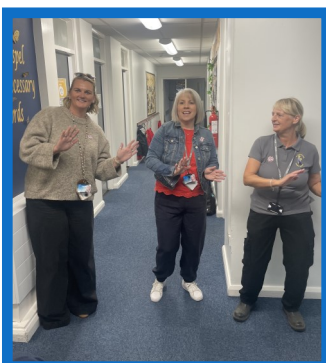




ST. BERNADETTE'S BEACON

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Live the Gospel and when necessary use words.

HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

As we come to the end of another busy year I would like to extend a number of thanks to everyone who helps, supports and invests their time and energy into our school community and of course a very special thanks to Miss Rogers for once again producing such a beautiful keepsake of this term in school.

Children, I must start with you! Over the year, as always, you have all been on your own journeys - some 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, the courage and confidence you have demonstrated this year.

This term's Beacon is, once again, a beautiful example of your faith in action; littered with examples of great stewardship, charity work, raising awareness and community cohesion coupled with adventure and great sportsmanship. Mini Vinnies, Eco Club, Waste Warriors, House Captains, Choir, Maths Ambassadors, Buddies and to those who have led an initiative or represented our school or Trust at a tournament (the list is endless – well done and thank you). This level of commitment from you all demonstrates your beautiful characters perfectly and makes our school such a wonderful place to be — there is always a buzz of excitement as something new is on the horizon and so we thank all for your outstanding contributions - we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

Year 6, it has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to be part of your journey at St. Bernadette's. It is always a hard job to do but we reach that time again where we have to hand over the baton to your high schools so they can guide and walk with you on the next part of your journey and what an honour that will be for them. You are an incredibly strong, courageous and determined group and 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. Bernadette's. Good luck to you all! We will miss you all so please come back and see us!

Another special thanks must go to Fr David and our school governors for the on-going work, commitment and support they provide to our school. A lot of their work goes unseen by the majority but behind the scenes, they dedicate many hours to school to ensure that St. Bernadette's continues 'to provide a Catholic education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school and enhance our position as a thriving example of Christ-centred education.' Thank you! Additionally, I would like to extend a special thanks to the catechists who selflessly give up their time to support the children on their journey in making their First Holy Communion. This is such a special job and we are so blessed with the team who prepare our children so well to receive this sacrament.

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, coming to sports days, parents' evenings, masses, performances, the kind words and messages of thanks sent to staff over the year and a whole host of other ways you continue to support our school - thank you. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredibly special work of our wonderful CommUNITY group. This year, they have continued to dedicate a huge amount of their own time working tirelessly to achieve their vision of bringing our community together. This vision was beautifully demonstrated at our recent summer fayre - the support you gave them by showing up, helping, buying raffle tickets and contributing prizes was overwhelming to say the least.

And finally, if I were to example the number of things I would like to thank the staff of St. Bernadette's for, I would never end. So, in a nutshell.... to an amazing group of passionate, hard-working, inspirational and truly lovely people—thank you! Individually, every single one of them makes a huge contribution to our school (again, a lot of their hard work is unseen) but together they are quite an incredible team. Well done all and thank you!

On behalf of the staff and governors, we hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!



KSI AT WOODHORN COLLIERY

MINERS FOR A DAY!!

On our recent Key Stage 1 school trip, we visited Woodhorn Colliery Museum to learn about the history of coal mining in our local area. It was an exciting and educational day that gave the children a real insight into what life was like for miners and their families in the past.

As soon as we arrived, we were welcomed by the friendly staff who guided us through the different areas of the museum. The children explored the original colliery buildings, saw the huge winding gear, and even looked inside a real mining cage! We learned about how coal was mined underground and the hard, dangerous work the miners had to do every day. The children particularly enjoyed dressing up in miners' clothes and taking part in a hands-on workshop where they were able to handle and look at artefacts. It helped us understand how much things have changed over time.

Everyone was fascinated by the stories of the miners, and many of the children asked brilliant questions. It was a fantastic opportunity to link what we've been learning in history to the real world.

We returned to school full of new knowledge and excitement, and the children have been keen to share what they discovered. A huge thank you to the staff at Woodhorn for making the day so memorable — and to our parent helpers who came along to support the trip.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special way that Catholics ask God for forgiveness. In this sacrament, people talk to a priest and tell him the things they have done wrong. This helps them say sorry to God and make a fresh start.

When someone goes to Reconciliation, they first think about their sins and feel sorry for them. Then they go to a priest and confess their sins. The priest listens and offers advice. He also gives a penance, which is something the person does to show they are truly sorry — like saying a prayer or doing a kind act.

