



Benedict Biscop CE Academy

17th January 2025



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

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It has been such a lovely week in school! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their school trips, and it's been wonderful to see their excitement and engagement with these enriching experiences. With plenty more trips planned, we're so grateful for your continued support of these educational visits, which add so much to your child's learning. Have a fantastic weekend! 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	96.56%	94.81%	95.59%	97.05%	90.2%	98.99%	99.03%	97.92%	99.2%	98.15%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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



WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF
Evan & Will in Year 1
for their fabulous fluent reading with Mrs Clark this week. Well done! You make us proud



JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY WORSHIP
Please join us every Friday for our Community Worship in the school hall (9:00am) start. Worship is led by Rev'd D Tolhurst. All are welcome as we Worship and celebrate our pupils.



Morning Drop-Off Reminder
We kindly ask that children are supervised at all times before school doors open. There is a lot of mud around, and children are bringing it into school on their shoes. Let's help ensure children have a great start to their day by keeping them calm, relaxed, and ready to learn. Thank you!



Careers Day at Benedict Biscop
Following on from the success of our last careers day we are hoping to host another event for our KS2 pupils on **Wednesday 9th April 2025**. As part of our Personal Development curriculum, children are learning about 'Living in the Wider World' focusing on different jobs that are available and the career paths the children may follow. We feel that it is very important to allow the children to find out about as many different careers as possible, broadening their aspirations... this is where we need your help! If you are available to support us, or someone from your workplace, please complete the following form – [Careers Fair 2025](#). If you know of any local companies that we may also approach, please do let us know. If we do receive a large response, we will select the broadest range of careers that we can. Thank you for your help!



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](#)

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[Facebook](#)

PLEASE PARK AROUND SCHOOL WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS AND NOT ON THE PAVEMENTS
See Sunderland City Council's leaflet - [Think before you park!](#)



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RAINBOW AWARDS

Nursery

Lydia For accessing the provision with confidence.

Autumn For her curiosity when trying to form letters.

Frances For following instructions when making fake snow!

Reception

Flora For growing confidence in Maths meetings.

Freddy For trying so hard with his handwriting.

Hallie For working extremely hard during phonics

Class 1

Hudson For applying his phonetic knowledge to write sentences

Ellie For fantastic contributions during PD lessons this week.

Class 2

Freddie For a real effort to work hard every morning.

Alfie For fantastic contributions during History this week.

Class 3

Layla For confidently sharing her ideas in Art this week.

Rose For amazing interpretation in Art this week.

Class 4

Leo For excellent contributions in Science.

Rosie For fantastic contributions in History this week.

Class 5

Olive For her incredibly hard work in Maths this week.

Zac For impressing his teachers in Music this week.

Class 6

Evie For completing wonderful work in Science this week.

Christopher For focussing on improving his work in English.

Class 7

Amelie For an excellent comparative test in Science.

Olivia For her understanding of life on board a Tudor Galleon!

Class 9

Isabella For outstanding dedication in Art this week.

Gracie For fantastic creativity in Art this week.



Class Led Worship Dates

A letter has been emailed to parents of children in KS1 & KS2 detailing changes to Pupil led worship in school, please click on the link below to view the full letter

Pupil Led Class Worship 2025

Please see below for details of Class Worship dates;

Mon 27th January (9am)	Class 9 (Y6)
Mon 3rd February (9am)	Class 7 (Y5)
Mon 10th February (9am)	Class 6 (Y4)
Mon 3rd March (9am)	Class 5 (Y3)
Mon 31st March (9am)	Class 4 (Y3)
Mon 28th April (10am)	Class 3 (Y2)
Tues 6th May (9am)	Class 2 (Y1/2)
Mon 9th June (9am)	Class 1 (Y1)

Family Fun Fridays

A letter has been emailed to parents of children in KS1 & KS2 advising of the dates for our Family Fun Friday events - this



term our focus for these events will be Maths. Please click on the link below for further details (2:15pm start).

