



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE
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Save the Date!

Pupils return after
Half Term
4th November

Break up for
Christmas

12:00 pm - 17th
December

BEDE'S NEWS

October 2025

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, I was fortunate to attend Mass with Prep. During the service, Fr. Alvaro asked the children what October is the month of. One little boy eagerly raised his hand and replied, "The Rosary." What a beautiful answer – the Rosary is indeed a wonderful prayer that helps us come to know the life of Christ more deeply.

It is fitting, then, that this month we focus on the virtues of friendship and loyalty, since friendship with God helps us to appreciate others and to grow in gratitude.

October is always a demanding month as we approach half term. Our exam-year pupils (U5 and U6) are aware that mock exams are on the horizon, and the younger pupils are beginning to feel the effects of eight

weeks of hard work. All the more reason, then, to admire the commitment of our teachers, parents, and students who continue to give their best – through fundraising for Lourdes, the Harvest Festival, trips, Maths competitions, House Week, Jubilee week celebrations, and so many other activities that enrich school life.

On Tuesday, I particularly enjoyed meeting the form group house point winners at a special breakfast. They shared how they had earned their points – for punctuality, homework, engagement in lessons, reading, and more. It is wonderful to see young people proud of themselves for their effort and achievement.

I hope many of you have now secured your tickets for the Midland Ball. It will be a privilege to celebrate our 150th anniversary with you.

Please also keep Friday, 20th March, marked in your calendars. The whole school (Prep 4 to U6) will be taking part in the 150th Anniversary Show at the Bridgewater Hall. Further details about the day's logistics will be shared in a letter after half term. All students are expected to attend, and we warmly invite you to come and enjoy their performances.

I wish you all a restful and refreshing half term with your families.

Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher





THE PREP

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school this week! This half term is always special, especially with the exciting build-up to Christmas, and we are now planning for our 150th celebrations in the new year.

We have enjoyed the month of October in the Prep with a plethora of wonderful activities. We were particularly thrilled to welcome the Anchor of Hope to our school, taking part in a pilgrimage around the campus organised by Mrs Hibbert, along with our Hope in Creation class walks. This initiative has allowed our children to connect with their spirituality, and deepen their appreciation of hope in the natural world.

Additionally, there has been a continued emphasis on developing our

problem-solving skills, highlighted by our recent Maths Puzzle Day, organised by Miss Harrison. Our half-term holiday homework was thoughtfully linked to our Concept Curriculum learning, designed to be both enjoyable and enriching. This approach encourages children to explore and extend their understanding while nurturing their natural curiosities.

This month, our virtue has centred on 'Friendship and Loyalty'. It has been heartening to observe how our pupils have embraced these values in their interactions with one another. These principles are vital in fostering a positive and supportive learning environment.

With my best wishes for the month of November,

Mrs Claire Hunt, Head of Prep



THE SIXTH FORM

October's Virtue is Friendship and Loyalty, one I see lived out by our Sixth Form students every day. The beauty of our small class sizes means that students really get to know one another, and truly enjoy time together in the Common Room, playing pool, table football and having lunch together.

It has been a busy month with the UCAS deadline for Early Entry applications being October 15th. Students have applied to study

Medicine and Veterinary Sciences this year, as well as Mathematics, Chemistry and Engineering at Oxford and Cambridge. Upper Sixth students are diligently preparing the upcoming November mock examinations and the Lower Sixth will experience 10 week assessments at A level for the first time. I wish them all the very best and will keep them in my prayers.

Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



OCTOBER SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

CHATBOTS AND AI: FRIENDS OR FOES?

Social media has adopted chatbots as a fresh method to capture young users' attention. While the technology itself isn't new, the advanced algorithms behind today's chatbots make them far more effective at holding engagement. They generate replies tailored to the information provided by users, which can create a cycle that strengthens people's existing beliefs. As a result, these systems can spread misinformation, reinforce harmful

decisions, and encourage self-deception.

The Children's Society has published an article on this issue which you can read here:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/chatbots-and-children>