At the end, the priest says a special prayer called absolution. Through this prayer, God forgives the person's sins. Catholics believe that God's love and mercy are greater than any sin. Reconciliation brings peace to the soul and helps people grow closer to God.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

We are delighted to share that our children have recently made their Sacrament of Reconciliation. This special step in their faith journey marks a moment of grace, reflection, and spiritual growth as they experienced God's love and forgiveness in a profound way. We are proud of their openness, preparation, and the support of our community in guiding them through this meaningful sacrament.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion is a special ceremony in the Catholic Church where a person, usually a child, receives the Eucharist for the first time. The Eucharist is considered the body and blood of Jesus Christ, given in the form of bread and wine during Mass. This sacrament is one of the most important steps in a Catholic's journey of faith.

Before receiving First Holy Communion, children attend religious education classes to learn about the meaning of the sacrament, the importance of Mass, and how to receive the Eucharist respectfully. They also go to confession, known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to prepare their hearts and souls. This occasion is both a religious milestone and a joyful celebration, marking a deeper participation in the life of the Church.

A RELIGIOUS MILESTONE!

A huge congratulations to all the children at St. Bernadette's, and to those in our neighbouring schools, who have made their First Holy Communion this summer. This is such a significant and sacred step in your faith journey, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

We know how much preparation, prayer, and learning went into this day — not only from the children, but also from their families, teachers, and parish communities. Thank you to everyone who supported them on this journey, especially our dedicated catechists and Father David for his gentle guidance and care.

To all the children: you looked wonderful, you spoke from the heart, and you made your families and your school community so proud. May this be the first of many times you draw strength, peace, and love from the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, is celebrated on May 8th each year to mark the formal end of World War II in Europe. On this day in 1945, Nazi Germany officially surrendered to the Allied forces, bringing an end to nearly six years of intense and devastating conflict on the continent. The announcement of Germany's surrender sparked widespread celebrations across Europe and North America, as people rejoiced in the long-awaited peace.

VE DAY ASSEMBLY

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we held a very special assembly led by Mr. Harland. He spoke to us about the importance of this historic day, which marks the end of World War II in Europe and the incredible relief and joy people felt in 1945. Mr. Harland shared powerful stories of bravery, sacrifice, and hope, helping us understand the significance of peace and remembrance. He also encouraged us to reflect on the courage of those who lived through the war and to appreciate the freedom we have today. The assembly was a moving tribute and a meaningful way to honour this important milestone in history.



VE DAY LUNCH

We held a wonderful party filled with colourful decorations and festive spirit. The hall was beautifully decorated with Union Jack flags and bright balloons, creating a cheerful and patriotic atmosphere. We enjoyed delicious party food lovingly prepared by Dot and her marvellous crew. Laughter, traditional music, and chatter filled the room as we came together to honour this important day in history. It was a joyful and memorable event that helped us appreciate the significance of VE Day in a fun and meaningful way.



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT SHOW

As part of our special VE Day celebrations, we held a fantastic "Britain's Got Talent" show that brought excitement and laughter to everyone in school. Pupils from all year groups took part, showcasing their amazing talents—from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy acts. The hall was buzzing with energy as the audience cheered on their classmates and clapping along. The show not only entertained us but also celebrated the spirit of togetherness and joy, just like people did on the original VE Day in 1945. It was a brilliant way to mark the 80th anniversary and make memories we'll never forget.



TRADITIONAL GAMES

We also enjoyed playing a variety of traditional games that helped us imagine what life was like for children in 1945. Outside in the sunshine, we took part in activities like hopscotch, tug of war, and skipping, just like children might have done during street parties after the war ended. Everyone joined in with smiles and laughter, and it was lovely to see the playground filled with old-fashioned fun. These games reminded us of how people came together in joy and relief on VE Day, and how simple things brought happiness during tough times.



SALVATION ARMY

As part of the day, the Salvation Army band came to play for us. Their music filled the air with traditional wartime tunes and uplifting songs that brought the whole school together. While they played, we all enjoyed an ice cream, which made the moment feel even more special. Sitting outside in the sunshine, listening to the band and enjoying our treats, helped us imagine what it might have been like to celebrate VE Day all those years ago.



GARDENING

THE GARDENING GUARDIANS!

Our Gardening Club has really begun to thrive this term thanks to Mrs Walton and her crew of Gardening Guardians! It is a fantastic part of school life that offers so much more than just planting seeds. It's a place where children learn to care for the environment, work as a team, and take pride in growing something from the ground up.

Through gardening, our pupils have developed patience, responsibility, and a sense of achievement as they watch their flowers, fruits, and vegetables grow. It also helps them understand where food comes from and the importance of looking after God's creation.

Spending time outdoors in the fresh air supports mental wellbeing

too — giving children a chance to slow down, reflect, and enjoy nature. It is also helping to make our school a greener, more beautiful place — and we're proud of every pupil who gets their hands dirty to help it grow!

