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### Save the Date!

Return from Half  
Term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer Holidays  
Begin

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
12:00 pm

# BEDE'S NEWS

## May 2026

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful month at St Bede's, I have found myself reflecting on our virtue of the month: diligence. Diligence is the steady, faithful commitment to doing what is right, even when the task before us is demanding. It is seen in perseverance, preparation and the willingness to give our very best.

This virtue has been especially evident in our Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth pupils, who have now had their final day of studies before their GCSE and A-level examinations. Their commitment, focus and maturity have been wonderful to witness, and we are very proud of the effort they have shown throughout their studies. We wish all our pupils every blessing and success as the examination season continues. May their hard work bear fruit, and may they approach each paper with confidence and calm.

Diligence has also extended beyond the classroom and onto the football field. We are delighted that St Bede's pupils represented Manchester City in their FA Youth Cup Final victory, a remarkable achievement and a testament to their talent, discipline and determination. Our own Under 15s team also represented the school superbly, winning the English Schools Football Association National Finals. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are immensely proud of everyone involved.

Our pupils have also shown diligence through their commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Training walks have already begun, and it is encouraging to see so many of our young people embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. We also had great cause for celebration as some of our students attended a reception at Buckingham Palace, where they collected their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This is a tremendous achievement and a fitting recognition of their service, perseverance and dedication.

As always, these successes remind us of the strength of the Bedian spirit. Whether in study, sport, service or personal challenge, our pupils continue to show what can be achieved through commitment, humility and hard work.

With our best wishes for June,

**Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher**





# PREP

It has been a lively and memorable month in St Bede's Prep School, with pupils enjoying a wide range of opportunities to learn, explore and grow together.

A particular highlight has been our Prep residentials. Prep 4 had a wonderful stay at Winmarleigh Hall, where they took part in challenging obstacle courses, embraced problem-solving tasks, and learned survival skills. It was a pleasure to see the children step outside their comfort zones, while supporting one another with great kindness and enthusiasm.

Prep 6 also enjoyed an unforgettable five-day visit to the Opal Coast in northern France. The trip provided a rich opportunity for language learning and cultural discovery. The children embraced every opportunity to practise their French and returned with many happy memories.

During May, we continued the special tradition of crowning Our Lady, Queen of the May. Reception's beautiful 'Queen of the May'

assembly was performed with great confidence and joy for the Prep School, families and friends.

We were delighted to celebrate Culture Day, which brought together the many backgrounds, traditions and stories that make our school community so vibrant. Pupils proudly shared clothing and customs representing cultures from around the world, reminding us of the importance of belonging, respect and learning from one another.

Finally, our Teddy Bears' Picnic Open Morning was a joyful occasion in the Early Years. It was lovely to welcome future Bedians and their families for story time, sunflower planting, bear hunts and play, offering them a warm glimpse into life at St Bede's Prep.

As always, it has been a pleasure to see our pupils approach each opportunity with curiosity, confidence and a generous spirit. Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support in making the Prep School such a warm and nurturing community.

**The Prep Team**



## THE SIXTH FORM

We have reached a pivotal moment in the academic year. Our Upper Sixth have officially begun their A-level examinations, demonstrating admirable focus after years of hard work. Meanwhile, the Lower Sixth are preparing for their summer assessments, which will crucially determine their UCAS predicted grades for university applications.

It is undoubtedly a demanding period, and your vital support at home during this stressful time is deeply appreciated. However, there is plenty of light at the end of the tunnel. We have a fantastic lineup of post-exam activities designed to help the Lower Sixth unwind and focus on the future.

Students can look forward to a lively paintballing trip and dedicated Careers and Higher Education Days, alongside networking sessions with school alumni for first-hand university advice. Finally, our upcoming residential trip features a visit to Durham University's College of St Hild and St Bede, capped off with a scenic stop in Whitby.

Thank you for your continued partnership. With a balanced approach to study and rest, our students will navigate these weeks successfully.

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



## PREP 4'S TRIP TO WINMARLEIGH HALL



## PREP 6 RESIDENTIAL TO FRANCE



## DRAMA MAKERS' SUMMER SHOWCASE



## PREP SPORT ROUND-UP



## 2025/2026 NETBALL ROUND UP



## THE MAGIC OF READING



**ST BEDE'S U15S ESFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



**CAREERS UPDATE MAY 2026**



**CRICKET ST BEDE'S VS WILLIAM HULME**



**BEDE'S BALLERS - WHAT A SEASON!**



**ST BEDES' ATHLETICS ROUND UP**



**SIXTH FORM BUSINESS INDUSTRY VISIT**



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# Bedian Ambassadors April 2026 - Dilligence Upper Third



