

ST. BEDE'S BUGLE

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT INSPIRING US TO ACHIEVE.

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we come to the end of an extremely busy year, I would like to extend a number of thanks to everyone who has helped, supported and invested their time, faith and energy into our school community this year.

Children, I must start with you! It has been an absolute privilege getting to know you all over recent months and having the opportunity to watch you navigate your way through your first year of school, final year of school and everything in between. Some of your journeys have been smooth and plain sailing while others may have felt bumpier and more challenging than others but you have all excelled in some way, whether that be personally, academically or both! So, on behalf of the staff, I would like to congratulate you all on your hard work, resilient attitudes and your commitment to learning and to each other which has made St Bede's a great place to learn, grow and develop throughout the year.

We are particularly proud of your commitment to the wider school through your work as Mini Vinnies, Eco Club, School Council, Librarians, Buddies... and to those who have joined extra-curricular clubs and sporting teams and to those who have represented our school through tournaments, choir, educational visits and First Holy communions.. (the list is endless). This level of commitment from you all demonstrates your beautiful characters perfectly and makes St Bede's such a wonderful place to be. There is always a buzz of excitement as something new is always on the horizon and so we thank you all for your outstanding contributions - we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

This year has been a very special journey for those children who made their First Holy Communion and so once again I would like to congratulate them. The children were blessed to have Fr Peter, Deacon Stephen and a group of catechists who so selflessly give up their time to support the children in becoming ready to receive this very special sacrament. Well done children - you represented your school, your families and your parish perfectly and are all incredibly proud of you and a huge thank you to those who supported the children on this journey.

Year 6, it has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to be a very small part of your journey at St. Bede's. What I have learnt in a very short space of time is that as a class you have a quiet and beautiful confidence; you are courteous, polite and well-mannered. You have shown an extremely courageous and resilient attitude to your learning this year and I know as a school, we will find it incredibly hard to adjust to life at St Bede's without you leading by example from the

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top class! It is always a hard job to do but it is time we hand over the baton to your high schools so they can travel the next part of your journey with you and what an honour that will be for them. I hope you grab every opportunity that comes your way at high school with the same attitude, determination and resilience to succeed that you have shown throughout your time at St. Bede's. Good luck to you all – I have no doubt you will continue to shine!

To all of the parents, families and carers, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school, whether that be through attending community events, sports days, parents' evenings, masses, performances as well as the kind words, messages and encouragement you have shared with staff over the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredibly special work of our wonderful PTA. This year, they have dedicated a huge amount of their own time working tirelessly to bring our community together through discos, the fayre and so much more.

Another special thanks must go to Fr Peter and all of our school governors for the on-going work, commitment and support they provide to our school. A lot of their work goes unseen but behind the scenes they dedicate many hours to school to ensure that St. Bede's strives to achieve our mission to provide an excellent, Christ-centred education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school. Thank you!

Last but by no means least - if I were to example the number of things I would like to thank the staff of St. Bede's for I would never end. This year has seen some incredibly difficult challenges and changes for them to navigate but they have done so with a commitment and passion to achieve the best for our children that is unparalleled. St Bede's is blessed to have such an amazing group of passionate, hard-working, inspirational and truly lovely people at the helm. Individually, every single one of them makes a huge contribution to our school but together they are quite an incredible team and it is my firm belief that St Bede's is blessed to have them as part of it. Thank you!

We hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!



FRIENDS OF ST BEDE'S

WHAT A TERM!



This half term our PTA have been working tirelessly to raise money for our school to help support us in developing our outdoor areas.

They have purchased a gazebo that we can use during our events and are continuing to buy additional resources that we can use as part of OPAL (outdoor play and learning).

A major fundraiser took place on Friday 14th June when the FOSB hosted our Summer Fair. Children and adults alike enjoyed inflatables, a tombola, cakes, face painting and more. The Fair was a roaring success and raised a total of £1000.

Thank you so much to all of those involved with the FOSB. We cannot wait to see what exciting events are planned next academic year. If you would like to join our exciting PTA group you can contact them via email or through Facebook.