This term our Gardening Guardians have therefore been involved in measuring and deciding which poly tunnel to buy — a HUGE thankyou to our CommUNITY Group for funding this!

They currently have peppers, tomatoes, courgettes and cucumber plants all grown from seed. In addition to this, we have grown wild flowers to encourage pollinators.



YEAR 6 AT HIGH BORRANS

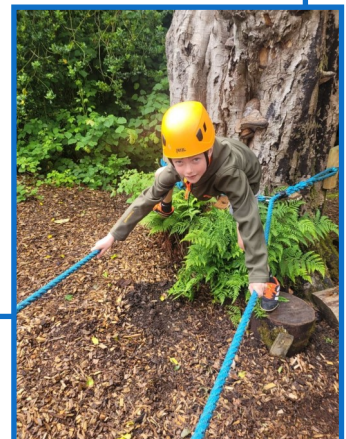
ADVENTURE, TEAMWORK AND MEMORIES

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from an unforgettable residential trip to High Borrans, where they spent a lovely week surrounded by the beautiful Lake District countryside — taking on challenges, learning new skills, and making lifelong memories.

From the moment they arrived, the children were full of excitement and ready for adventure. Throughout the week, they took part in a range of outdoor activities including canoeing, ghyll scrambling, rock climbing, orienteering, and team-building games. Every activity pushed the children out of their comfort zones and encouraged resilience, perseverance, and teamwork.

At the High Borrans centre, the children worked together to tidy dorms, set the tables for meals, and reflect on their day. It was wonderful to see how independent and responsible they became over the course of the trip.

The staff at High Borrans praised our pupils for their enthusiasm, behaviour, and team spirit. Teachers were incredibly proud of how every child faced their fears, supported their friends, and embraced every opportunity with positivity. This residential was more than just a fun trip — it was a chance to grow in confidence, strengthen friendships, and prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school. A huge thank you to the High Borrans team for their expert guidance and warm hospitality, and to all the school staff who supported the trip. We're certain the memories made will stay with our Year 6 pupils for years to come!



SPORTS WEEK

PLAY, COMPETE, REPEAT!

Sports Week is one of the most exciting and valuable times in our school calendar. It's more than just fun and games — it's a celebration of teamwork, effort, and personal achievement.

During Sports Week, children have the chance to try a variety of activities, challenge themselves, and discover new talents. It's a time to build confidence, learn resilience, and show respect for others — whether winning, losing, or cheering from the side-lines.

Sports Week also promotes the importance of staying active and healthy. It reminds us that physical activity is not only good for our bodies, but also for our mental wellbeing. Most importantly, it brings our school community together. Pupils, staff, and families all join in the fun, creating memories and moments of encouragement that last far beyond the week itself. That's why Sports Week matters!



CYSTIC FIBROSIS

IT WAS ALL YELLOW!

This June, our wonderful Early Years children took part in a bright and beautiful yellow-themed day to support a cause that is very close to their hearts. The event was held in honour of one of our lovely Nursery children who lives with cystic fibrosis. To show their love and support, the children enjoyed a yellow day, turning the classroom into a sunny sea of colour, joy, and compassion. To make the day even more special, the little girl generously brought in a delicious, specially made cake to share with all her friends!

The children were busy throughout the day with a range of yellow-themed activities. They decorated biscuits with yellow icing, edible sparkles, and a lot of creativity. They played exciting games and had a lot of fun! But most importantly, the children spent time learning about cystic fibrosis in a gentle and age-appropriate way. Through stories, discussions, and hands-on activities, they began to understand what the condition means and how it affects the lives of those who have it. It was a meaningful and memorable day full of learning, empathy, and togetherness.

We are so proud of our Early Years children for their kindness, enthusiasm, and the wonderful way they celebrated this special day.



NATIONAL FIELDWORK WEEK

FIELDWORK FOR EVERYONE

During the course of the week, children across the school have been exploring the local area or their environment through a range of fun and creative activities linked to geography.

EYFS had an exciting opportunity to go on a nature walk to the Rising Sun. As they walked, the children engaged their senses to observe the world around them. They looked carefully at the different types of plants, trees, and flowers they passed by and listened closely to the sounds of birds chirping and leaves rustling in the wind.

KS1 have been making Journey Strings and Sticks during local walks. As they walk, they collect natural items and attach them to their stick or string. Back in school, they use these to retell their journey and talk about what they found.

LKS2 explored the school grounds to create their own sketch maps.

Walking around the school, the children observed key features such as buildings, playgrounds, pathways, and green spaces. They made rough sketches on paper, noting the position of important landmarks. Once back in the classroom, the children refined their sketches into more detailed maps.

