a great time (Oh yes they have! 😊)
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend—more celebrations to come next week! 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	92.6%	94.67%	96.67%	98.67%	97.33%	89.55%	93.91%	98.75%	96.45%	95.67%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF All KS1 & EYFS Children



Well done to all our children who have been performing their Christmas play & nativity (twice!) Everyone had a fantastic time watching you.

You are all superstars!

We are so proud of you all!



NORTHERN LIGHTS LEARNING TRUST YEAR OF COMMUNITY

We would like to thank everyone who has donated towards our Toy Appeal for the local charity Love Amelia. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and are looking forward to welcoming a representative of the Charity to school next week to collect the toys & speak with the children.



School Christmas Party Day!

We are excited to celebrate Christmas Party Day on **Wednesday 18th December!**

All parties will take place during school time.

EYFS will take place during the morning, and KS1/2 during the afternoon.

Children should come to school already dressed in their party clothes. No book bags are required.

Children are to be collected at their usual times.



Thank you

Thank you for all of your donations on our recent Children in Need fundraiser. We raised a total of **£341.50** which is AMAZING!



Toy Appeal

We have been overwhelmed with all of the wonderful donations of toys to our toy appeal. Thank you so much for all of the donations which will help ensure all children in our school and region have something to open this Christmas.

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](#)



Attendance Winner

Congratulations to our Attendance winner for last week - Lily in Class 4 (Y3), the draw was made on Monday amongst all the children who attended school on Friday 2nd December and Lily was the lucky first winner! She can choose a book of her choice with her token. Well done Lily!





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RAINBOW AWARDS

Nursery

- Blake** For growing in confidence & making us smile.
- Barney** For trying so hard with his letter formation.
- Eliana** Accessing all of the provision and her drawings

Reception

- Jessie** For an outstanding performance as Whoopsy Daisy!
- Autumn** For being such a lovely friend. Well done.
- Kit** Always trying his best in phonics

Class 1

- Freya** Excellent Geography work
- Henry** Working well with his partner in RE

Class 2

- Leo** For impressing with his super independent writing.
- Jacob** For being a star performer in our Nativity.

Class 3

- Connor** Trying hard with his timetables and in maths.
- Norma** Confidence during her nativity performances.

Class 4

- Lily** For excellent contributions in Geography.
- Harry** For excellent contributions in RE this week.

Class 5

- Alicia** For her detailed set of instructions in DT
- Daisy** For working incredibly hard in Maths.

Class 6

- Matthew** For a fabulous holiday radio script.
- Eleanor** For a wonderful design of a play area in DT.

Class 7

- Acacia** For excellent sentence construction in Spanish
- Phoebe** For excellent contributions in DT this week.

Class 9

- Annelise** For working super hard in DT this week.
- Jacob** For fantastic focus & determination.

EYFS Winter Wonderland

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

We have emailed a letter to EYFS parents/carers with details of this festive experience.



This is an in-school event and all children in EYFS should come to school dressed ready for the outdoors in old warm clothes and wherever possible with waterproof over clothes & wellies (we do have these in school if you don't have spare at home).

There will be lots of festive activities for the children to join in with, hot chocolate around the fire pit & even some special visitors - 3 donkeys!



We can't wait for the children to enjoy this experience.

(Please email the school office at bbinfo@nllt.co.uk if you do not want your child to pet/ride the donkeys)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER



All children are invited to attend school next Tuesday in their Christmas jumpers. Children should still wear school uniform but wear their Christmas jumper in place of their school jumper/cardigan.

We will also be enjoying our Christmas lunch together, this is a lovely time where staff and pupils can all dine together enjoying the festive music and wonderful food!

Key Stage Two SATS

Class 9 (Y6) SATs Meeting

Advance notice! Y6 Parents/Carers are invited into school on **Thursday 9th January @ 4pm** for a meeting regarding 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. We look forward to seeing you there.



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DATES AND EVENTS IN 2024/25

Diary Dates

Monday 16th December	St Matthew & St Wilfrids Carol Service (KS2) Please refer to email sent earlier in the week
Monday 16th December	Closing date for Y6 initial interest in Thurston Weekend (see email already sent)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Parties EYFS (AM) & KS1/KS2 (PM)
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Eucharist (Led by Y6)
Friday 20th December	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	School returns for Spring Term
Monday 6th January	Class 6 (Y4) Swimming Lessons restart (kit needed!)
Thursday 9th January	Class 9 (Y6) KS2 SATs Parents Meeting 4pm
W/C 14th January	Music Instrument Lessons restart



NO SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Details of new & continuing clubs for Spring Term are expected to be sent out soon with clubs re-commencing next Term.
Please check your emails regularly so you don't miss out!

Y4 Swimming

NO SWIMMING NEXT WEEK
SWIMMING LESSONS RESTART ON
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

Music Instrument Tuition

Thank you to everyone in KS2 who completed the initial interest in Music Instrument lessons - we will be emailing you next week with more details of when the lessons will restart and payment details (any new pupils will also need to complete a Music Contract which will also be forwarded).



ORLI APP

We have received notification from Together for Children that Orli is now live and free to use for parents.

The Orli team have been busy working closely with families, teachers, Together for Children and South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust to bring Orli to life.

The Orli app is designed to help parents supporting their children with anxiety and school avoidance.

Here's what to expect;

- Personalised plan of practical steps (created by our clinicians)
- 1:1 call with our team or ask questions anonymously via the Orli app
- Resource hub of expert advice & support

Click on the image or the link [here](#)

Free School Meals

Those pupil who qualify for free school meals will be eligible for a £60 voucher from Sunderland City Council over the Christmas holidays - the vouchers should be available & emailed on Friday 20th December. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please apply [here](#)



PE

PE Day

W/C 16th December

PE

Children will not need to wear PE kits next week due to events in school.

Thank you

HOUSE POINTS

Aidan	4532	Cuthbert	4408
Bede	3851	Caedmon	2621