

The Lantern

St. Boniface said of St. Bede that 'he shone forth like a lantern.'



Dear Everyone

I hope you have had great week. The Y2 and Y6 children are working hard and have statutory assessment tests (SATS) next month. We wish them all every success.

Jubilee Celebrations Update



Plans are well underway for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 26th May 2022. Mrs Chuck and the school councillors have been working together to make sure a great day will be had by all. We are inviting children to dress up in either red, white and blue – a nod to the Union Jack - as Her Majesty herself or as a king or a member of the Royal Family, if they would like to. We will hold a royal parade for those who have dressed to represent royalty. Alternatively, if your child's native country is that of a member of the Commonwealth, your children are invited to dress in these colours too, as we will be flying Commonwealth flags as well as Union Jacks. As this celebration falls alongside St Bede's Day, which we celebrate on May 25th, the PA have very kindly booked an ice cream van for the children to enjoy at our 'street' party. We thank them for this as it adds even more fun to our day.

Do you recall Jeanette Charles? (pictured right). She is a retired actress who, given the resemblance, often appeared as the Queen. She lives in Chelmsford and is now 94! I don't think we will be able to tempt her to join us on the day, so we will be looking for someone else to impersonate Her Majesty! Are you the person for the job? Please do let me know.





The Big GoReadathon

Many of you will recall we took part in the great Go Readathon competition recently. St. Bede's finished in 11th place which is a great achievement. Thank you to Miss Green for all your support with this. To all that took part—Well done!

Targets

All children will be bringing home the new targets recently given to them by their class teachers.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Adriana, Alan, Anastazia, Erin and Samuel who are making their First Communion at St Cedd's on Sunday, please keep them in your prayers.

Rosary

May is the month of Mary and we invite the children to bring in their rosaries from next week. There will also be a rosary club for Year 4 - 6 at lunchtimes on Tuesdays at lunchtime led by the Guardian Angels.

Ordering Queens Jubilee Class Tea Towels

Each year group has made portraits of themselves to add to a class tea towel. Please follow the link to place your orders!

<https://forms.office.com/r/xkyUkCHr8X>

PA fundraising

The PA are holding another doughnut sale on Wednesday 4th May 2022 after school at the front and back gates. £1 each. We thank you for your continued support.



Summer Fete—2nd July

The PA is again holding a summer fete at school—it will be on 2nd July. They would appreciate help from as many volunteers as possible—even for a small amount of time in order to help set up, run a stall or help tidy up at the end. For all those able to do, please complete this e-form: <https://forms.office.com/r/MCyMDVgqkT>

Reception

In Reception, our new topic is all about ‘Growing’. We began with the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We are so lucky to have our own caterpillars. Every day we come into school excited to see how big they have grown.



Computing Club

In our computing club, the children have been busy building on the computer knowledge skills learnt in class. They have enjoyed creating and designing PowerPoints by searching and adding images to their slides and including animations to make their presentations more exciting. They have had fun creating simple animated—moving stickman pictures/stories and developing programming skills using Scratch.



Miss Brady's Art Club

Year 4 had fun in our first ever Art Club session this week. We were looking at the style of Art called Cubism, made famous by artists such as Picasso. The children also discussed the skills they would like to cover during Art Club. This term we will focus on improving our sketching and drawing skills.



PUPIL CELEBRATIONS!

Friday's Top Table Dining

The following pupils joined Mrs Roberts and me at the 'Top Table' for their lunch:

Year 1 – Uriah—1M—for working really hard, especially in English lessons

Year 2 – Jenay—2L—for trying her best in lessons and always being kind and polite

Year 3 – Amani—3C—for always giving her all

Year 4 – Ciara—4A– for having a positive attitude towards her learning

Year 5 – Michael - being fantastic and settling into life at St Bede's well

Year 6 - Beyona - Very kind and helping with TTRS children

Well done to all of you!

Lantern Certificates – youngest to oldest

Samantha; Alya-Janita; Kaylen; Cristiano; Amarachi; Stevana; Sofia W; Daniel B; Chelsea A; Kacey; Gracelyn; Jaida; Abigail Dk; Jameillia; Danielle; Oluwatamilore; Leo C; Jasmine; Summer; Daniel Ad; Shaye; Victoria G; Jeniyah-May; Louisa; Ikechukwu; Lota; David Z; Natalie S;

Headteacher Awards from youngest to oldest

Anaya; Anwulika; Kiara; Jack; Otto; Emily W; Enoch; Zara; Kyros; Samuel O; Sharon;

Birthdays To Celebrate

Kehinde, Taiwo, Mah'Yeine, Henri, David, Natalie, Zikora and Jeremiah.

This week's 'Shout Out'

goes to Julie Ricketts, who has joined us temporarily in the Office. She has already become a great asset to our school.

Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

Blessings and prayers for this week



This week we have celebrated the feast of St George, Traditionally, this is celebrated on 23rd April, but as this is still Eastertide, the feast reverts to 26th April.

We do not know a huge amount about St George's origins except that he came from an area close to Turkey and was a Roman soldier. The image of him fighting a dragon is one that we have all come to love, but rather than it being a realistic one it is more about what St George experienced: his fight was not one with a fire eating monster, but with those who were trying to stop people spreading the message of Christianity. His trust in Jesus led to his own death.