Upper Key Stage 2 are putting together Journey Booklets using a variety of information from their walks. These include things like leaf rubbings, map pieces, data about people and litter, compass directions, and how they felt at each point on their journey.

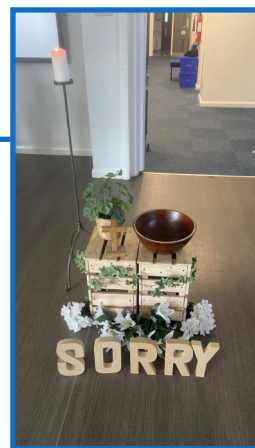


CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Collective worship plays a central role in our school community, drawing us together in prayer, reflection, and shared faith. It offers both students and staff the chance to deepen their connection with God, explore the message of the Gospel, and reflect on core values such as love, compassion, and forgiveness. Through prayer, liturgies, hymns, and scripture, our collective worship reinforces the Catholic identity of our school and inspires all members to live out their faith in everyday actions. It also nurtures a spirit of unity, respect, and peace, fostering an environment where spiritual and moral growth can flourish.

CLASS WORSHIP

This term we were joined by the parents and families of the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 for beautiful acts of worship. The children in each class worked hard to plan, prepare and lead these special prayerful moments for both their families and wider school community.



LKS2 AT LIFE SCIENCE CENTRE

A DAY OF DISCOVERY!

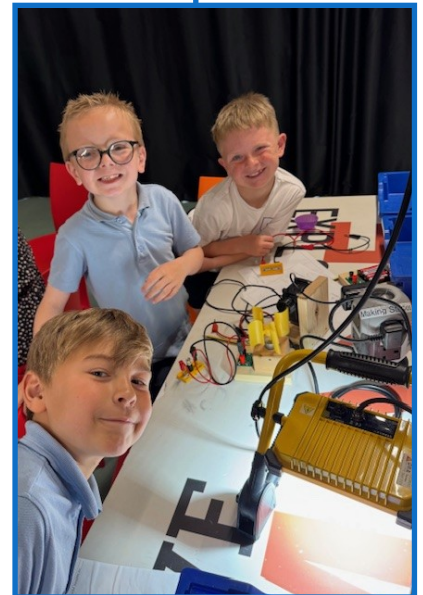
Our Lower Key Stage 2 classes recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring day at the Life Science Centre in Newcastle. The trip was packed with hands-on learning, curious questions, and wide-eyed wonder as we explored the world of science, technology, and the human body.

As soon as we arrived, the children were buzzing with excitement. During their visit to the museum, the children participated in an exciting workshop called 'Electrifying Newcastle'. During the session, the children explored the basics of electrical circuits through hands-on activities, building their own working models using wires, batteries, bulbs, and buzzers. The workshop was both fun and educational, sparking curiosity about how electricity powers our everyday lives. It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to apply their science learning in a real-world setting and to think like young engineers.

During the day, the children were able to explore the museum. They visited the Curiosity Zone, where they got stuck into a range of interactive experiments. They also visited the Brain Zone, where pupils discovered how the human brain works — through puzzles, illusions, and games that made us all think twice!

Throughout the day, the children asked fantastic questions and showed real enthusiasm for learning. They were especially excited to try out the hands-on exhibits and discover how science connects to their everyday lives.

It was a truly memorable experience that brought science to life in a fun and meaningful way. A big thank you to the team at the Life Science Centre and to all our adult helpers who made the day run so smoothly.



EARLY YEARS AT THE BEACH

SUN, SEA AND SMILES!

Our Early Years children had a wonderful adventure on their recent trip to the beach! Hand in hand, they set off for a day of fun, exploration, and learning by the sea.



As soon as they arrived, the children were excited to feel the sand between their toes and hear the waves crashing gently on the shore. We spent the morning building sandcastles, digging holes, and collecting seashells. Some children even discovered tiny crabs and interesting seaweed along the shoreline!

They enjoyed a lovely beach walk, where they talked about what they could see, hear, and feel. This helped them to explore new vocabulary and connect with the natural world. The children loved spotting seagulls and watching the boats in the distance.

The children visited the Watch House, where they explored the historic lifeboat station and learned about how rescues were carried out in the past. They were fascinated by the old equipment, lookout tower, and stories of bravery from local volunteers. The children then the RNLI, noticing how lifeboats, uniforms, and communication tools have changed

over time. They were especially impressed by how technology helps the RNLI respond more quickly today, while still relying on the same spirit of courage and teamwork.

The children were full of joy, curiosity, and wonder throughout the day. A huge thank you to all the staff and helpers who made the day so special and safe for everyone. It was a fantastic way to bring our learning to life and celebrate the magic of the seaside.



CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 6!

