

# WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Welcome to the end of year edition of our blog as we break up for summer next week! In this edition we are celebrating wonderful successes both in and out of school. The recent summer fair with matched funding, raised £2937. Over the five years, the Friends of St Bede's have raised at least £10,000 as they have already paid for a number of items across school including the stage curtains. The money will go a long way to replacing some of the sound and lighting in the hall. They have also organised the tremendously successful 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Their time, effort and enthusiasm are very much appreciated by our entire school community.

As usual, you can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our Twitter page [@stbedes1957](https://twitter.com/stbedes1957).

## Archdiocese Media Competition Winners!

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Mrs McMurray took 5 pupils to Hope Chapel in Liverpool to take part in a competition across the Archdiocese. This competition was a student media competition entitled 'Scripture & Song' and was open to all schools within Liverpool Archdiocese.

The quality of performances and artwork was amazing and the students were all amazing! It was an inspiring morning and the judges praised our students for their creativity, the variety of performance and the effort that they put in to their compositions. Many schools over the Archdiocese entered with 15 performances on the day, not to mention an abundance of art and photography entries. Given the high standard of performances that was observed by the judges they decided to award first place to song, art, drama and dance. The overall first place prize was judged on creativity, quality of performance, how the written word reflects the end product and the impact of the performance or artwork had on the judges/audience.



### **We entered... 'God Comes to Find Us' - St Bede's Catholic High School (Dance)**

Choreographed and performed by Hetty Moss Y10, Sofia De Sousa Y9, Evie Jackson Y8, and Lucy Deakin Y8. They were asked to represent the theme God Comes to Find Us based on the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. (Luke 15:1-10).



**‘Tell of His Wonderful Acts’ - St Bede’s Catholic High School (Song)**

The inspiration for this song was Psalm 105 'Sing praises to Him and tell of His wonderful acts' as I thought that it would be a good psalm that I could write a story about. The words of my song tell the story of a concert from the perspective of the lead singer of a religious band (Such as Rend Collective or even Home Free). The singer feels like he has a calling to God through music, and to preach God's word through song is what he was created to do. The song is about him discovering this and feeling at home on the stage 'telling of his wonderful acts'. Song composition and performance, Isobel Housley, Year 10.

**And the winner is...**



**‘Tell of His Wonderful Acts’**  
 Isobel Housley  
 Year 10  
 St Bede’s Catholic High School

**Runners up...**

**‘God Comes to Find Us’**  
 Hetty Moss Year 10, Sofia De Sousa Year 9, Evie Jackson  
 Year 8, and Lucy Deakin Year 8  
 St Bede’s Catholic High School

The winners of the whole competition were as follows:

1st Place Dance Entry ‘God Comes to Find Us’ - St Bede’s Catholic High School

1st Place Song Entry ‘Tell of His Wonderful Acts’ - St Bede’s Catholic High School

The overall winner was Isobel Housley from St Bede’s Catholic High School, who performed and wrote her song: ‘Tell of His Wonderful Acts’.

We are extremely proud of all of the girls & even more excited that we won overall. We will be presented with a trophy in school! Well Done St. Bede’s!

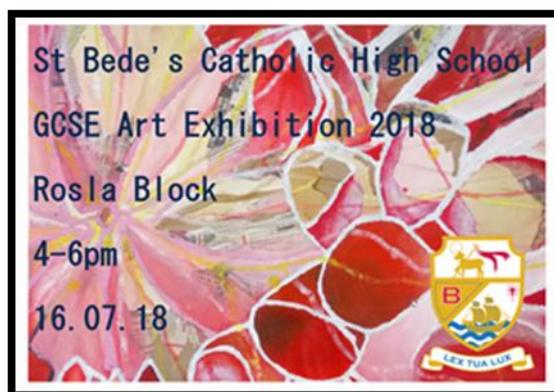
## Bede's students meet Sir Mo...the waxwork version!

8 pupils from St Bede's represented West Lancashire at this year's Lancashire School Games. An incredible team performance secured a bronze medal for our athletes. Pupils had an amazing day in the sun at Stanley Park Blackpool; they even got to meet Mo Farah (the waxwork). A huge congratulations to all involved.



