



# Benedict Biscop CE Academy

## 14th February 2025



Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

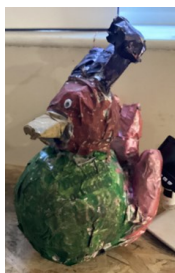
### # With God all things are possible

It has been a lovely week in school again! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, and our children engaged in important discussions on how to stay safe online. They explored tips for protecting themselves during web searches, on social media, and in chat groups. The emphasis was on being kind and thoughtful, ensuring that everyone is treated with respect in our digital community. I'm proud of our pupils for embracing these lessons and for contributing to a safer, more mindful online environment. Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy your weekend!

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	96.23%	91.11%	100%	98.67%	96.0%	100%	100%	93.75%	95.48%	96.0%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

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



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

#### Niamh in EYFS

for making her papier-mâché peacock from her detailed plan.

You did a fantastic job!

Well done Niamh

You make us proud!



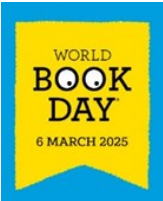
### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY WORSHIP



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.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

#### Thursday 6th March

A letter has been sent to all parents/carers via email with more details regarding World Book Day.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or, if they prefer, wear their own clothes and bring their favourite book (please ensure it is clearly labelled).

Please click [here](#) to view the full letter

#### Safeguarding Leads at Benedict Biscop

Mrs Armstrong	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Clark	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Thompson	LGB Safeguarding Lead

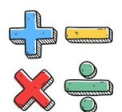
For further safeguarding information please click [here](#)

#### Class 3 Family Fun Friday

We had a great afternoon with our families looking at word problems in their Maths lesson with a focus around how we can represent the problem in a number of different ways.

We hope you all enjoyed bar modelling!

Well done parents!



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

- Evelyn** For continuing to wow her teachers.
- Guy** For using his gross motor skills when creating artwork.
- Cora** For trying hard to form the letters in her name.

### Reception

- Skylar-May** For her resilience during maths meetings
- Harriett** For developing her gross motor skills in her artwork.
- Gray** For being an amazing mathematician.

### Class 1

- Freddie** For great stewardship taking care of our school.
- Evalyn** For hard work using oil pastels.

### Class 2

- Felicity** For great effort with her writing this week.
- Harry** For becoming a fantastic, fluent reader!

### Class 3

- Hannah** For working hard gathering data & presenting it.
- Hollie** For working hard planning a story in English.

### Class 4

- Harry** For working incredibly hard on Online Safety Day.
- Hollie** For working extremely hard in English this week.

### Class 5

- Phoebe H** For brilliant contributions during English
- Anya** For working incredibly hard developing characters

### Class 6

- Ayla** For working really hard in Art this week.
- Josh** For being amazing in RE.

### Class 7

- Seth** For exceptional work in Maths this week.
- James** For thoughtful work on online safety.

### Class 9

- Fred** For fantastic artwork & attention to detail.
- Darcey** For determination in Maths.

### SCHOOL TEXTING SERVICE



Friendly reminder: if you have the **Teachers 2 Parents** app on your mobile, our text messages will try to deliver to that app first.

You should check the app regularly for any missed messages.

(We receive lots of calls from parents who feel they have not received a text message but it has been delivered to the app).

When you're **not connected to WiFi**, messages will come through to your regular text messages and not the app.

If you'd prefer to have **all messages** delivered to your usual messaging app, consider fully deleting the T2P app.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## EYFS

### DONATIONS NEEDED

**YOUR TRASH IS OUR TREASURE!**

We are seeking donations of items for our early years provision. If you have any items (see below) that you can donate please bring them to EYFS.

- Loose parts (Nuts & Bolts)
- Screwdrivers, Alan Keys, Tools
- Bedsheets & curtains
- Flowers & Plants
- Junk Modelling; re-cycling, cardboard boxes and clean plastic cable reels
- Wooden ladders
- Wood pallets (good quality)
- High heeled shoes
- A pasta roller
- Plug in Fairy lights
- Rolling pins
- Musical Instruments
- Pestle & Mortar
- Packet of seeds
- Lace tablecloths
- Compost
- Lamps
- Takeaway menus
- A Till
- Metal and wooden pots
- Muffin tins
- Newborn baby clothes



### Useful Information

School Telephone: 0191 5947033

Address:

[bbinfo@nllt.co.uk](mailto:bbinfo@nllt.co.uk)

Marcross Drive

[www.benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk](http://www.benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk)

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[Useful School Forms](#)

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### HALF TERM

School will be closed for half term

**w/c 24th February 2025**

School re-opens on Monday 3rd March



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## SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week, our school actively participated in Safer Internet Day, held on February 11th, 2025. This global event promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology, especially among children and young people.

In Key Stage 1, children enjoyed reading "Digiduck's Big Decision," a story that teaches young children about online safety and the importance of making smart choices in the digital world. This great story helped our younger pupils understand the value of kindness and caution when navigating the internet.

In Key Stage 2, discussions focused on personal information—what it is, and what should or shouldn't be shared online. Pupils learned the importance of communicating online as they would face-to-face, emphasising respect and kindness. They also considered the types of information their parents might share online and how adults serve as role models in digital behaviour.