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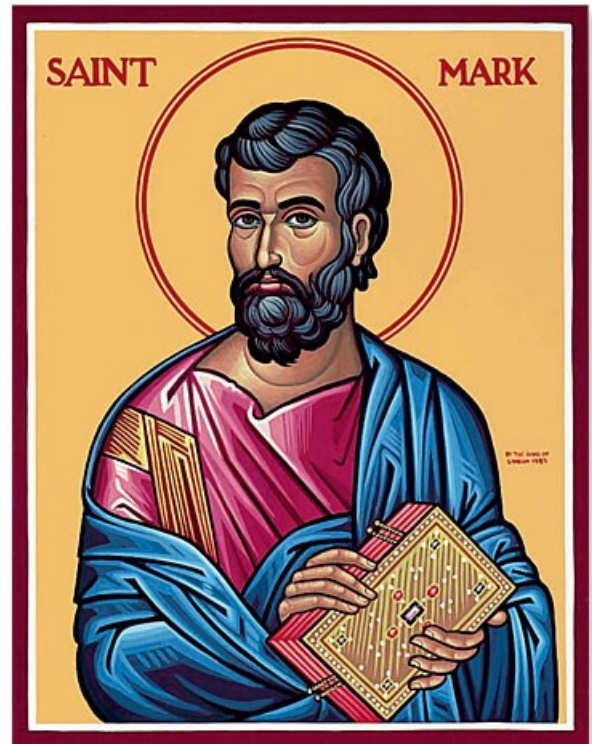
FRIENDS OF ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST MARK

The life story of Mark the Evangelist starts in North Africa, in Cyrene, an ancient Greek town that had been taken over by the Romans.

His father, Aristobulus, was Greek, while his mother, Miriam, was Jewish. They were well off and his father was also involved in politics at a high level. They had settled in Cyrene. The people of Cyrene often rebelled against Roman rule. As a result there was a steady flow of people moving out of Cyrene to avoid a turbulent life.



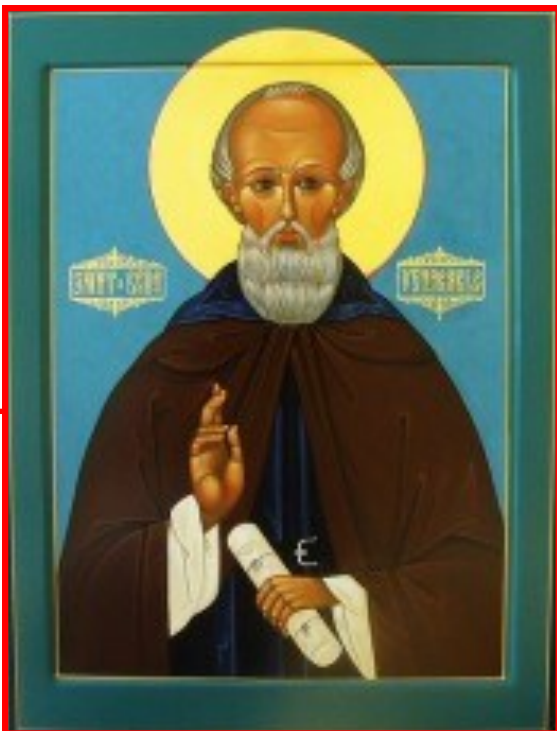
Mark accompanied his cousin Barnabas on the first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul. But at one point, Mark left them and returned home. Mark and Barnabas did not accompany Paul on his second missionary journey, but went to evangelize on their own. Mark also had a close relationship with Peter. ” It is believed that Peter relied on Mark as his interpreter, as he was very literate. After So although Mark was not one of the twelve Apostles, he formed part of the foundation of the earliest Christian Community. In fact, he founded the Church in Alexandria where he became Bishop. For a number of years, Mark preached the Good News and worked miracles, so that many people turned to the Christian Faith.

FEAST OF ST BEDE

CELEBRATING ST BEDE

On Thursday 23rd May, we celebrated the Feast Of St Bede in school. Our day started off with Year 6 leading us in worship telling us about who St Bede was and why he was so special. Children learnt facts about St Bede including the fact that in 679AD, aged 7, Bede went to live with Benedict Biscop. The children couldn't believe the connection of St Benet Biscop now being next door St Bede's Primary School!