## Visit the school to experience our amazing artists

Our annual art event takes place on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. We do hope you can make it to see the work our GCSE art students have produced.



## Beth competes as a world class gymnast

A huge 'well done' needs to go out to Bethany McCluskey in Year 7 who has just come back from an amazing world championship gymnastics competition in Florida. Bethany won the silver medal on floor and was placed 6th on bars and 8th on vault! She was 6th overall in her age group and her team finished in 5th place.

All of her achievements are down to years of hard work, determination and sheer resilience to improve her performance week on week.

A huge well done from the whole of St. Bede's - we are all very proud of you!



## Mathematicians excel in competition

Fur Y10 pupils, Joseph Caygill, Hetty Moss, Nicole Crompton & Luca Smith we came fourth in last week's maths competition at St John Rigby College. This was the first year we have entered a team and all other schools being represented had been attending the competition for quite a few years and therefore we know what to expect when we compete again next year! The questions were unlike any the pupils have faced before and the competition was quite fierce. Well done to all involved and a thanks to Mrs Scott for arranging this.



## Stillness in lessons promotes wellbeing

As a school we are looking to continually improve our support for student and staff well-being. This will be a major part of our school improvement plan. Miss Kelly's year 10 class took some time out post mock exams for some stillness and meditation. They did an excellent job at being still, mindful and remained composed, maintained concentration and allowed themselves to de-stress.



## Languages at the heart of learning

In September we will be launching our new initiative: Literacy matters in MFL. As part of the new GCSE specification pupils are required to understand some literary texts, so with that in mind we will be launching a new initiative in September:



## Literacy matters in MFL

Each month we will show case a classic French or German novel and it will be available for pupils to borrow from the LRC. We hope this cross curricular initiative will broaden our pupils' horizons, improve literacy skills and foster an interest in European literature, history and culture. Look out for the posters in the MFL Department and the LRC!

## MFL department becomes 'Smart Choice: German School'

This term, the Modern Foreign Languages Department are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious status of a 'Smart Choice: German School' by the Goethe Institute. The institute is a German cultural association, which operates worldwide, promoting the study of the German language abroad and encouraging international cultural exchanges and relations. The Institute was founded and is funded by the German Government.

We have received such an accolade as we have a firm commitment to the teaching and learning of German here at St Bede's. German, together with French, has been taught here since our opening in 1967. We are very proud of our German Department, and most recently celebrated results of 90% A\*-C compared to the National Average of 75% in 2017, a result which is typical of our high achieving MFL Department. We aim to do everything possible to make St. Bede's pupils stand out from the crowd; by learning German, our pupils benefit from a broader and more ambitious curriculum. We also recognise the practical and economic reasons for studying German and want to convey this as much as possible to our pupils. As a small school, when so many of our neighbouring secondary schools study Spanish, it is wonderful that our passion for German has been recognised and we have received such an honour.

Every year, we provide a broad spectrum of cultural events for our pupils; from our own St Bede's German Christmas Market to Kaffee und Kuchen mornings, German theatre productions and language quizzes as well as digital promotion such as the word of the week on our school homepage.

As part of our new 'Smart Choice: German School' status, we intend to create a German network, between us and our partner primary schools. We will act as a training centre and involve colleagues in the network in the myriad events we host. We have been fortunate enough to receive substantial funding from the Goethe Institute in order to facilitate this and we are very pleased to welcome Ormskirk St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Our Lady And All Saints Roman Catholic Primary, St John's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School to join us in our endeavour.

Next year, we will be visiting our partner primaries to deliver German teaching to Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils and to provide MFL teaching support and resources. Many of our partner primaries already deliver French to their pupils, so we hope that by offering German support; their pupils will be better equipped and excited about their time here at St Bede's. We will also host two special events, namely, a German Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, during which we will do various festive activities and learn about German Christmas customs and traditions and an interactive German Theatre and Workshop Day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

We strive to affirm our commitment to the teaching and learning of German wherever possible and look forward to working with our partner primary schools to inspire our future language learners next academic year.

With best wishes from the MFL Department, enjoy your summer holidays! Schöne Ferien! Bonnes Vacances!