Across all year groups, we encouraged children to identify trusted adults they can approach if they ever feel unsafe online. Open communication is key to ensuring our students feel supported as they explore the digital world.

For more information and resources to continue these important conversations at home, please visit the UK Safer Internet Centre's website at [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk). Thank you for your continued support in promoting safe and respectful online practices.

### Class 1

We read 'Digiduck's Big Decision' and joined a live lesson about how to keep safe online & what information we should & shouldn't share.

### Class 4

We talked about trust and sharing information online. What apps are safe to use. We also learnt about not commenting on school social media posts so that online strangers do not know which school we go to.

### Class 9

We were on a school visit to Safetyworks (see below) where we learnt about peer pressure we will be looking at safer internet in more depth next week

### Class 2

We read 'Digiduck's Big Decision' which encourages us to think about being a good friend online & introduces the idea that things shared online can also sometimes be copied by others

### Class 5

We looked at what personal information is & whether we should share this online. If we have permission to share other people's details online. We identified 3 trusted adults who we could speak to if we had any worries.

### Class 3

We also looked at Digiduck and at being a scam smasher & how this can make us vulnerable online

### Class 6

We talked about the digital age of consent and what happens if you over share your personal details.

### Class 7

We were looking at how people can contact you online to cause you harm and upset.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

## Safety Works

Our Year 6 pupils recently visited SafetyWorks!, an interactive safety centre in Newcastle upon Tyne. This centre provides innovative, enjoyable learning experiences, enabling pupils to participate safely in realistic situations illustrating everyday hazards and how to prevent them.

**Water Safety:** Understanding the dangers associated with open water and learning strategies to stay safe near rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water.

**Fire Safety:** Recognising fire hazards in different environments and practicing evacuation procedures to ensure a swift and safe response in case of a fire.

**Railway Safety:** Learning the importance of staying alert near railway tracks, understanding the risks, and knowing how to behave safely around trains and stations.

**Age of Responsibility & Standing Up to Peer Pressure:** Discussing the concept of personal responsibility, understanding the legal implications of certain actions at their age, and developing strategies to resist peer pressure in various situations.



**Emergency Procedures:** Practicing how to effectively dial 999, including what information to provide and how to stay calm during emergencies.

**Public Transport and Road Safety:** Learning the importance of being vigilant while traveling, understanding traffic signals, and practicing safe behaviours as pedestrians and passengers.

This hands-on experience not only reinforced the safety topics covered in our curriculum but also provided the students with practical skills and knowledge to navigate various situations safely. We encourage parents to discuss these topics with their children to reinforce the importance of safety in everyday life.



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### UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025



<b>Friday 21st February</b>	Class 4 (Y3) Maths Family Fun Friday in School Hall (2:15pm start-via school office) <a href="#">(see letter)</a>
<b>W/C 24th February</b>	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>Monday 3rd March</b>	School re-opens after half term
<b>Monday 3rd March</b>	Class 5 (Y3) Class Worship in School Hall (9am start) <a href="#">(see letter)</a>
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY - <a href="#">(click to view letter)</a>
<b>Friday 7th March</b>	Fire Service Visit to EYFS (AM)
<b>Friday 7th March</b>	Class 5 (Y3) Maths Family Fun Friday in School Hall (2:15pm start-via school office) <a href="#">(see letter)</a>
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	PTFA Spring Disco (more information to follow)
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	Class 6 (Y4) Maths Family Fun Friday in School Hall (2:15pm start-via school office) <a href="#">(see letter)</a>

### SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

(For information)  
**As previously advised all schoolz out clubs will be still be running next week (w/c 17th Feb)**



### Spread Kindness and Love This Valentine's Day

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's remember that the best gifts we can give are kindness, respect, and love for one another. A simple smile, a kind word, or a thoughtful gesture can brighten someone's day.

Let's make our school a place where everyone feels valued and cared for.



### HOUSE POINTS

<b>Cuthbert</b>	<b>2820</b>
<b>Aidan</b>	<b>1160</b>
<b>Bede</b>	<b>6260</b>
<b>Caedmon</b>	<b>2820</b>

### WEEKLY REGULARS

W/C 17th February 2025

	AM	PM	After School
<b>MON</b>	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)
<b>TUE</b>	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club KS2 Guitar Lessons	Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE <b>EYFS Reception Children Forest School</b> <b>Miss Atkinson &amp; Miss Salkeld's family groups</b>	KS1 Card Making & Crafts Club (4:25pm finish) KS2 Art Club (4:30pm finish) KS2 Netball Club - <b>in school (4:30pm finish)</b>
<b>WED</b>	8am Class 9 (Y6) Booster Club	Class 4 (Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE	KS2 Boys Football Club (4:30pm finish) <b>collection via school office</b>
<b>THUR</b>		Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE <b>EYFS Reception Children Secret Garden Miss Liddle &amp; Miss Britton's family groups</b>	KS1 Board Games Club (4:25pm finish) KS1 & KS2 Performing Arts Club (4:30pm finish)
<b>FRI</b>	9am Community Worship in the school hall		<b>(All clubs will be dismissed via Back Gate - except Boys Football as shown)</b>