Children across school were invited to use the St Bede's prayer station in the corridor to send their own personal prayers to St Bede. Reception took part in a collective worship incorporating the prayer station.



As a special treat, in the afternoon, all children and staff were treated to a ice cream treat from a local ice cream van.



CATHOLIC LIFE

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

As part of our PSHE curriculum, all classes sequences of learning have been rooted in the principles of Catholic social teaching. These principles are rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. These principles are:

- Dignity
- Solidarity
- The common good
- The option for the poor
- Peace
- Creation and Environment
- The dignity of work and participation

By forming part of our PSHE curriculum these principles have become real to the children in their own lives. To support the teaching of these principles our weekly collective worships have also been focused on these principles linking these principles with scripture.



ROSARY

To celebrate May being the month of Mary all children in school learnt how to pray the rosary. Miss Dempsey led us in worship supporting the children in praying part of the rosary together. Using rosary beads in classes and on prayer focuses the children could continue to practise this within their classrooms. Our month ended with a special celebration of prayer where we gathered together as a school and prayed a decade of the Rosary showing Mary our love and respect.



COMMUNITY CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Each Thursday, one year group in school leads our school Collective Worship. This class leads worships and focuses this worship on something relevant to them. This could be focusing on St Bede around St Bede's Day, one of the seven sacraments or one of the principles of Catholic social teaching.



The class invites their parents and carers to take part in their collective worship and follows the basic format of a Mass. Gather, listen to the word, respond and go forth. This structure allows for all of our children from Reception to Year 6 to plan powerful and prayerful worships.

All of the messages shared so far by classes have been prayerful and penitent focusing their messages on peace, reconciliation and forgiveness. Many parents and carers have been able to join us and embrace our message . Please look out for future dates next academic year where you can share in prayer with us. Hall doors open at 8:50am where you can have a tea or coffee before worship begins.



BELONGING, CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On Saturday 11th May, 8 of our Year 4 pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion in front of their families, friends and school community. All of the children had a fantastic day taking this important step on their Catholic journey.

In school, the children came in dressed in their beautiful dresses and shirt and ties to celebrate with the rest of their class. They had party food and a special cake, played party games and danced.

Congratulations to them all and we can't wait to celebrate with those taking this important journey next year. If you wish to have more information about Holy Communion please speak to Father Peter, Deacon Stephen or Miss Dempsey.



BELONGING, CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

It has now been over a term since we launched our Community Certificates. Children each week are given time to nominate those in our local community who has gone above and beyond. Examples have been parents who support the school in their own time, the ice cream man who came to school and gave out ice creams on the feast of St Bede's and a crossing guard who helps our children cross the road in rain or shine.

These awards hold a special place in our weekly celebration assembly and help us to celebrate those living out the messages of the Gospel in their own everyday lives.



BELONGING, CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

Over the last half term, we have focused our charity efforts on raising money for Children's Cancer North East and CAFOD. Both of these charity events meant we had to dust off our walking shoes and take part in a sponsored Lent walk and the Children's Cancer Run. Both of these events were a huge success and overall we have raised over £2000 for both causes.



EYES

FLUTTERING FRIENDS

This term we had some special visitors in Nursery. We had the pleasure of the children watching as some caterpillars changed and developed into beautiful butterflies. The children watched with anticipation as they asked such inquisitive questions as the caterpillars completed their journey.

As our beautiful butterflies began to hatch from their cocoons, the children gathered in the front garden to release the butterflies. Please see the QR code below for a wonderful video where Mrs Callan releases the butterflies into the wild.