## Fantastic Art work created in Year 8

Year 8 have been working hard on their Aboriginal masks. They have really enjoyed making them out of cardboard and painting with dots. Aboriginal masks were used for a variety of ceremonies, rituals, dances, and to honor ancient spirits in the culture. I'm sure you'd agree they've done a fantastic job!



## Faith in Action Award

Last week 11 pupils were presented with the Faith in Action Award by Archbishop Malcom McMahon. They joined 750 young people from the Archdiocese who received awards. Faith In Action Award is a Catholic Award which rewards active service in schools and parishes.

There are four different levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The award allows the Church to celebrate, recognize and reward all that active young people of faith already give to the Church; but it also challenges those young people to deepen their relationship with God and change the world in which they live. We are extremely proud of the pupils who worked so hard throughout the year to achieve the award. In October we will be registering pupils who want to complete the award next academic year.

This year's awardees were: Bronze; Marcus Ryan, Holly Doran, Jude Bull, Katherine Billington, Rebecca Moss, Will Jackson, Faith Barker, Isabella Reynolds, Harriet Shepherd, Sean Hartnett,

Silver: Will Marston



## Musical success

Well done to our musicians who have been successful in recent exams:

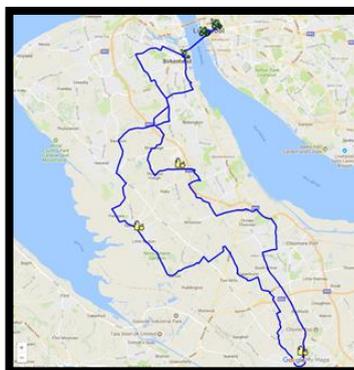
Sean Hartnett has passed his grade 1 piano exam

Alice King has passed her grade 4 tap exam

We are always delighted to hear about the musical successes of our students. We enjoy listening to their talent at all of our school events. Well done both Sean and Alice!

## St. Bede's Quartet complete Queenscourt Quest

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July Mr. Cookson, Mr. Doolan, Mrs Gallagher and Mr. Lockyer embarked on the Liverpool – Chester – Liverpool 50 mile Challenge to raise funds for Queenscourt Hospice in Southport.



Even on our arrival at the entrance to the Queensway (Birkenhead) Tunnel at 7:30 it was already warm both in temperature and atmosphere as all the participants estimated to be approximately 2,500 strong were eagerly awaiting their departure from Liverpool or Chester for one of five rides of varying distances.

On starting we immediately got some respite from the heat by entering the tunnel and riding down under the River Mersey. On exiting in Birkenhead and passing through some of the stunning scenery of Parkgate being mindful of a variety of potholes beneath us, we headed towards the Countess of Chester Hospital where much needed rest and refuelling took place.

Then for the return journey which took the riders through Great and Little Sutton, Hooton and back towards Oxton and Birkenhead with temperatures hitting a sweltering 33°C before re-entering the tunnel and exiting at the finish line to the iconic sight of the Royal Liver Buildings where much needed refreshments and rest were gratefully taken after our nearly 52 mile journey up and down the Wirral Peninsula.

An absolutely fantastic ride for such a worthwhile cause has so far raised (including gift – aid) £1010.63 through online donations plus some extra offline donations still to be accounted for. It's not too late to donate just click on the link below and donate as much as you can for an amazing cause. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StBedes4Queenscourt>. A big thank you to everybody who has helped contribute to such a fabulous total raised so far.



## Year 7 Art

Year 7 have made a clay cake container in their art lessons. They have learnt how to create a pinch pot and how to add relief and sgraffito onto their cake. Here are a few of the final pieces. A lovely keepsake is on its way home.