Fr Sean told St George House on Tuesday that we all have our own dragons to face, but we always have to remember that we have God on our side.

The Year 6 children beautifully sang 'Eagles Wings', which directly expresses this message and comes from Psalm 91:

'...and he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hands.'

Whatever the problem, whatever the difficulty, God is always there.

I have been moved by the prayers that are appearing in the reflection room on Fronter; it is wonderful to see the heartfelt feelings of the children.

Here is a prayer from Sochima, one of our Y6 Guardian Angels.

*God of all peoples and nations
Who created all things alive and breathing
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia
Every child and every adult.
We cry out to you for peace,
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace,
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour
And bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen*

Prayers and Blessings

Famous Mathematicians



Did you know...

Stephen Hawking was born in Oxford, England in 1942. Hawking was one of four children. While at school, he showed a great talent for science and maths.

Following in his parents' footsteps, he attended Oxford University. Hawking wanted to study maths but his father was against it so he studied physics and chemistry instead. Having found the work to be easy, he gained a first class honours degree.

While at Cambridge, Hawking was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), a form of motor neurone disease. He was originally told that he only had a few years to live, but he proved the doctors wrong. His condition gradually paralysed him so he used a wheelchair to get around and a computerised voice box to help him communicate. His condition didn't stop him from reaching his potential.

In 1982, he was awarded a CBE.

Hawking worked passionately to prove Einstein's Theory of Relativity. This relates to the idea that space and time would have a beginning, called the Big Bang, and would end in black holes. He published many books, including 'A Brief History of Time' (selling more than 10 million copies) and 'Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays'.

In 1989, he was made a Companion of Honour. This order was founded in 1917. Only 65 people can hold it at one time. It is given for outstanding achievement.

Hawking developed theories about how black holes are formed, how they behave and where they can be found in the universe.

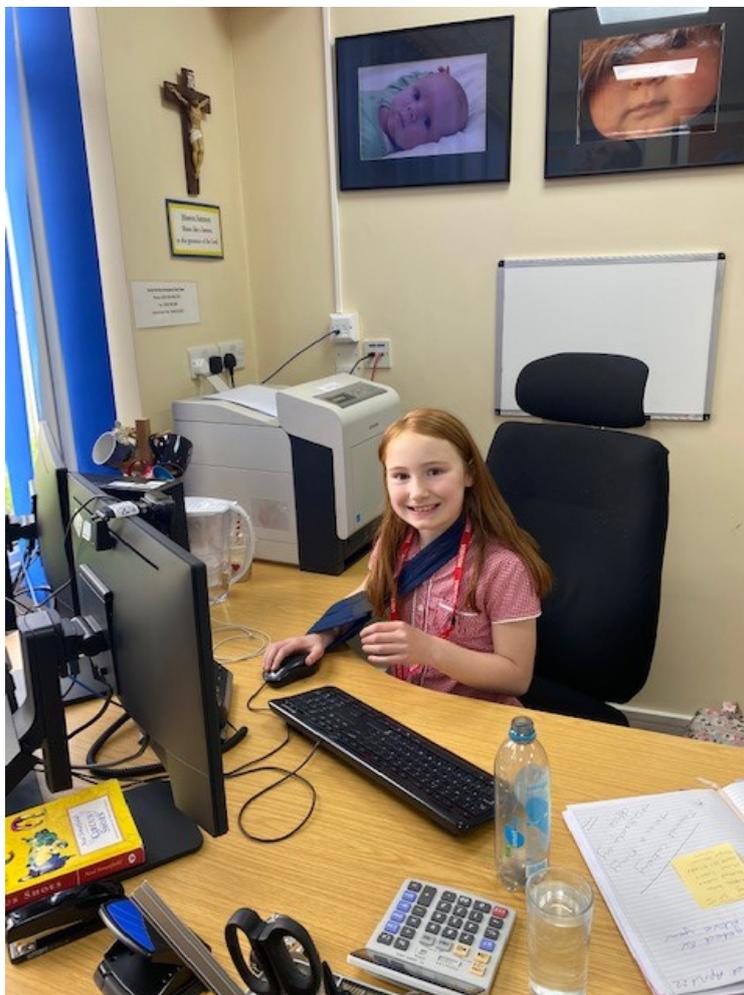
A black hole is a place where gravity has got so strong that it pulls matter down into it and doesn't let anything escape, even light. Anything that gets too close will be sucked inside and lost forever. However, Hawking discovered a type of radiation that can escape black holes. This is now called Hawking radiation.

Hawking has been described as an ambassador of science and one of the world's most brilliant minds.

He has inspired many people to become interested in science, including some of the world's leading astrophysicists and cosmologists.

Mrs Roberts

My daughter Scarlett was in school yesterday. Daddy had to take her to the fracture clinic to have her cast removed, so she popped in. She loved seeing the children. Here is a picture at the end of the day. I think she thinks it is time for a new head teacher!



Mrs Roberts and I wish you a wonderful long weekend

Gary