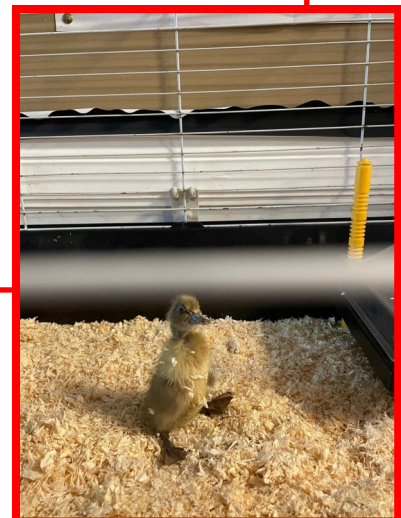
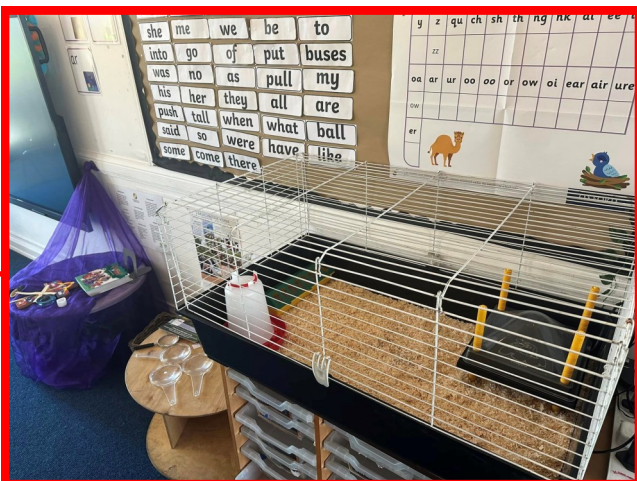
EYFS

FEATHERED FRIENDS

This term we had some special visitors in Reception. We had the pleasure of getting 5 duck eggs for our EYFS children to look after for 2 weeks. The eggs arrived in their incubator and all of the children got to watch in anticipation as the chicks tussled and pushed their way out of the eggs.

Reception's curiosity was sparked by our feathered friends and they spent much of their time observing and discussing the chicks and the best way to care for them.

We were lucky enough to have two healthy ducklings hatch. Although they weren't in school long they made a huge impact with children and staff from all classes desperate to check in on them. After two weeks they were collected and taken to a farm in Durham to live happy, healthy lives.



CURRICULUM

PRIMARY FESTIVAL

This term, our Year 6 pupils joined over 400 other Year 6 pupils from Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, at the Youth Ministry Team Primary Festival. The theme this year was 'Right Here! Right Now!'



Pupils enjoyed a day of song, prayer and an opportunity to meet with other pupils, many who were from schools in our trust. It was a fantastic day!! Thank you to all those at the Youth Ministry Team for a great time.

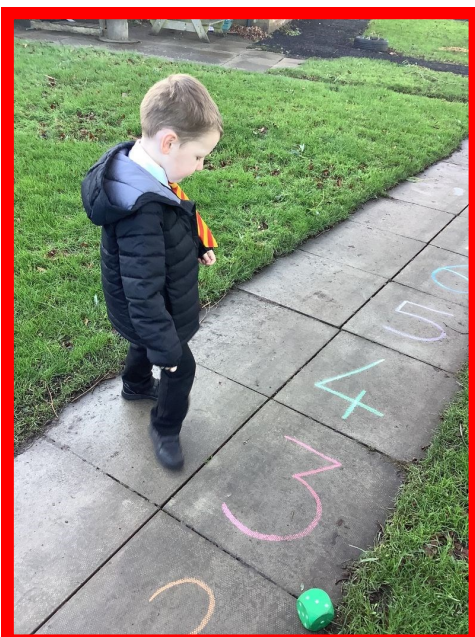


CURRICULUM

MARVELLOUS MATHS

At St Bede's, we utilise practical resources to enhance children's understanding of mathematics.. This approach spans across key stages including EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Children delve into the world of mathematics developing both their arithmetic and problem solving skills by using varied practical equipment. This may include numicon, tens frames or dienes to help children visualise concepts making them more tangible and engaging.

At home, children have been utilising Doodle Maths, an interactive app that provides personalised practice questions to strengthen arithmetic skills. The fun and interactive nature of the app makes practicing maths enjoyable and effective.



CURRICULUM

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORD!