As another school year comes to a close, we find ourselves filled with pride, admiration, and a touch of sadness as we say goodbye to our incredible Year 6 pupils. These children have been such an important part of our school community, and it's hard to imagine our corridors and classrooms without their energy, laughter, and growing wisdom.

Throughout their time with us, Year 6 have shown remarkable growth — not just academically, but as kind, thoughtful, and resilient young people. Whether leading younger pupils by example, taking on responsibilities with maturity, or facing challenges with courage and determination, they have consistently impressed us with their character.

They have faced their final year of primary school with positivity, supporting one another. They have made us laugh, made us proud, and made our school a better place simply by being in it.

As they now prepare to begin the next chapter of their learning journey in high school, we want them to know just how much they are valued and how much they will be missed. So, thank you for your hard work, your enthusiasm, your kindness, and the joy you've brought to our school. We believe in you, and we know you will go on to achieve amazing things.

As you step into high school, walk with confidence. Keep being curious, keep being kind and never stop believing in yourselves! Your journey is just beginning — and we're so proud to have been a part of the first steps.



BULOUS YEAR 6 PUPILS!



GOOD LUCK YEAR 6



WE WISH YOU WELL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR LEARNING
JOURNEY IN HIGH SCHOOL!



WATER SAFETY

OUR OWN LITTLE FISHES!

Living so near to the Coast, we take swimming and water safety very seriously! This is why all pupils receive swimming instruction at some point during their learning journey in Key Stage 2. As part of the national curriculum, we endeavour to ensure that children learn to swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.

During our swimming sessions, pupils are also taught to use a range of strokes effectively, including front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke. Just as importantly, they learn how to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations, helping them to stay safe and confident around water throughout their lives.



PRAYER GROUP

CATHOLIC LIFE

We are excited to share that a new Prayer Group has begun at St Bernadette's! This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in a calm, welcoming space to reflect, pray, and grow in faith.

Open to children across Key Stage 2, the group meets regularly to explore different ways of praying — through scripture, quiet reflection, music, and shared intentions. It's a peaceful time in the week where we can pause, support one another, and feel closer to God.

We're proud of the children who have chosen to be part of the Prayer Group and thank the staff who help guide and encourage them. We look forward to seeing how this group continues to grow and inspire others in our school community.



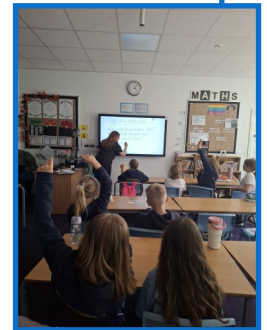
MINI VINNIES' NEWS

MINI VINNIES REACH OUT ACROSS THE WORLD

This summer term, our Mini Vinnies have begun a very special project that is already touching hearts and building bridges across the world. We received a letter from a refugee camp in Saharawi in South West Algeria, where children aged between 7 and 14 shared their names, photos, and personal stories with us. Many of them have lived in the camp their entire lives.

In response, our Mini Vinnies will be writing back to them each week. This exchange of letters will be a chance to offer kindness, friendship, and hope — reminding the children in the camp that they are not forgotten. It's also a powerful opportunity for our own pupils to learn about global issues, grow in empathy, and live out the Gospel values of love and compassion.

We're incredibly proud of our Mini Vinnies for leading this initiative, and we look forward to seeing how these friendships grow in the weeks ahead.



LITTER PICK

Our gorgeous Mini Vinnies and their families took part in a litter-picking session at the Rising Sun after school, as part of our CAFOD Live Simply Award efforts. It's a great example of how our children are making a positive impact on our community, practicing stewardship of God's creation

and living simply in solidarity with others. The litter pick was based around recycling, so once rubbish was collected, staff sorted it into separate bags for plastics, tin, cardboard, paper, glass and general waste.



LIVE SIMPLY — NO TECHNOLOGY DAY

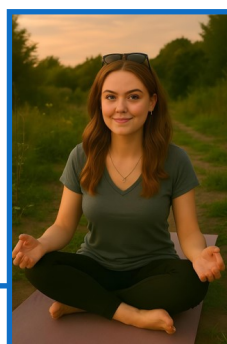
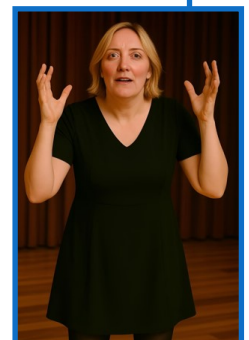
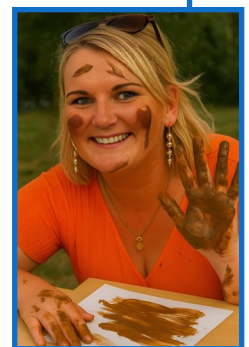
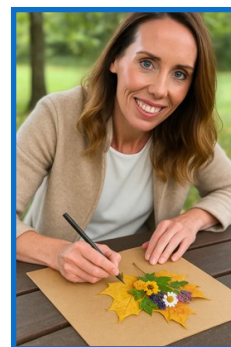
DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT!