Family Fun Fridays - Spring 2025

Class Dates below:

Friday 31st January	Class 1 (Y1)
Friday 7th February	Class 2 (Y1/2)
Friday 14th February	Class 3 (Y2)
Friday 21st February	Class 4 (Y3)
Friday 7th March	Class 5 (Y3)
Friday 14th March	Class 6 (Y4)
Friday 21st March	Class 9 (Y6)
Friday 28th March	Class 7 (Y5)



Dangers of Frozen Water!

Following the recent cold snap we have received a letter from the Royal Lifesaving Society outlining the dangers of frozen water and what you should do in an emergency [click here to read the full letter](#)



Year 5 Explore Faith and Culture at Newcastle Central Mosque

Year 5 visited Newcastle Central Mosque on Thursday, where they were warmly welcomed by Brother Kadmin, who gave them a guided tour of the mosque.

He explained the different areas of the mosque, highlighting the importance of each of them during worship and community life.

Brother Kadmin also shared details about the daily routines that many Muslims follow, including the five daily prayers and the significance of each prayer time. He spoke about the

pilgrimage to Makkah (Hajj), explaining its importance as one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

During the visit, the class watched Brother Kadmin demonstrate the prayer movements and learned about the practices involved. The trip gave the students valuable insight into the life of Muslims and their religious practices.



EYFS are feeling Toastie!

The children in EYFS have been busy making cheese toasties to cook on the fire.



The children sprinkled their cheese onto the bread, then folded it in half to wrap in tin foil.

The toasties were then cooked on the fire and the children ate them around the warm fire.



We used our senses to discuss how the toasties looked and tasted e.g. melted, hot and stringy.

What a fabulous time we all had!





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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025



W/C 20th January	SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS RECOMMENCE (see exception below)
Monday 20th January	Class 4 & 5 (Y3) School trip to The Gurdwara Temple (see letter)
Tuesday 21st January	Class 9 (Y6) School trip to Woodhorn Colliery (packed lunch required - see letter)
Wednesday 22nd January	Class 6 (Y4) School trip to Segedunum Roman Fort (packed lunch required - see letter)
Thursday 23rd January	Class 6 (Y4) Parents meeting re: multiplication tables check
Monday 27th January	Class 9 (Y6) Class Worship in School Hall (9am start) (see letter)
Friday 31st January	Class 1 (Y1) Maths Family Fun Friday in School Hall (2:15pm start - via school office) (see letter)
Monday 3rd February	Class 7 (Y5) Class Worship in School Hall (9am start) (see letter)
Friday 7th February	Class 2 (Y1/2) Maths Family Fun Friday in School Hall (2:15pm start-via school office) (see letter)
Monday 10th February	Class 6 (Y4) Class Worship in School Hall (9am start) (see letter)
Tuesday 11th February	Class 9 (Y6) School Trip to Safetyworks (letter to follow)

Weekly Regulars

W/C 20th January 2025

	AM	PM	After School
MONDAY	KS2 Keyboard Lessons Class 6 (Y4) Swimming Lesson	KS2 Drum Lessons Class 9 (Y6) PE Class 1 (Y1) PE	KS1 Story Club (4.25pm finish) KS1 Science Club (4:25pm finish) KS1 & KS2 Karate Club (4:30pm finish) KS2 Creative Challenges Club (4:30pm finish) KS2 Girls Football Club (4:30pm finish)
TUESDAY	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club KS2 Guitar Lessons	Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE	KS2 Netball Club (Beacon of Light) 5pm finish No other Schoolz out Clubs this Tuesday due to staff training
WEDNESDAY	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club	Class 4 (Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE	KS2 Boys Football Club (4:30pm finish) collection via school office
THURSDAY		Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE	KS1 Board Games Club (4:25pm finish) KS1 & KS2 Performing Arts Club (4:30pm finish)
FRIDAY	9am Community Worship in the school hall		(All clubs will be dismissed via Back Gate - except Boys Football as shown)

SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

Please note that Tuesday's Schoolz out clubs shown below begin on

Tuesday 28th January

**KS1 Card Making & Crafts Club
KS2 Art Club**

HOUSE POINTS

Aidan	2754	Cuthbert	2754
Bede	2511	Caedmon	3160



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2025 - 2026 TERM DATES



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Term Dates 2025 - 2026

September 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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July 2026						
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August 2026						
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	School Closed/Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Inset Days - pupils not in school



Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days
Inset days may be subject to change