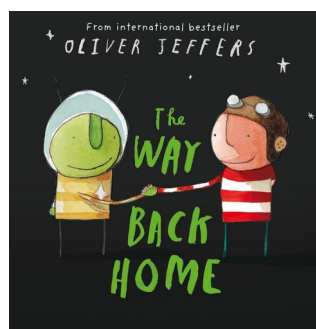
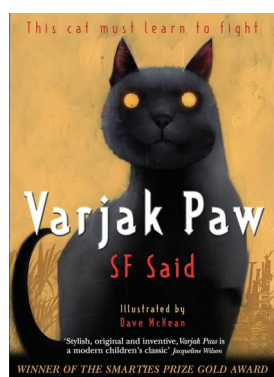
In English, children access a range of texts across the year. Research shows that there are only seven basic story plots and all stories belong to one of those genres. These plots are quest, Overcoming the Monster, Rags to Riches, Voyage and Return, Tragedy, Rebirth and Comedy. Following the seven stories approach all classes' reading and writing opportunities are planned to include all seven genres. We have had great pupil feedback this year about how this change in approach has made learning more accessible and interesting. We have also introduced a new sequence of learning to ensure continuity across all classes. This means all children know their end goal and what is expected of them. Look below for some of the books children have been reading and some of their comments.

"Writing is really interesting and teachers make it clear what I need to do."

Euan

"I love the books we are doing. We are learning about Ancient Greece and have been reading Perseus and the Minotaur"

Parker



WIDER OFFER

ECO CLUB

Miss Jarvis and her Eco Club have been hard at work this term enhancing and developing our school grounds to become more sustainable and eco friendly. Their first project

was focused around plastic pollution and helping other students understand the importance of disposing of our litter correctly. They created a piece of artwork out of bottle tops to highlight how this impacts our local community and wider world.



Most recently, they have been developing our allotment area, turning over the soil, planting new seeds and installing a poly tunnel to help us make use of our allotment all year round.



WIDER OFFER

ST BEDE'S BOOKWORMS



St Bede's Bookworms

Each Monday night, the St Bede's Bookworms get together with Mrs Fairbairn to discuss the books they are reading and to enjoy a comfy, calm reading space with friends. Together they have a goal to read 30 books by the end of 2024.

The Bookworms were given special badges to wear during the school day so other children know they can support them in choosing books. They have been integral to rejuvenating and replenishing our classroom libraries with new interesting texts from the school library service.

They also went on an exciting trip to Waterstones in Morpeth where they were welcomed and chose some special books for their classes. Our favourites so far have been *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher, *Onyeka and the academy of the sun* by Tola Okogwu and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney.

Look out in our next issue where our Bookworms will be recommending some new books for you to try.



WIDER OFFER

ART CLUB

In Art Club, our children have begun a project called "Take One Picture" which is a nationwide project run by the National Gallery and focuses on a different picture each year for inspiration. This year our focus picture is The Courtyard of a House in Delft Pieter de Hooch. The children thought that the building in the painting reminded them of the Ghostbusters building so we did some research and compared the two buildings. They thought about the ladies in the painting and as to whether we thought they had been real or whether they too could be ghosts. This then led us to looking at Ghosts in artwork and creating our own Ghost pictures! The children's response to the picture leads the direction in which the project takes. With the outcome being that our Artwork will hopefully be chosen to be displayed in the National Gallery. Watch this space for where the project takes us next!



CHOIR



Our Choir have been working hard this term learning hymns and songs based on musicals. The Choir were lucky enough to be invited to perform their showcase of songs at the Whitley Bay Playhouse in front of an audience of other trust schools. They performed confidently and are excitedly preparing to perform in front of the rest of the school at Glastonbede.

SPORTS NEWS

CHANCE TO DANCE

Some of our Year 3 children have been taking part in the Chance to Dance program this year. This program allows children to work with the Royal Ballet to inspire them to take part in dance. This is the second year the children have taken part in the program which has allowed them to have specialist dance training and work with Ballerinas from the Royal Ballet who took part in the program themselves when they were in Primary School.

