



ST. BEDE'S
COLLEGE
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Save the Date!

Break up for Easter
3:50PM Wednesday
1st April

Return from Easter
Break
Monday 20th April

BEDE'S NEWS

March 2026

Dear Parents,

As we enter Holy Week, I have found myself reflecting deeply on our virtue of the month: Understanding. In this sacred season, we seek to better comprehend how to mirror God's unconditional love in our own lives—a love so profound that it offers us both redemption and a clear sense of purpose. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

Our Bedian spirit, which we celebrated so vibrantly at The Bridgewater Hall this month, serves as our guiding light. It reminds us that we are not solitary travelers; we are responsible for the impact we have on everyone we encounter.

As we approach the Easter break, I encourage our pupils to view this time as an opportunity for growth and service. Whether it is:

- Committing to focused revision for upcoming examinations;

- Offering genuine help at home and practising patience with loved ones;
- Seeking small, daily ways to put others first.

While the path of selflessness is often challenging, it is invariably the most rewarding.

Finally, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your overwhelming support during our recent concert. 1600 people attended the celebration on Friday the 20th of March. Marking 150 years is a monumental landmark in the history of our school, and the evening was a testament to the immense effort and commitment of our entire community. It was a truly memorable occasion that will remain in our hearts for years to come.

Once a Bedian, always a Bedian!

I wish you and your families a peaceful and holy Easter.

Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher





PREP

It has been a lively and enriching month in St Bede's Prep School, with pupils engaging in opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

A particular highlight was British Science Week, which provided a valuable platform to inspire scientific curiosity in our pupils. These experiences encouraged the children to ask questions, think critically and develop a greater appreciation of the world around them, seeing familiar ideas in a new and exciting light.

This month also saw a very special occasion as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations. Pupils from Prep 3 to Prep 6 had the wonderful opportunity to perform alongside the College and Sixth Form in a memorable concert at the Bridgewater Hall. It was a truly inspiring occasion that will be treasured by all of us who were lucky

enough to attend, showcasing not only their musical talents but also the strong sense of unity that defines our St Bede's community.

We also celebrated World Book Day with great enthusiasm across the Prep. Pupils took part in a range of activities designed to foster their love of reading, sharing stories, exploring new books and celebrating the joy that literature brings. It was wonderful to see such excitement around reading and to witness the children's imaginations and creativity come to life.

As always, it has been a pleasure to see our pupils approach each day with curiosity, confidence and a love of learning. Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support in making the Prep School such a vibrant and nurturing environment.

Wishing you an enjoyable Easter break,

The Prep Team



THE SIXTH FORM

This month, the Sixth Form thoroughly enjoyed their own game of The Traitors. A massive thank you to Ms. Boustead for orchestrating our very own version of the game, which provided the perfect blend of high-stakes drama and much-needed laughter, serving as the ultimate stress-buster before the final push toward exams. We also enjoyed hosting a guest student from Germany for two weeks; I was so proud to see our students practice their Willkommen spirit so authentically. The fortnight flew by, but the friendships formed and the cultural exchange shared have left a lasting impression.

The Upper Sixth Final Countdown is on, with May 6th marked as their last official day in College, when students will receive the yearbook that has been worked so hard on. Following this, we look forward to the Annual U6 Prizegiving Evening, where we will formally celebrate our leavers' resilience, academic triumphs and individual growth. Finally, the Sixth Form Ball promises to be a highlight, allowing us to celebrate the end of this incredible chapter in style.

Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form



AJIS QUIZ 2026



PREP 5 VIKING DAY



PREP WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



PREP SPORT ROUND-UP



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK IN THE PREP



PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE 2026



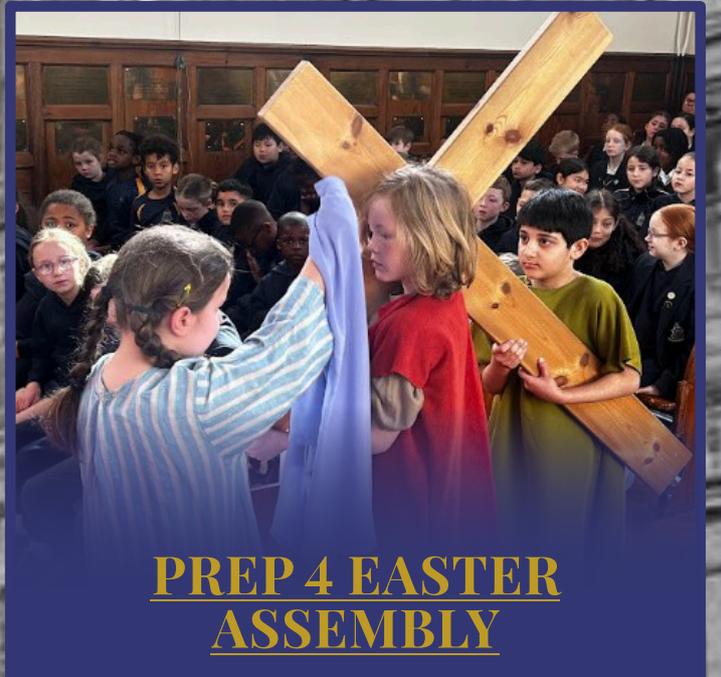
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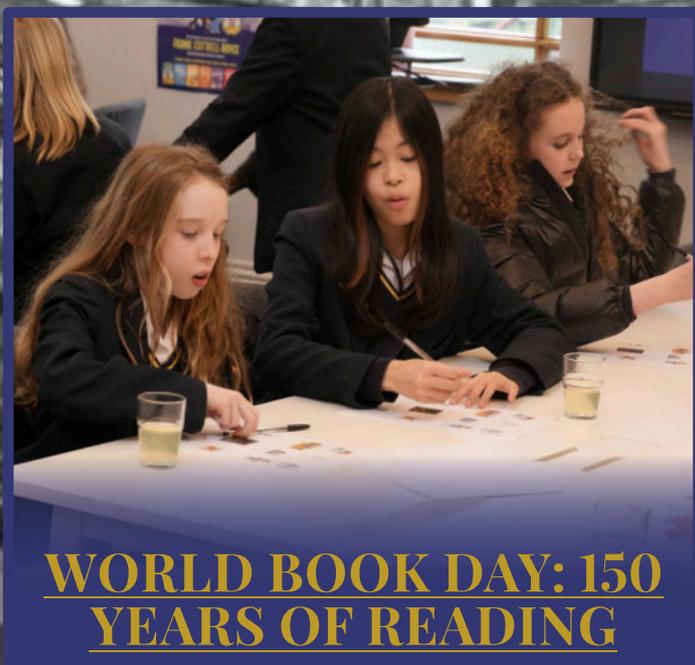
**BRITISH SCIENCE
WEEK 2026**



**FEBRUARY &
MARCH FOOTBALL
ROUND-UP**



**PREP 4 EASTER
ASSEMBLY**



**WORLD BOOK DAY: 150
YEARS OF READING**



**UPPER THIRD
PUBLIC SPEAKING**



**PREPARING OUR
HEARTS DURING LENT**



**FORM TRIPS FOR
LOWER SIXTH**



**CAREERS UPDATE
MARCH 2026**



**JESS'S ROWING
SUCCESS**



**FAREWELL
BERNADETTE**



**UPPER FIFTH
MACBETH TRIP**



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Bedian Ambassadors February 2026 – Joy

Upper Third



Noelle



Darcey



Tami



Evelyn



Sofia



David



Henry

Lower Fourth



Teresa



Inaaya



Raphael



Shamir



Amanee



Yaw



Erin

Upper Fourth



George



Enzo



Haris



Ibrahim



Leonardo



Lily



Rishaan

Lower Fifth



Tobi



Jason



Ethan



Henry



Kimberley



Noah



Archie

Upper Fifth



Nathan



Azariah



Harry



Eva



Nika



Noella



Eli

Lower Sixth



Chloe



Youssif



Abdulsamad

Upper Sixth



Molly



Curtis



Ayo

PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



PREP HOUSEPOINTS



PREP VIRTUE WINNERS FOR 'UNDERSTANDING'





FATHER ALVARO'S EASTER MESSAGE

HOLY WEEK: WHERE OUR STORY MEETS HIS SACRIFICE

As we come to the end of Lent, we prepare to celebrate the central mysteries of our faith: the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, His Passion on Good Friday, and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In this April newsletter, I would like to reflect on the beauty and importance of the Sacrament of Confession as a key milestone in our journey of conversion.

A few years ago, I had the privilege of celebrating Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, just a few metres from where Our Lord was crucified. The awareness that Jesus gave His life for my sins was deeply moving. Yet feelings and emotions alone are not enough—they only bear fruit when they lead us to concrete action and true conversion.

Holy Week is a privileged time to connect Christ's sacrifice on the Cross with our own personal story. As the Catechism reminds us, it is our sins that led Jesus to die for us, and it is in His Cross that we can discover His unconditional love. Only when we make that personal connection can we truly experience God's mercy and seek the Sacrament as the place where our contrition meets His love, bringing renewal and strength for our journey of faith.

May this Holy Week open the doors of your heart to Christ's mercy and lead you to rejoice in the glory of His Resurrection.

Fr Alvaro - College Priest



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1st April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

Monday 20th April - Students Return from Easter Holidays