In a world where notifications never stop pinging, emails demand instant replies, and scrolling often replaces real conversation, taking a break from technology might sound radical — but it's exactly what we need. That's the spirit behind our **Disconnect to Reconnect Day**! We invited our school community to step away from their screens and step into genuine human connection.

On the day, our classrooms went quiet — but in the best possible way! For one full school day, no technology was used. That meant no interactive whiteboards, no visualisers, no computers — just people, paper, pencils, and presence.

The morning lessons carried on with traditional, low-tech methods. Teachers led discussions, read aloud and encouraged hands-on practical learning. Our children wrote in their books, participated in group work and focused on their work without digital distractions. However, the real magic happened in the afternoon! Each teacher taught a skill or craft — something fun, creative, and screen-free that children could do at home instead of defaulting to television or electronic games. The children were given the choice as to what they would like to do within their Phase.

The day was a huge success! We are already looking forward to the next one!



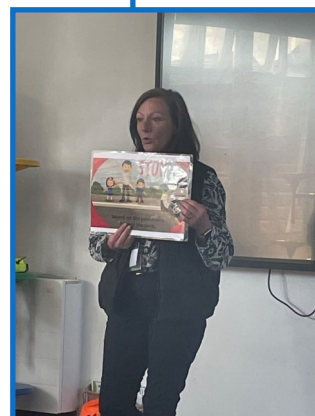
ROAD SAFETY DAY

SAFE STEPS, SMART MOVES

To help our pupils stay safe on and around the roads, our school held a special Road Safety Day filled with fun, engaging, and educational activities. The day aimed to raise awareness about the importance of being alert, visible, and responsible whether walking, cycling, or travelling by car. Our children took part in interactive workshops, learned the Green Cross Code, and explored how to stay safe near traffic. There were practical demonstrations, role-playing activities, and even a visit from local road safety officers. The event was a great success, helping our children become more confident and knowledgeable about staying safe on their journeys to and from school.

Following this, our Year 4 pupils took part in a series of engaging and educational road safety workshops. As part of the programme, the children explored our local area on foot, learning how to cross roads safely, identify potential hazards, and understand the importance of being alert and responsible pedestrians. Led by experienced instructors, the workshops included practical activities and

discussions on road signs, traffic awareness, and the importance of using crossings correctly. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience and showed great enthusiasm while practising safe walking techniques around the neighbourhood. These workshops form an important part of our wider commitment to promoting safety and independence for our pupils. Well done, Year 4, for taking part with such focus and maturity!



REFUGEE WEEK

FROM OUR HOME TO THEIRS

Our UKS2 launched our Refugee week with a special and thoughtful Celebration of the Word focused on the plight of people who have to flee their homes in terror. During the week, they then created a series of prayer stations in the school hall to raise awareness and offer everyone the opportunity to reflect and pray for those affected by the refugee crisis. Each class took their turn in the Hall to enjoy this beautiful and prayerful experience.

As part of Refugee Week, our school also took meaningful action to support families who have been forced to flee their homes and are beginning new lives in our local community. Our kind families generously donated unused household items that could be included in a care package for a refugee family. These items were sorted and packed by our UKS2 pupils and delivered to the charity Walking With, which supports refugees and asylum seekers in need.



MAGPIES IN THE MAKING

A DREAM DAY AT NEWCASTLE UNITED!

This term, an exceptional group of children were given a truly unforgettable reward for their dedication and perseverance throughout the school year — the incredible opportunity to play at the prestigious Newcastle United Academy.

After months of training, teamwork, and commitment, these young athletes were invited to step onto the same grounds where future football stars are made. They gave it every thing they had on the pitch — playing with passion, skill, and determination, and showing the kind of resilience that would make any coach proud. Their performance was nothing short of inspiring, and they even came remarkably close to laying their hands on the Carabao Cup trophy — a moment they'll remember for years to come.

As a lasting reminder of this once-in-a-lifetime experience, each child was presented with a full 2025/26 Newcastle United kit to take home — a cherished souvenir from a day filled with joy, pride, and unforgettable memories.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr Sales, whose tireless dedication and enthusiasm continue to bring outstanding sporting opportunities to the pupils of St Bernadette's. Your efforts make moments like these possible!



ECO CLUB NEWS

GREENER TOGETHER!

As part of our ongoing dedication to achieving the Live Simply Award, the Eco Club has been deeply involved in a Climate Justice Campaign — a powerful initiative aimed at promoting environmental awareness and social responsibility.