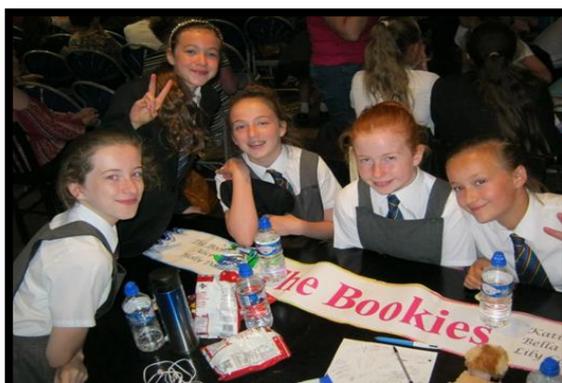


## More golfing success for Adam and now his sister too!

Adam won the Tommy Fleetwood Junior Trophy competition yesterday at Formby Hall with a 1 over round of 73. Tommy will present the trophy personally later in the year. In addition, Adam had his first call up for Lancashire Boys U18's Golf team. They successfully beat Cheshire Boys 11-7. With some England Boys squad members on both teams. His sister, Lauren, came 2nd in a NISA National Ice skating event, with her highest points tally of 19.40. Both Adam & Lauren have a busy summer schedule of national and international events.



## Big Book Quiz



Last week, the top two reading teams from St Bede's competed in the final of the Big Book Quiz. They were The Bookies from Year 7 and Star Books from Year 8. Every pupil taking part in the final had to read the same four books:

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- Frost Hollow Hall by Emma Carroll
- The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel
- Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy

We had some tough competition because there were 10 teams from schools around the North West who had all either won or come second in their local heat. Our teams took lots of sweets and drinks to feast on while we answered the questions! At the end, we waited nervously hoping that we had come in the top five, knowing the competition.

Our two teams came fourth and fifth, which was an outstanding result as a total of sixty teams competed overall!

Despite the results, we left feeling proud that we finished in the top five and that we had tried our best. It had been a shock to have even made it to the final. We discovered that we were only one and a half points off placing in the top three and about three and a half points off winning. It was a close competition!

**By Alice King, Bella Parker and Lily Copeland**

## Y9 Architecture Pictures in Art

The students have been designing their own structure based on an Artist called Tom Fruin using black paper and cellophane. Miss Byrom has been really impressed by their effort and attitude.



## Art club creations!

Year 8 and 9 art club made collaged portraits. To do this they used painted papers, old books, newspapers and magazines to create the colours and textures they wanted. These were then manipulated on Pixlr editor.



## Geography trips set out from school

### Year 7 Geography trip to Ormskirk.

This half-term the Geography department have taken year 7 to Ormskirk town centre. This was done as part of the settlement topic, where pupils 'bid' to open a new business in Ormskirk. Pupils undertook a number of tasks on the day including; a land-use survey, environmental quality survey and a pedestrian count. Now that we are back in school the pupils are using the information they gathered to decide what type of business Ormskirk would benefit from. They are busily creating graphs, charts, maps and a speech in order to win the 'bid'. The pupils all had a wonderful time and got a lot out of the experience. As a result they are producing some excellent work.



### Year 10 Geography trip to Liverpool One.

This half-term the Geography department have taken year 10 to Liverpool One. The purpose of the trip was to investigate how Liverpool has been redeveloped. The pupils undertook a number of tasks on the day including; a questionnaire, environmental quality survey and a pedestrian count. This was so that they could collect data, which they will be examined on in the paper 3 exam next summer. Now that we are back in school the pupils are using the information they gathered to see how Liverpool has been redeveloped. The pupils all had a wonderful time and got a lot out of the experience. It has really helped them to see how primary data is collected and the potential draw backs of various data collection techniques.



# Reading Matters

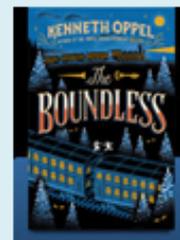
To help you and your child choose a book or five to read over the summer holidays, we've asked some of our pupils to compile a summer reading list of books they've enjoyed. To improve all aspects of literacy, it is recommended that pupils read for at least 20 minutes each day. Even though they're at secondary school, they should still try to read aloud (to themselves, a parent, a younger sibling, the dog, etc) as this improves oral fluency and reading comprehension. They can also share the reading with someone by taking turns to read a page or paragraph each. Although these recommended books are written for children or young adults, they are incredibly enjoyable for all ages. Our school librarian, Mrs Cain, recommends *Sweet Pizza* by G. R. Gemin, and says, "It's incredibly funny and warm, and is a light summer read." Mrs Wren recommends *Frost Hollow Hall* by Emma Carroll. "This is a heart-warming ghost story. In the heat of this summer, it transported me to the chilling threat of a frozen lake." Not only does reading make you cleverer and cleverer for every second you do it, it is a wonderful escape. We hope you and your child enjoy some of these fabulous books!



