

Advent Reflection

This term, students have met in their Houses at our new St Bede's Chapel for collective worship – it is very special to have a space in the centre of our school dedicated for worship and it is very much valued by the whole school community.

Through Advent, we have focused on the role of the donkey in some of the key moments in the Gospels: carrying the unborn Jesus with his parents to Bethlehem; enabling the holy family to escape the infant massacre, as refugees fleeing to Egypt; and leading Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his betrayal, trial and crucifixion.

The donkey seems a most unlikely creature to take such a pivotal role; unassuming, lowly and in many ways inadequate for the task. This serves to remind us that God uses ordinary, imperfect and unglamorous characters to help share the good news. We can be encouraged that we too, with all our obvious flaws and insecurities are called to serve God by loving others generously, as he loves us.

At St Bede's Inter-Church School, staff have the privilege and joy to nurture the children in our care and allow them to flourish. Children who lack confidence and have low self-esteem can take a long time to discover their true potential. At Christmas time, we are reminded once more that God became incarnate to be like us and to be with us, patiently revealing the close relationship God wants with his children. None of us are perfect but that can never separate us from God's love, nor should it prevent us from serving him. If the donkey was up to the task, so are we!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas!

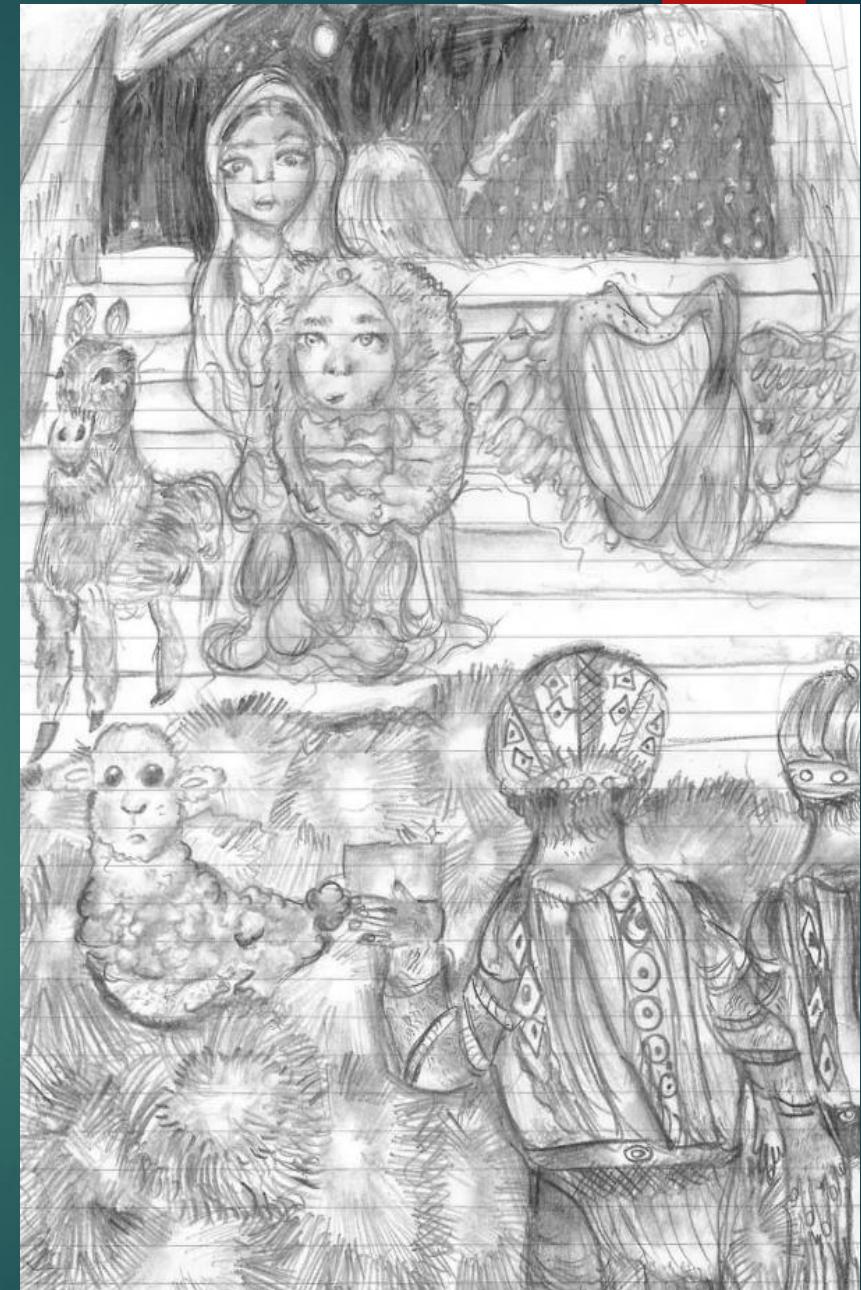


Year 7 Christmas Card Competition

It has become a tradition at St Bede's for Year 7 students to design the official school Christmas card which is sent on behalf of the school community. The following designs all received prizes. Many congratulations to all the students who took part.



Sophie O'Hare 7G-MH



Chizaram Ugwu 7G-MH

Year 7 Christmas Card Competition



Sophie Head 7C-LO



Isaac Odier-Chessa 7C-LO

Year 7 Christmas Card Competition



Naomi Ong 7G-AH



Hannah Park-Smith 7C-LO

Grand opening of the new Chapel and Music Block



The new Chapel and Music Block were officially blessed and dedicated by Bishop Peter, from the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and Bishop Sam, the Anglican Bishop of Stockport, on Wednesday 17th September



The new Chapel