Over the course of this campaign, the children have demonstrated remarkable initiative and teamwork. They have delved into important research, exploring the causes and consequences of climate change, and thoughtfully considered the moral and environmental implications it presents. Using their findings, they collaborated to script, film, and produce an original campaign video that reflects their passion and commitment to environmental justice.

The video not only highlights the urgent challenges posed by climate change but also presents a range of practical, age-appropriate actions that can be taken both within our school and in the broader community. These include energy-saving tips, waste reduction strategies, and ideas for sustainable living—all aimed at empowering others to make a difference.

This inspiring video will be proudly showcased during an upcoming school assembly, giving the Eco Club a platform to share their powerful message with the entire school community. By raising awareness and

encouraging collective action, the children hope to inspire others to take small, meaningful steps toward a greener, more sustainable future — for the good of our planet and generations to come.



SNAPPY OPERA

MUSIC AND MAGIC IN YEAR 5!

This term, our talented Year 5 children had the incredible opportunity to work with the inspirational team from Snappy Opera – and what an unforgettable experience it's been!

Snappy Opera, a project run by Mahogany Opera, brings the world of opera to life for young people in a way that is fun, accessible, and bursting with creativity. Their team of professional artists spent time in school helping our pupils explore music, movement, drama, and storytelling!

The children were captivated! They threw themselves into vocal warm-ups, learnt how to use their voices expressively, and discovered how opera combines music and theatre to tell powerful stories. The room was buzzing with energy as pupils rehearsed catchy songs, choreographed movements, and brought characters to life with confidence and flair.

Throughout the day, our children developed so many valuable skills – not just in music and drama, but also in teamwork, focus, and self-belief. They showed great resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm every step of the way. We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils for embracing this opportunity so brilliantly and grateful to the Snappy Opera team for igniting such a joyful love of music and performance in our school.



COMMUNITY GROUP SUMMER FAYRE

SUMMER SIZZLE SPECTACULAR!

St. Bernadette's Summer Fair was a joyful celebration filled with laughter, chatter and community spirit. Families, friends, and neighbours gathered on the school grounds to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fun and festivities. There were colourful stalls offering homemade cakes, toys, and crafts, as well as classic games.



Children enjoyed face painting, a bouncy castle, and exciting raffles, while adults relaxed with refreshments. The fair was a fantastic success, bringing everyone together to raise money for the school and create lasting memories for all who attended.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the COMMUNITY Group for their unwavering support, kindness, and generosity. Your dedication and hard work have made a real difference to our school and the lives of our children. Whether through your time, resources, or encouragement, your contributions have helped us create special memories, strengthen our school community, and provide valuable opportunities for our pupils. We are truly grateful for everything you do and feel so lucky to have such a caring and committed group by our side.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



SPORTS NEWS

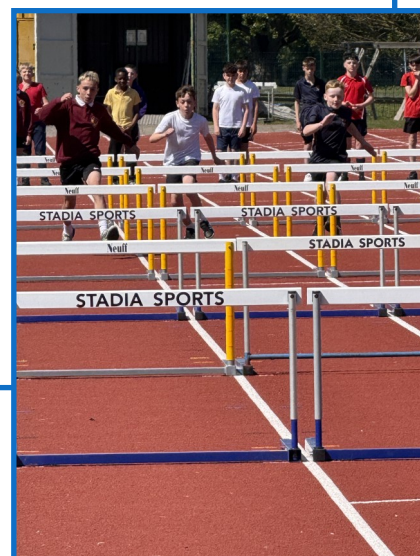
FOOTBALL HEROES!

This term, our talented footballers from Years 3 and 4 took part in the St. Thomas More Football Festival. The key message of the day was all about having fun and enjoying the game. Their skills, sportsmanship and positive attitudes were absolutely fantastic! There were also some cracking goals and brilliant saves that made the afternoon even more exciting. Well done everyone!



OLYMPIC ATHLETES IN MAKING!

Some of our KS2 students had a fantastic day at Churchill Playing Fields, taking part in an exciting athletics event filled with energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit. Competing in a range of track and field activities, including sprints, relays, long jump, and throwing events, the children gave it their all and showed incredible sportsmanship throughout the day.



KICK OFF TO GREATNESS

This summer term, our UKS2 girls team kicked off their Summer League campaign with a mixed bag of results — securing a win in one game and narrowly missing out in the other.

A strong start with plenty of positives to build on as the league unfolds!

Well done for the superb teamwork and sportsman ship shown throughout!



SPORTS NEWS

PROUD IN DEFEAT, CHAMPIONS IN SPIRIT

This year, we have handed the Philip Reilly trophy back — but not without a fight. This exceptional group of talented individuals represented our school proudly at the Philip Reilly Tournament.