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell



Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy



The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel



Sweet Pizza by G. R. Gemin

Frost Hollow Hall by Emma Carroll



The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Milwood Hargrave



The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman



Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce



## Fantastic night had by all at our school prom

Well done to all of our Class of 2018 who celebrated their prom on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a very special event. Below you can see some of the photo booth creations the students enjoyed making.



## Speaking competition for our young stars!

On Thursday this week we entered the Archdiocesan speaking competition. It was the first time we entered the event and we sent the youngest team on the day. The students did the school proud. Mrs Skidmore explained to me, 'Amy and Holly were outstanding and worked incredibly hard. The competition was incredibly tough and it is clear that St Peter's have had a lot of experience. Both girls got feedback from the chair judge and are ready to go again. Next time we will win though... I am so proud of the girls'. A big well done to both girls and we look forward to seeing them next year competing once again!



## Pictures from rewards day

Thomas Abraham (Year 10) and Kevin Saunderson (Year 7) joined Mrs Farralley to learn about different types of volcanoes and styles of eruption. They made model volcanoes and erupted them Hawaiian style! They compared them to a more explosive type of eruption using the Coke and Mentos experiment as an analogy. Well done to both boys for a superb morning!



Students also created some lovely art work with Mrs Morris.



Meanwhile in Blackpool...



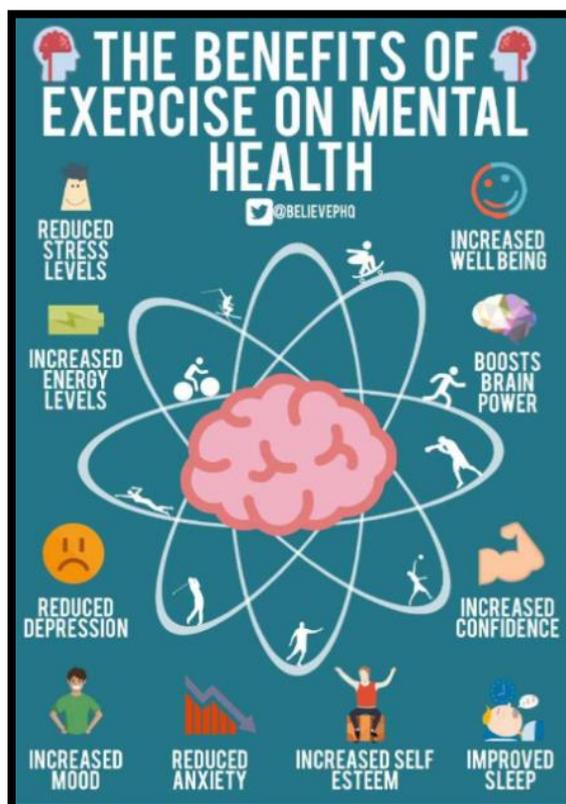
Have you been accessing the fantastic opportunities available at St Bede's

**Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 6**

	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> 1:00pm -1:30pm	<b>Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf</b> 1:00pm -1:30pm	<b>After School</b> 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
<b>Monday</b>	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) <b>Sports hall</b> Carlos 3.15-4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Living for Sport – Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Tennis (All years) <b>Ormskirk Tennis Club</b> 3:45pm-4:45pm  Trampolining (All years) <b>Sports hall</b> Mr Dawson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray)  Girls Football – All Years (Miss Gray) Sports Hall	Mr Doolan Year 11	Athletics (All years) <b>FIELD</b> Miss McGee & Miss Gray  Year 7&8 Boys football <b>(3G Astro)</b> Mr Oakley
<b>Thursday</b>		Miss Gray Year 10	Tennis (all years) <b>Sports hall/Gym</b> Mr Byrne (finishes 21 <sup>st</sup> June)
<b>Friday</b>	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Caygill) Sports Hall  PE Detention Sports Hall Classroom (Mr Dawson)	Mrs Turpin Year 9	

- **Lunchtime Clubs** - You must wear appropriate footwear (no shoes) and remove ties, blazers and jumpers.
- **Afterschool Clubs** – You must wear a full PE kit and appropriate footwear (no shoes).
- You **will not be allowed to participate**, if you fail to attend with the incorrect footwear and/or kit.