After several dance classes and two days of intensive dance rehearsals the program ended with the children performing alongside the Ballerina at Dance City. The show was inspiring and tear jerking with all parents and staff immensely proud of all of the children. The children also took their dance to Whitley Bay Playhouse where they danced in front of an audience of other trust schools.



SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DAY

This term, our school held its annual Sports Day, and what a fantastic day it was! The sun was shining, and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement. The day kicked off with traditional races including the classic sprint, egg and spoon race, and obstacle course. The students showed great sportsmanship, cheering each other on and giving their all in every race.



One of the highlights was the parent races, where mums and dads joined in the fun. It was a joy to see families laughing and competing together. The obstacle course was a real challenge, with hoops to climb through, tarpaulin to climb over, and ladders to jump through. The determination on everyone's faces was truly inspiring.

Sports Day was not just about winning; it was about coming together as a school community and celebrating our love for sports and teamwork. Well done to all the students, parents, and staff for making Sports Day a huge success!



SPORTS NEWS

JUBILEE GAMES

Earlier this half term over 60 of our children from Year 1-6 took part in the Jubilee Games at Meadowdale Primary School. The Jubilee Games incorporates different games giving children the opportunity to take part in exciting events in a competitive way. This years events included Quidditch, Dragonball and space hopper races. The children had a lovely day interacting with the other schools and supporting each other.



FOOTBALL TRIUMPH

It has been a phenomenal term for our football team who took part in their first 7 a side league. The team joined the league late with teams who had competed for many weeks. This did not stifle our St Bede's spirit as they not only took part but went on to become league winners. Their determination, resilience and team spirit was inspiring to watch.

SPORTS NEWS

NEW SPORTING CLUBS

This term, we have continued to diversify our wider offer by providing children with the opportunity to take part in a range of after school clubs. We now offer clubs ran by school staff and also outside agencies including PEAK and NUFC.

Children now have the opportunity to take part in sports never offered before such as boxing, netball and cricket and to develop skills such as running at Mr Fletcher's popular Wednesday running club.

It has been fantastic to see how keen the children have been to enter into new sports and we hope to continue to diversify our offer into next year.



YEAR 6

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

As the time has come to bid you farewell and wish you the best of luck on your next great adventure, we want you to know how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of you. These past years have been filled with laughter, learning, challenges, and growth, and we have been privileged to witness your incredible journey.

Saying goodbye is never easy, but as you spread your wings and soar towards secondary school, remember that you carry within you all the knowledge, skills, and dreams that will guide you to success. You have shown resilience in the face of challenges, kindness towards your peers, and determination in achieving your goals. Your potential knows no bounds, and we have no doubt that you will continue to shine brightly wherever your path may lead.



BEDE'S PUZZLE PAGE

SUMMER WORDSEARCH FUN!



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 SUMMER
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 HOLIDAY
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SUMMER WORD SCRAMBLE!

Can you unscramble the words?

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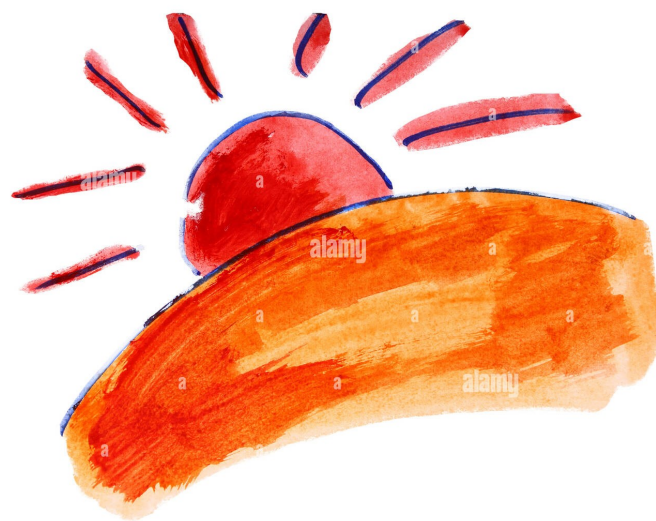
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As this busy year draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all of your continued love and support. We very much believe that it is our gorgeous students that make our school so special.

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of St. Bede's we would like to wish you a very happy Summer holiday.



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