Chaplaincy reps, musicians and senior students attended the service, along with governors and visitors. Bishop Sam was himself a student at St Bede's and it was during his time here that the school became an Inter-Church school. As he expressed hopes for the future, he shared memories from the past and helped us to reflect more deeply on the enduring symbols of our school identity in our badge and motto. Both bishops sprinkled our new buildings (and the people within!) with holy water as they prayed for God's blessing on these facilities and the learning and discipleship which will take place within them.

Year 10 Pupils: Printmaking Workshop



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On 6th November, we were delighted to welcome Curwin Press to our school for a full day of specialist printmaking with our talented Year 10 Art & Design pupils. The workshop offered students opportunity to immerse themselves in two traditional printmaking techniques: dry-point engraving and collagraph printing. They developed their own plates from portrait drawing completed in lessons. The atmosphere was one of focus, creativity, and genuine excitement as pupils saw their drawings come to life through the printing press.

Pupils produced very skilled and visually striking prints & the course co-ordinators were thoroughly impressed by the standard of work.

The prints will now be submitted as part of the pupils GCSE coursework portfolios.

It was an inspiring day for all involved, and we look forward to inviting Curwin Press to St Bede's again.





Textiles News

Congratulations to Hannah Ginger who is a runner up in the Cambridge Arts Theatre's *Design the Dame's Dress* competition!



Hannah's design captured the essence of the Dame, really showing understanding of the character and her over-the-top style. Representatives of the theatre said that they *loved Hannah's creativity, bright colours, pots and pans and roller skates* and felt it really represented their *larger-than-life Panto Dame!*

We are looking forward to seeing Hannah's design work printed in the souvenir brochure of Sleeping Beauty this Christmas season.

Well done Hannah!



Crochet Help Needed!

Thank you to all from our school community who have contributed to our summer Crochet Flower Drive, we really appreciate your hardwork and creativity.

We are building a flower wall display for a secret spring project, please bring in your crochet contributions if able.