Here's why...



## Hot weather Advice

### Stay safe in the sun

We all love a sunny day, but it's important to protect yourself and those in your care and be mindful of how long you've been outside. Cancer Research UK (CRUK) and Public Health England (PHE) are campaigning to raise awareness of skin cancer due to a high level of exposure to the sun by advising and supporting people in how to reduce their cancer risk.

You can protect your family, friends and those you care for from the dangers of sun exposure in the following ways:

- Too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or sunbeds is the main cause of skin cancer and even in the UK, the sun can be strong enough to cause damage to your skin.
- Sunburn can easily catch you out, especially if you have fair skin, lots of moles/freckles, red/fair hair or light coloured eyes. So it's important we are protected when the sun is strong.

#### **Sun safety tips:**

Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Make sure that you:

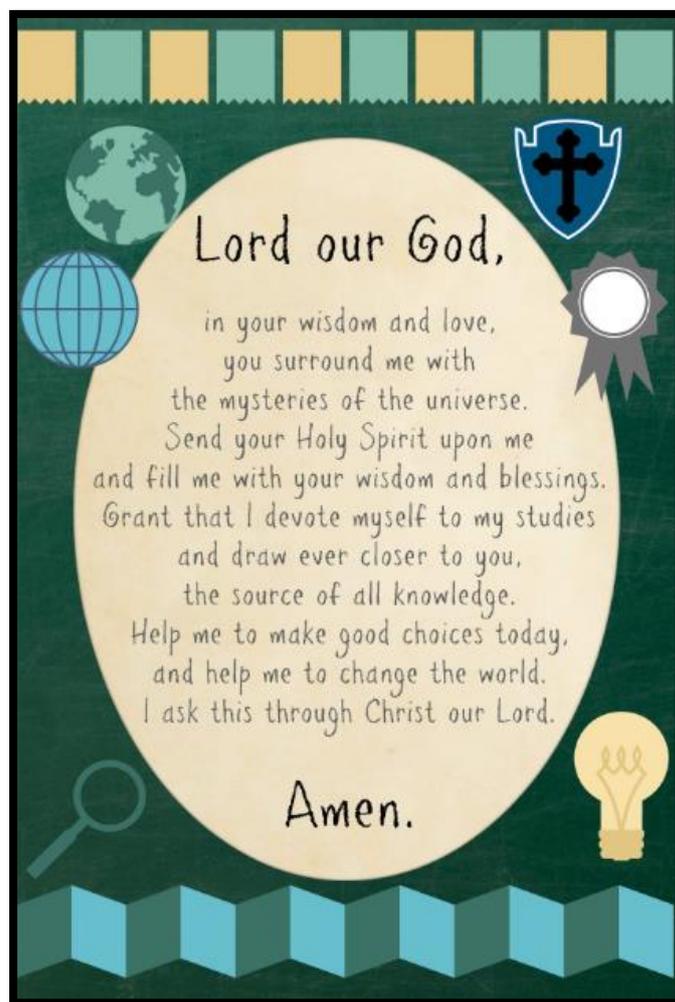
- never burn;
- wear a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses to cover up for protection;
- take extra care with children;
- use umbrellas, trees or canopies or just head indoors;
- use sunscreen with at least SPF15, put plenty on and remember to re-apply.

#### **Try the shadow rule:**

UV rays from the sun are strongest when your shadow is shorter than you, so that's when you're more likely to burn.

Please print and share this and the attached poster to enjoy the sun safely. For further information, please visit NHS Choices at <https://www.nhs.uk/Search/?q=sun+safety>

## Prayer for the week



## Requests for prayer

Father Godric, a great servant of the school and someone who is very special to all of us, is currently recovering from poor health. Please keep him in your prayers as we all pray for his recovery.

We would also be grateful if you could keep Kathryn Owe in your prayers. Kathryn is a school governor but is currently seriously ill. Once again, please keep her and her husband Ronny in your prayers at this very difficult time.

## Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog. Also if you have a relative or friend who you would like our school community to pray for let us know via [admin@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk).

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Head of School