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### Save the Date!

Bank Holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Begins  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
12:45pm

Return from Half  
Term Break  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

# BEDE'S NEWS

## April 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! I hope you have managed to have a lovely rest during the Easter Break. The Resurrection of Christ fills our hearts with joy and hope and it is in that spirit that we start the last term of the school year.

The virtue of the month in April is diligence, the steady, persistent dedication to our work. It is difficult for our pupils to practise this virtue after a holiday, or be tempted by the good weather and longer evenings. However, it is a great opportunity to put together different virtues into action, for example, in following a timetable that means they go to bed at a reasonable time. Understanding and respect lead to the right choices, making sure no electronic devices are in the bedroom, including phones, tablets, PCs or TVs. The

environment is key to helping our pupils to sustain the effort when we approach the end-of-year exams and the external exams.

The rehearsals for Shakespeare on the Lawn are in full swing and there will be auditions for next year's musical this week. It is wonderful to witness so many getting involved in all aspects of a production.

Finally, I wanted to share with you the excitement about the U15 football team reaching the ESFA final! This is a great achievement and we are extremely proud and wish them all the best.

Kind regards

**Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher**





# PREP

Following the Easter break, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to the Prep School, refreshed and ready for the summer term ahead. We hope that all families were able to enjoy a restful and joyful Easter, spending time together and embracing the spirit of renewal that this special season brings.

As always, the Easter season provides an important opportunity for reflection within our school community. It encourages us to think about themes of hope, new beginnings and compassion for others, values which we continue to nurture in the daily life of the Prep School. It has been wonderful to see these qualities already evident in the way our pupils support one another and engage so thoughtfully in both their learning and wider school activities.

We would also be very grateful for your support in sharing news of our upcoming Teddy Bears' Picnic, an open event for Nursery and Early Years pupils led by Mrs Kelly on Wednesday 20th May. This relaxed and joyful morning will offer families the opportunity to explore our learning spaces and meet our Early Years team. We warmly encourage you to spread the word to friends and family who may be considering the next steps in their child's early education.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support in making our school such a warm and vibrant community.

Wishing you an enjoyable start to your summer.

**The Prep Team**



## THE SIXTH FORM

As the academic year progresses, we approach the final departure of the Upper Sixth on May 6th. While their presence in the College will be greatly missed, they leave us thoroughly prepared for the significant opportunities and adventures that await them. This transition is marked by our traditional sporting fixtures; following a highly successful staff and student netball match, the Upper Sixth footballers look to secure a more favorable result in this Friday's highly anticipated game against the teachers.

Amidst these events, the focus remains on our current monthly Virtue, diligence. This quality is being demonstrated consistently by both Lower and Upper Sixth students as they engage in rigorous preparation for their upcoming public and internal examinations. They are showing admirable application and discipline during this critical revision period. We look forward to seeing our Upper Sixth students and their families at our Prizegiving event on June 25th.

**Dr Anne McMonagle, Head of Sixth Form**



## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



## STAFF VS SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' NETBALL

Francisco proudly presents  
A maze game  
A sample of computing



touch green to switch level...

## FRANCISCO'S WINNING CODE



## PREP SPORT ROUND-UP



## SPEECH AND DRAMA LAMDA RESULTS



## SISTER ACT



**SCHOLAR INSPIRES**  
**MACBETH CAST**



**CAREERS UPDATE**  
**APRIL 2026**



**LOWER FOURTH**  
**SPOTLIGHT**



**ALDERLEY EDGE**  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**



**LIFE ON DEATH ROW**



**ROWING SUCCESS**  
**CONTINUES**



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# Bedian Ambassadors March 2026 – Understanding Upper Third



Reegenah



Noah



Frantisek



Michael



Destiny



Theo



Aoife

## Lower Fourth



George



Caroline



Cole



Cheyenne



FJ



Christopher



Carmen

# Upper Fourth



Nicholas



Kayur



Dara



Rae



Sofi



Niamh



Isaac

# Lower Fifth



Francesca



Amelie



Lilli



Martha



Jameson



Max



Joan

# Upper Fifth



Theo



Nana



Isabella



Marco



Ruth



Clinton



Jacob

# Lower Sixth



Paola



David



Vincent

# Upper Sixth



Maksymilian



Eleanor



Shriya

# PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



# PREP HOUSEPOINTS



# PREP VIRTUE WINNERS FOR 'DILIGENCE'





# FATHER ALVARO'S APRIL MESSAGE

During the Easter season, I had the chance to go to a Peruvian restaurant where my sister-in-law is an ambassador. I have to say that I quite enjoyed it!

As Christians, we too are called to become ambassadors of Christ and of the Easter message: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia, alleluia! This is the heart of our faith and the deepest reason for our joy.

But if we are to share the joy of the Resurrection, we first need to recognise Christ's presence in our own lives and in the lives of others. Every life holds hidden resurrections. Every desire for conversion, every new beginning, every return to hope is a sign of Christ's victory over death.

The Gospel tells us how the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples. He was not always recognised at first by His appearance, but by His words and His actions: when He called Mary by name, opened the Scriptures, broke the bread, or shared a meal with them.

This is still how He comes to us today. Jesus makes Himself present through prayer and the sacraments, but also through ordinary human relationships touched by grace. He reaches hearts through friendship, kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, and love.

As Caryll Houselander\*, an English mystic, poet, and writer of the twentieth century, explains, the life of the Risen Lord is given to us so that we may give it to one another. It is not reserved for a few or for extraordinary lives, but is meant to be lived in ordinary places: at home, at work, and in daily encounters with others. Through our simple human love, Christ continues to be present in the world.

So this Easter season, may we not only celebrate that Christ is risen, but also live as His ambassadors, living witnesses of Christ's victory over death, even in the smallest acts of love and mercy.

**Fr Alvaro - College Priest**

*\*The Risen Christ: The Forty Days After the Resurrection, (1958) Houselander*



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ST BEDE'S PREP  
EARLY YEARS

# Teddy Bear Picnic

OPEN MORNING

20th May 2026

11am-1pm St Bede's Prep

BRING YOUR FAVORITE TEDDY BEAR &  
DISCOVER OUR NURSERY AND PREP

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



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# 150 years of Belonging

*Once a Bedian, always a Bedian*

## Join the Bedian Alumni Network

As we celebrate 150 years of St Bede's College in January, we're reconnecting with the former pupils and staff who have shaped our story.

### Join the Bedian Network to:

- Reconnect with old friends and former classmates
- Receive a commemorative 150th Anniversary gift
- Stay updated on upcoming celebrations and reunions

Wherever life has taken you, you'll always be part of the Bedian family.

Reconnect today:

[www.sbcm.co.uk/alumni](http://www.sbcm.co.uk/alumni)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Staff v Sixth Form Leavers Football Match**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Prep 4 Winmarleigh Hall Trip**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Prep 6 Trip to France**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Prep 5 Taster Day - [Book here](#)**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Lower Fourth HPV Immunisations**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - L6 Psychology Chester Zoo Trip**

**Weds. 20<sup>th</sup> May - Early Years Teddy Bear Picnic Open Event - [Book Here](#)**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Upper Fourth Business Blackpool Trip**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Half Day Finish 12:45 pm**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term Break**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Prep 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery, Reception, Prep 1 & 2 Sports Day**