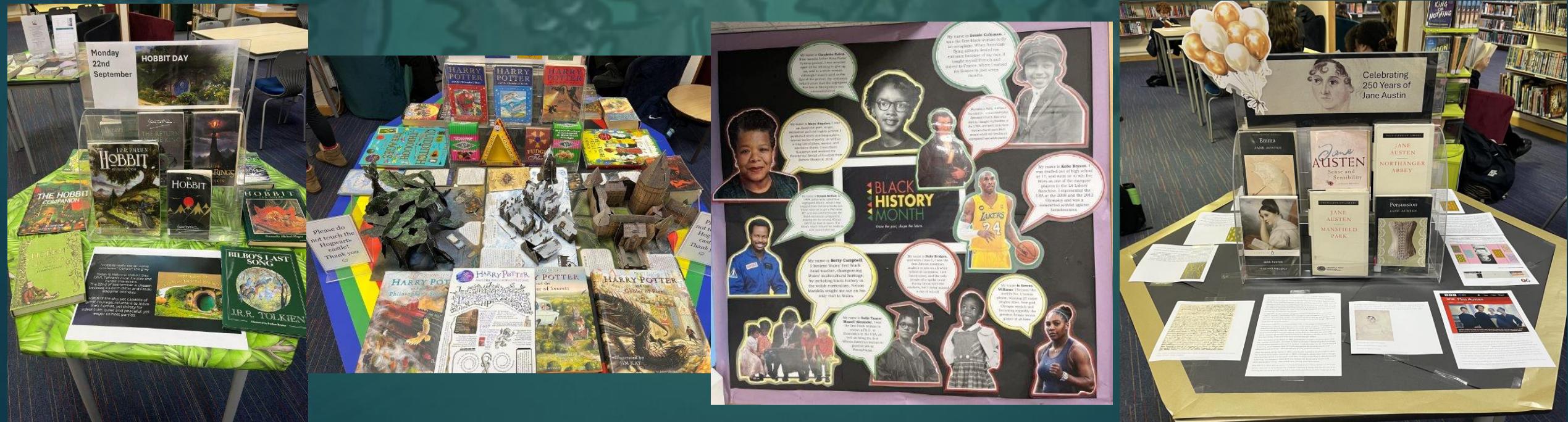
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Library News December 2025

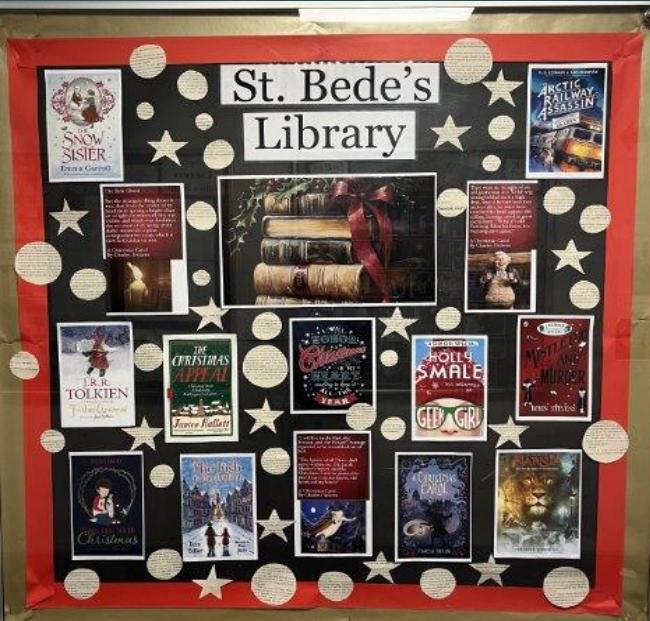


- ❖ A total of 3937 books have been loaned so far this term!
- ❖ We have celebrated, Hobbit Day, Harry Potter Book Day, National Poetry Day, Black History month, World Mental Health Day, Anti-Bullying Week, Empathy Action Month, Non-Fiction November, and Jane Austin's Birthday.
- ❖ We hosted a book fair during the first week of December – thank you to everyone who supported that.
- ❖ Six students from year 7 have joined our fabulous team of student librarians and are proving to be very hard working and enthusiastic. A big thank you to all the student librarians for helping make the library such a fantastic space!