Mrs C Boylan - Assistant Head for Safeguarding



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FESTIVAL**



PREP STEM CLUB



**PREP MATHS
WORKSHOP**



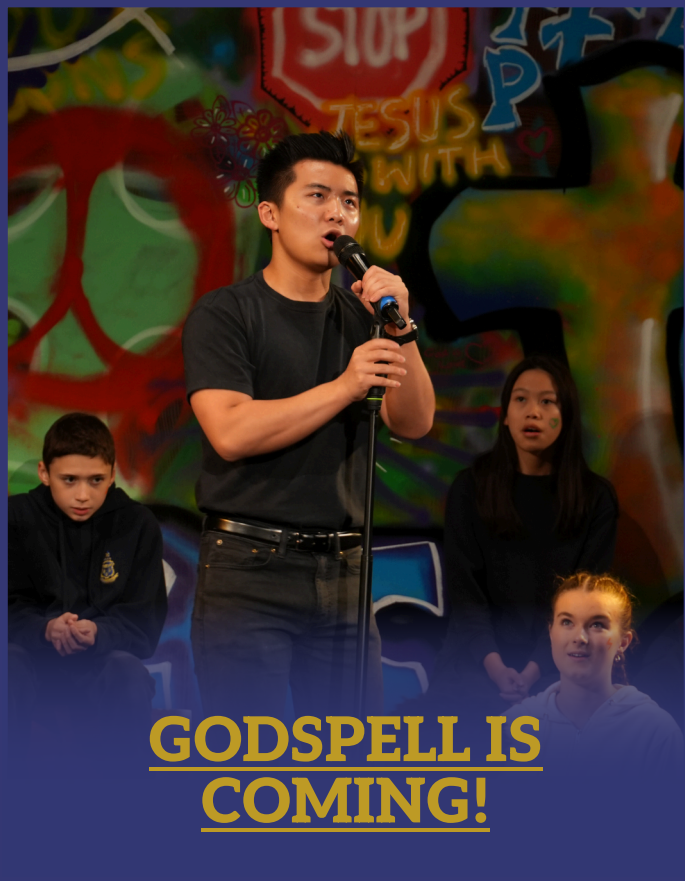
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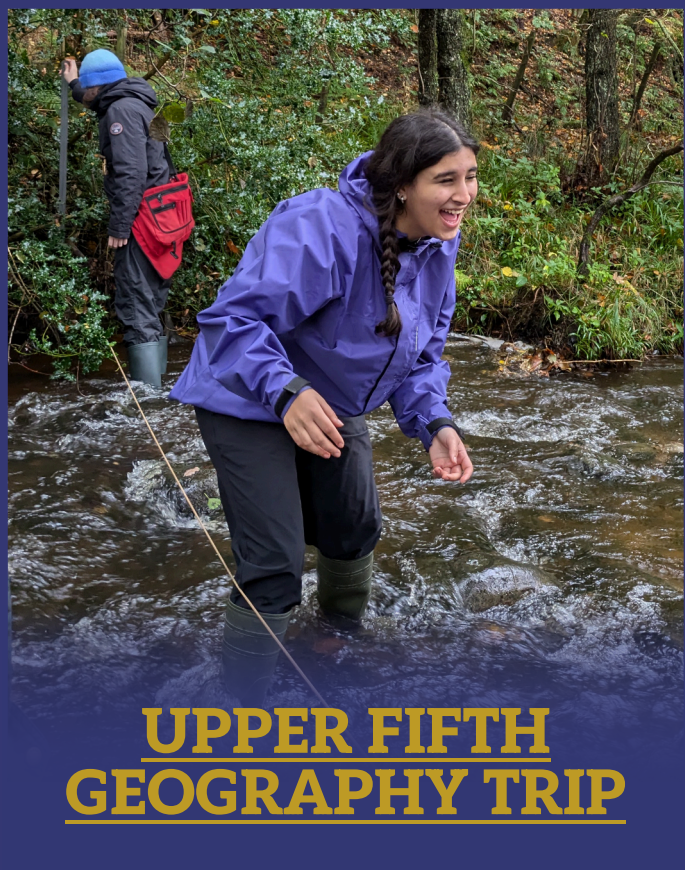
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ROUNDUP**



GODSPELL IS COMING!



INTERHOUSE COUNTDOWN



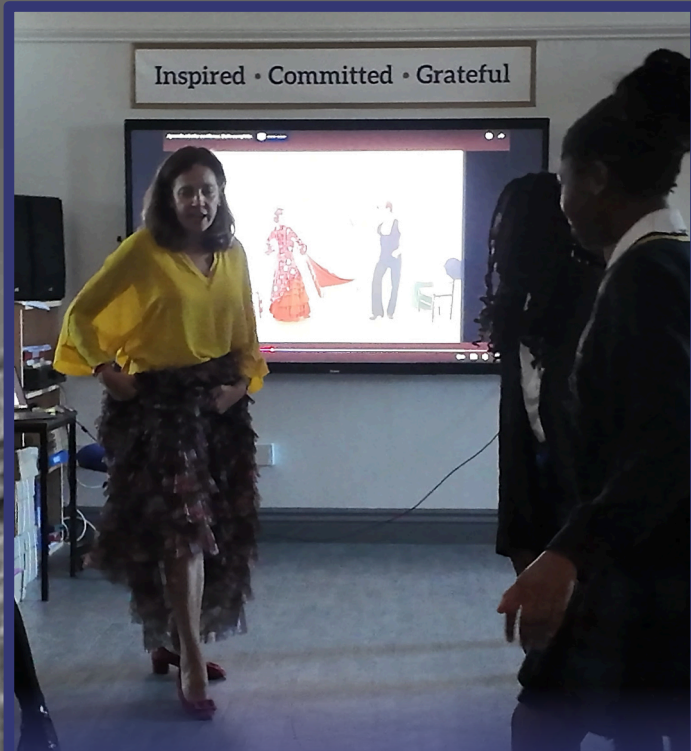
UPPER FIFTH GEOGRAPHY TRIP



JUBILEE WEEK 2025



ANGLO SAXON WORKSHOP



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



CAREERS ROUNDUP



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Bedian Ambassadors 2025 September