Acacia



Max



Tami



Tomi



Maddie



Rupert



Avia

## Lower Fourth



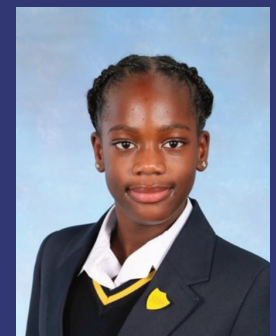
Freddie



Joseph



Lucy



Deborah



Josep



Joseph



Enya

# Upper Fourth



Julie



Katelynne



Bobbi



Louise



Ameerah



Alice



Isaac

# Lower Fifth



Nell



Sky



Alfie



Thalia



Orla



Lucy



Nevaeh

# Upper Fifth



Jay



Ruadhan



Isabella



Marlow



Tiffany



Caoimhe



Davi

# Lower Sixth



Paola



David



Vincent

# Upper Sixth



Maksymilian



Solomon



Ruby

# PREP STARS OF THE WEEK



# PREP HOUSEPOINTS



# PREP VIRTUE WINNERS FOR 'TRUTHFULNESS'





# FATHER ALVARO'S MAY MESSAGE

## THE SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are all invited, regardless of our age or situation, to join the school of the Holy Spirit. It is in this school that we come to know and understand, with a new light, the love of God for us.

At Pentecost, God gives us his very love: the Holy Spirit. This is the great gift St Paul speaks about in his Letter to the Romans: “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

The Holy Spirit is precisely the Teacher and Helper Jesus promised us, the one who will explain everything he taught. But, like every good teacher, he adapts his teaching to the needs and dispositions of each of his students. He is more of a personal tutor than a teacher.

The syllabus of this school is nothing less than the infinite love of God. Yet the Holy Spirit, like a good teacher, helps us delve into this mystery by granting us his seven gifts: wisdom, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, understanding, piety, and fear of the Lord.

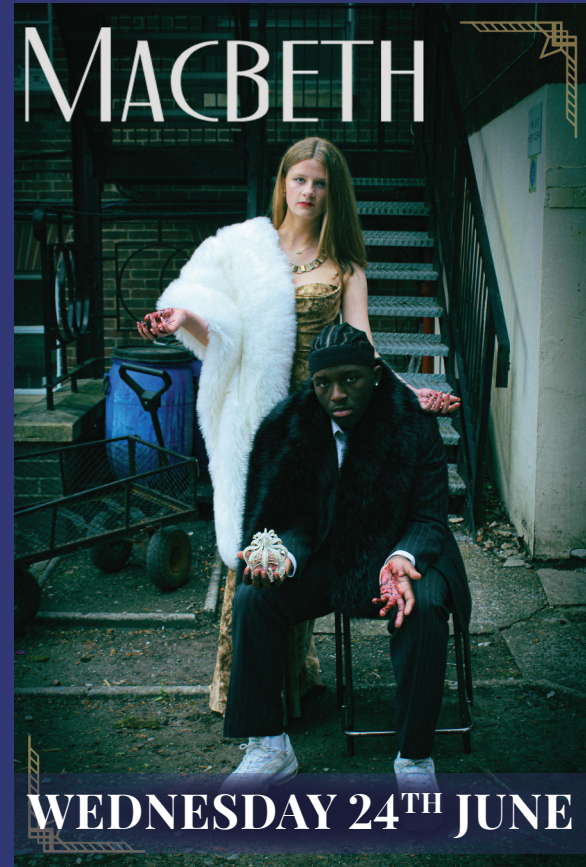
St Cyril of Jerusalem compares the action of the Holy Spirit in our souls to rain falling upon different trees and producing different fruits. Likewise, when we open ourselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, his grace, like sap flowing through plants, produces in us the fruits St Paul describes in his Letter to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

As good teachers know well, results do not always come immediately. But when we allow the Holy Spirit to act within us, these fruits will surely come to maturity.

The Virgin Mary is the best model in this school, for she is full of grace and entirely open to the action of the Holy Spirit. During this month of May, we entrust ourselves to her and to St Bede, praying not only that we may obtain the academic results we hope for, but, even more importantly, that we may advance each year in this school of love.

**Fr Alvaro - College Priest**

# PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS THIS SUMMER



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St Bede's Music Department Presents

## SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT



TOESDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

DOORS  
6PM

REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE

📍 ACADEMIC HALL

A promotional poster for a Summer Music Concert. It features a central microphone icon, a calendar icon showing Tuesday 9th June, and text indicating doors open at 6 PM, refreshments are available, and the event is held in Academic Hall. The St. Bede's College logo and name are at the top.

CLICK ON THE POSTERS TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS



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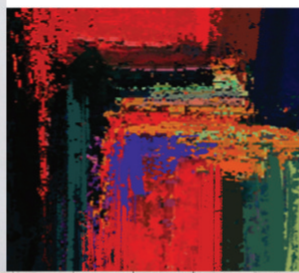


# St Bede's Art Exhibition

**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

From 5pm to 6.30pm

Parking is available on site, via the rear gates.





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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:

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



Scan to Join



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Music Concert - [Book Now](#)**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Bedian Clergy**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Art Design & Photography Exhibition**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Prep KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Sports Day**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Prep Music Festival**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Macbeth - [Book 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) - [Book 24<sup>th</sup>](#)**

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Upper Sixth Prizegiving Evening**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Night at the Musicals**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Prep 6 Celebration Mass**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Break up for the Summer Holidays - 12 noon**