Library News December 2025

- ❖ The Library Challenge during the first half term was to match the book to the teacher, which proved to be popular. This half term's library challenge will be announced soon....check on the school website for more details.
- ❖ Have a wonderful Christmas!



Happy Christmas and thanks from the Special Educational Needs/Inclusion Department



We would like to thank all our pupils and parents involved with our department for their help and kindness in working with us to make inclusion at St Bede's increasingly meaningful. We very much want to continue our work to see families' needs contextually, so that we can work together to meet, not just the needs of our pupils, but also support wider neurodiversity within families and your access to services.

Of special mention are the parents who support us with their working knowledge of wonderful support services like PinPoint in Cambridge, of the Virtual School and to the many Christian organisations who will go above and beyond to support other families in accessing SEND services.

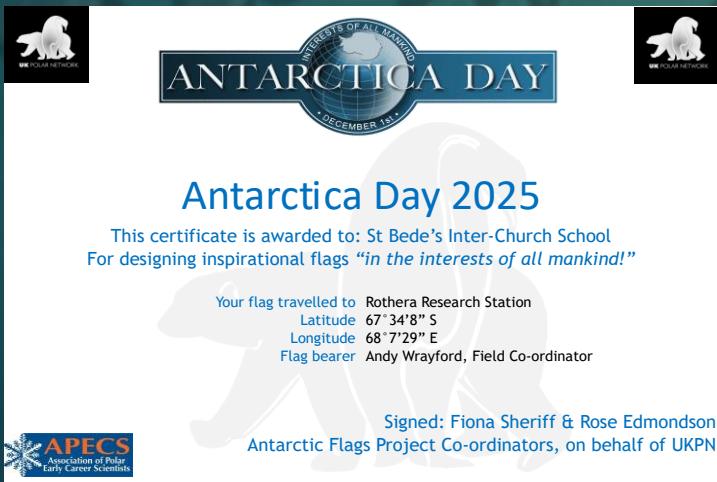
We would also like to extend our gratitude to those external professionals who have co-produced with us wrap-around support for families and children. We would like to express our gratitude to child paediatrician Dr Alison Sansome of the Peacock Centre, the wonderful teams at A Learning Place, Romsey Mill and TLC, the paediatrician team of surgeons, physiotherapists and occupational therapists at Addenbrookes, to Alex James-Best, Speech and Language Therapist, to Revd. Danny Driver of Christ the Redeemer, to Sarah Attle of Blue Smile, Becky Wilburn of The Acorn Project, Holly Hewerdine of Centre 33 and Ben Bradley from Cambridgeshire Music. Thanks are also due to the charities SMIRA and ADHDUK.

Geography – Year 7 Antarctic flag competition

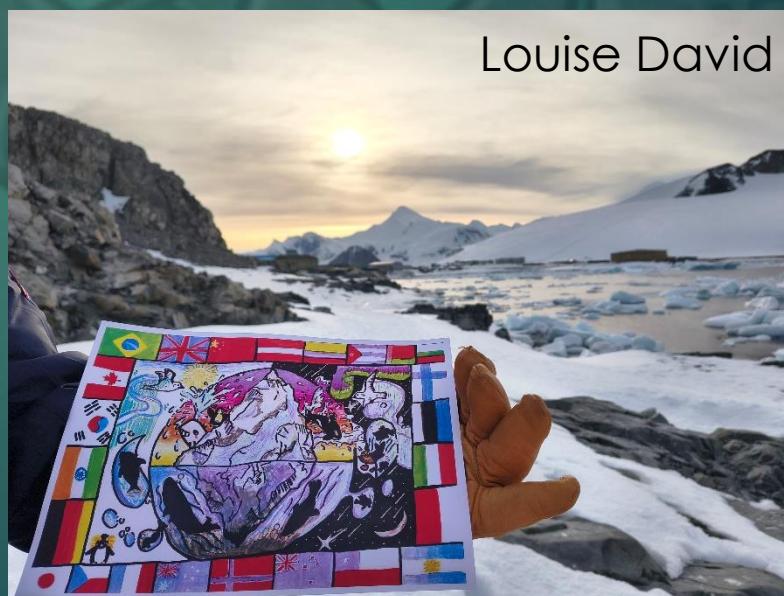
As part of their Amazing Environments topic, Year 7 students took part in the 'UK Polar Network's Antarctic Flag' competition. Students learned about Antarctica's unique landscape and environment and then designed flags to represent this special continent.