After topping their group with impressive performances, they battled their way to the semi-finals, where their journey came to a heart-breaking end in a penalty shootout. While we didn't bring the trophy home this time, the team's spirit, skill, and determination were second to none.

Well done, all!



ATHLETICS FESTIVAL



This term, our Year 2 Class were invited to attend the Athletics Festival at St. Thomas More. They were a credit to their school, demonstrating great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the afternoon. Miss Rogers was even more delighted when they won second place.



YEAR 6 AT HOLY ISLAND

SPIRITUAL DAY OUT

Our Year 6 children had a truly special day on Holy Island, filled with reflection, joy, and a sense of togetherness. They took part in a beautiful Mass, where they had time to pause, pray, and connect with the peaceful surroundings of this sacred place. It was a meaningful experience that many will remember for years to come.

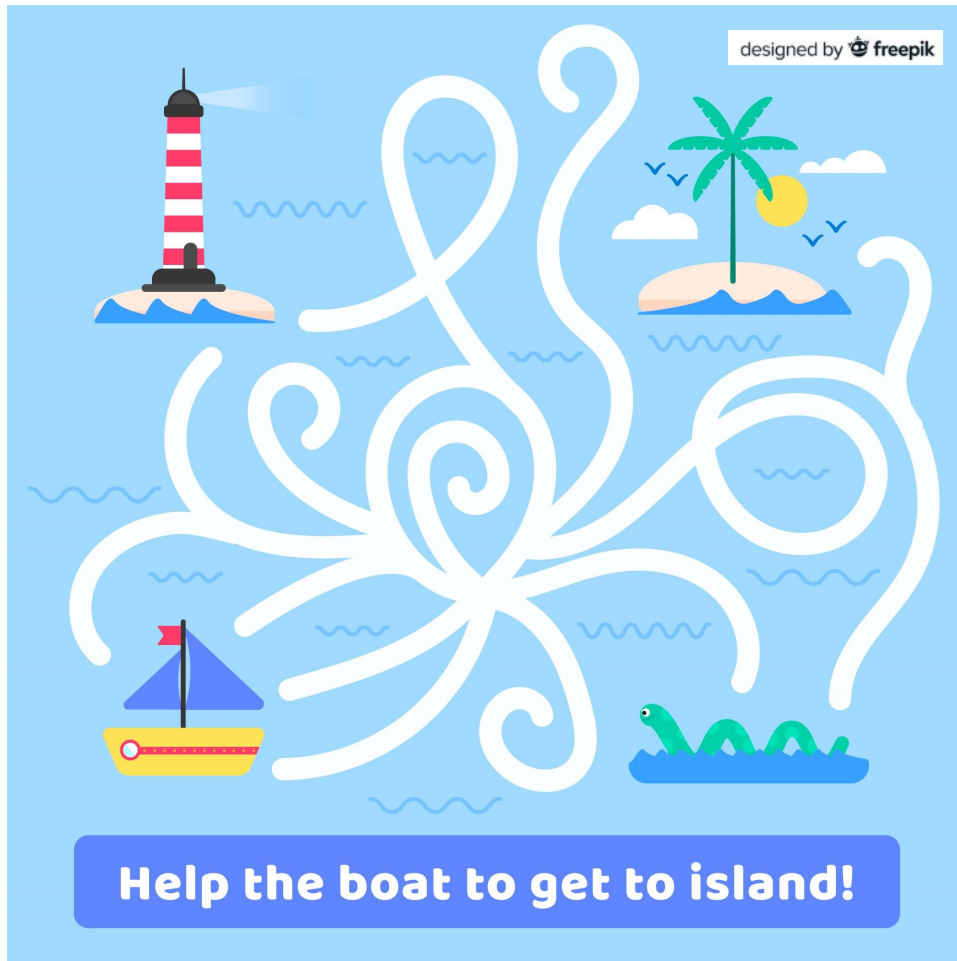
Afterwards, the children enjoyed a delicious fish and chip lunch — always a firm favourite! The sunshine, smiles, and sea air made it even more enjoyable.



A heartfelt thank you to Father David for taking us to Holy Island and guiding us through such a memorable day. We are so grateful for your time, care, and support.



BERNIE'S PUZZLE PAGE



RIDDLE FUN

I race without legs, I fly without wings, I cool you off with summer things.

A breeze!

I shine all day but never at night. I keep you warm and give you light. What am I?

The Sun!

I'm full of water, big and blue. On summer days, you jump into! What am I?

A Swimming Pool!

WORDSEARCH FUN



LOLLIES
HOLIDAY
SWIMMING
FAMILY

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On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of St. Bernadette's, we would like to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck as they continue their learning journeys in High School.

We sincerely wish our school community a very happy, healthy and peaceful Summer Holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again fully refreshed in September.



Live the Gospel and when necessary use words.

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