U3ARC
Alec



U3BEN
Desiree



U3HND
Lizzie



U3MCM
Evelyn



U3RES
Joel



U3STA
Annie



U3YEA
Alfie



L4CNK
Barnaby



L4JLC
Ava



L4MRG
Lincoln



L4PSW
Teresa



L4PWR
Max



L4SCO
Luca



L4SRE
Emmanuel



U4COP
Nick



U4COR
Tolani



U4DIC
Bobbi

U4MOG
Harvey



U4REI
Ameerah

U4SHI
Ade



U4SOW
Roman



L5GIB
Zinzile



L5LVR
Charlie



L5MOC
Alfie



L5PRH
Madeline



L5SHR
Prince David



L5SUL
Cleon



L5WLS
Tintenda



U5DIP
Laurence



U5FZC
Jibrail



U5GER
Harry



U5GRI
Oliver



U5MAM
Ruth



U5MRL
Carey



U5STE
Amara



L6GOO
Emily



L6MUR
Anson



L6WAJ
Vinanya



U6HOW
Carlos



U6PRK
John



U6THE
Shriya

PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



PREP HOUSEPOINTS



PREP VIRTUE AWARDS

Students who best exemplified October's virtue, *Friendship and Loyalty*



PREP HEADTEACHER AWARDS





FATHER ALVARO'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

As I write these lines, I can see the orange and yellow hues of the leaves in my garden – a clear sign that autumn has arrived. Those fallen leaves remind us that, one day, we too will depart from this world. It is precisely this theme, our departed brothers and sisters, that takes centre stage in the month of November.

How beautiful it is that the Church, through the rhythm of the liturgical calendar, leads us to contemplate the central truths of our faith. We begin the month by celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, rejoicing in the lives of those countless Christians who now enjoy the reward of heaven. Throughout November, we also pray for all the faithful departed, those who are still being purified and prepared for their final encounter with the Father in heaven.

Just as our bodies move with the changing seasons of the year, our souls are invited to journey with the

seasons of the Church. In this month, we both rejoice in the glory of the saints and pray with hope for those still on the way to that same glory.

Behind both these commemorations stands the reality of death. Yet for a Christian, death is not a reason for despair or discouragement, but rather a step toward eternal life, a passage filled with hope. Hope is, in fact, the theme of this Jubilee Year, and it was also the focus of our Jubilee Week last half-term, when many of our students walked as pilgrims through different parts of the school, carrying the diocesan anchor as a sign of hope and trust in God.

As we move from October into November, I would like to invite all our families to continue praying the Rosary for peace in the world, following the invitation of Pope Leo XIII, who so beautifully encouraged this practice during the month of October.

Fr Alvaro - College Priest

The INSPIRED

COLLECTION



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FRIDAY

14TH

NOVEMBER

4.30PM -

6.30PM

Photography Exhibition

JOIN US IN THE VAUGHAN CORRIDOR TO
EXPERIENCE HOW THE STAFF AND STUDENTS
OF ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE HAVE BEEN INSPIRED.



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Performances are:
Wednesday 26th November
Thursday 27th November
Friday 28th November
Saturday 29th November

Doors Open - 6.30pm
Show starts - 7.00pm

Book Now
www.SBCM.co.uk/Godspell

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St Bede's Christmas Fair



Saturday 6th December

10:00am - 12:30pm

St Bede's Parents' & Friends' Association

We are busy planning what we hope will be the best Christmas Fair so far! It will take place. Please contact us on pfa@sbcm.co.uk if you can help us on the day or with set up the day before. Please let us know if you would like to advertise your business or services in our Christmas Fair brochure, or donate a raffle prize. We are so grateful for any support you can offer us!

Buy your tickets now for our grand raffle through the link below.

Click the link to buy raffle tickets for St Bede's College. Great prizes- tickets £2 each. Make sure you click share details with group so they can contact you if you win. <https://superkind.org/campaign/st-bedes-college-parents-and-friends-association-st-bedes-college-parents-association-affle>

Please share with family and friends!
Good Luck!

Mrs J Tomlinson - Chair of the Parents and Friends Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd November - INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November - Pupils Return

Saturday 8th November - Bedian Alumni Remembrance Mass

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Wenesday 12th November - College Open Morning

Thursday 13th November - Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Friday 14th November - Photography Exhibition

Thursday 20th November - Upper Fifth Parents' Evening

Wenesday 26th - Saturday 29th November - Godspell Musical

Wednesday 3rd December - Scholars' Dinner

Thursday 4th December - Lower 4th & Lower 5th Parents' Evening

Saturday 6th December - PFA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 10th December - Prep Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 11th December - Upper 3rd & Upper 4th Parents' Evening

Monday 15th December - Sixth Form Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 16th December - College Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 17th December - College Breaks up for Christmas - 12:00pm