Two flags, created by Louise David (7P-JP) and Mila Thomson (7E-AH), were sent from St Bede's and have arrived in Antarctica! They were photographed by Andy Wrayford, a field co-ordinator at Rothera Research Station on the Antarctic Peninsula.

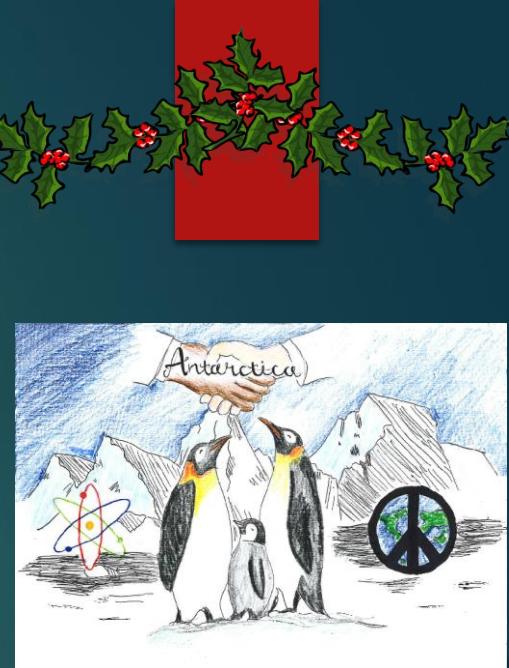
Well done to all Year 7 students for their excellent effort in producing some very creative flags, and congratulations to Louise and Mila!



Mila Thomson



Louise David



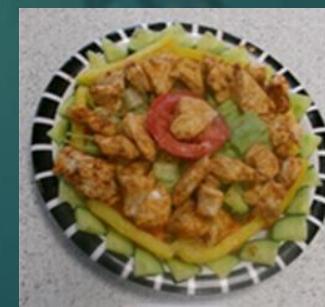
Food Technology – Autumn Term

A very busy term creating tasty, well presented food. Learning how to prepare ingredients such as live mussels, honing knife skills and also showing a range of other culinary skills and demonstrating consideration of nutritional needs.

The cake unit shows high levels of control to achieve aesthetic perfection and though not healthy are lovely for occasional treats

Year 7 Fabulous Salads

Year 7 practical assessment had to show of a range of cutting and presentation skills to produce a salad dish. I know you will agree they look gorgeous.

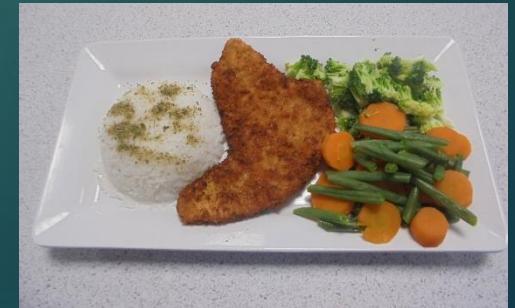


Year 9 Cake unit

Year 9s have had a very busy term making a variety of cakes and practising decorating techniques culminating in their own 'Showstopper' cake. Here is a small selection.



Year 10 Dishes On a variety of themes



#Fish Hero Mussels

Flexing our “Mighty Mussels” again this term... Thanks to #Fish Heroes -Food Teacher's Centre UK we were one of 200 schools to receive mussels from Offshore Shellfish. Here are the students enjoying the experience...



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Competition 2025



Joint 2nd



1 st



Joint 2nd



3rd



4th

Food for animals and birds

Staff, parents and students turned out on a Saturday morning to plant 210 fruiting saplings on the school site for future generations, for the benefit of nature, to enhance the beauty of the site and to help provide a green lung for Cambridge. Very important for our role as guardians of God's creation. We finished by eating brunch together of soup and sandwiches. Thanks to all who participated.



Tree Planting at St Bede's Inter-Church School on Saturday 6th December

Staff, students and parents volunteered to plant over 200 seedlings of native trees on the boundary of the school's playing fields. The trees were donated by The Woodland Trust and included sloe, hawthorn, hazel, dog rose, rowan and crab apple; all selected to provide valuable food sources for wildlife, as well as being highly ornamental.



Volunteers were treated to homemade soup and sandwiches organised by Miss Hope in appreciation of their hard work!

Humanities Faculty - History Department

Black History Month House Competition

Well done to Year 9 students from Ephesus and Rome for jointly winning the most house points! The fantastic poster designs can be viewed in the Humanities corridor.



FEMALE BLACK TUDORS.

Female Black Tudors were diverse women who traveled to England through various means, while some arrived enslaved, many were free and independent, working in specialized roles and were active members of their local communities.

FEMALE Black Tudors. How they came to England

Many Black Tudors came to Tudor England. Black women came to England in many different ways. Some women came from Africa with English merchants who were actively trading during the Tudor period. Others came from southern Europe with Portuguese merchants and indirectly being captured during English privateering raids on Spanish or Portuguese vessels. Some individuals were enslaved and brought to England.

WORK

- Many black women worked as domestic servants in large aristocratic households
- Performing specialized tasks like laundering, polishing and nursing.
- Some women were able to earn money for their services and be integrated into their parish.
- Others were able to achieve considerable degrees of economic independence by working the land and selling dairy products.

Mary Fillis

An example of a female black Tudor is Mary Fillis. She came to England as a young child. She was born in 1577 as a daughter to a Moroccan basket weaver and slave maker. Mary arrived in England in the early 1580s. As a young woman she worked for a merchant as a servant. She worked with other young servant of African origin. When Mary was slightly older she became a maid to a dressmaker. She was keen to learn a trade and became more independent. While she was not yet free, she was not held in the bonds of Christianity. She knew her story because it was written down on her baptismal records.

Catherine of Almondbury

Catherine lived in Almondbury in the west of England. We know that she was of African origin. She died in 1623. She was a black woman, a single woman, basket weaver and slave maker. Mary arrived in England in the early 1580s. As a young woman she worked for a merchant as a servant. She worked with other young servant of African origin. When Mary was slightly older she became a maid to a dressmaker. She was keen to learn a trade and became more independent. While she was not yet free, she was not held in the bonds of Christianity. She knew her story because it was written down on her baptismal records.

Philis Wheatley

Philis Wheatley, aged only 20 years old, a West African poet became the first published black woman. She was enslaved in Boston where she was bought to read and write. She made her living from her cow. She made money by selling milk or cheese and butter to her neighbours. She was a highly skilled seamstress. That she had served more than 11 years on HMS Charlotte, her real birthname was unknown, and was a black woman to what a ordinary Tudor woman might have been. We get a window into the lives of people of African origin living in rural areas.

William Brown

in 1815 the royal navy discovered a black woman in their ranks disguised as a man. She was a highly skilled seaman. That she had served more than 11 years on HMS Charlotte, her real birthname was unknown, and was a black woman to what a ordinary Tudor woman might have been. We get a window into the lives of people of African origin living in rural areas.

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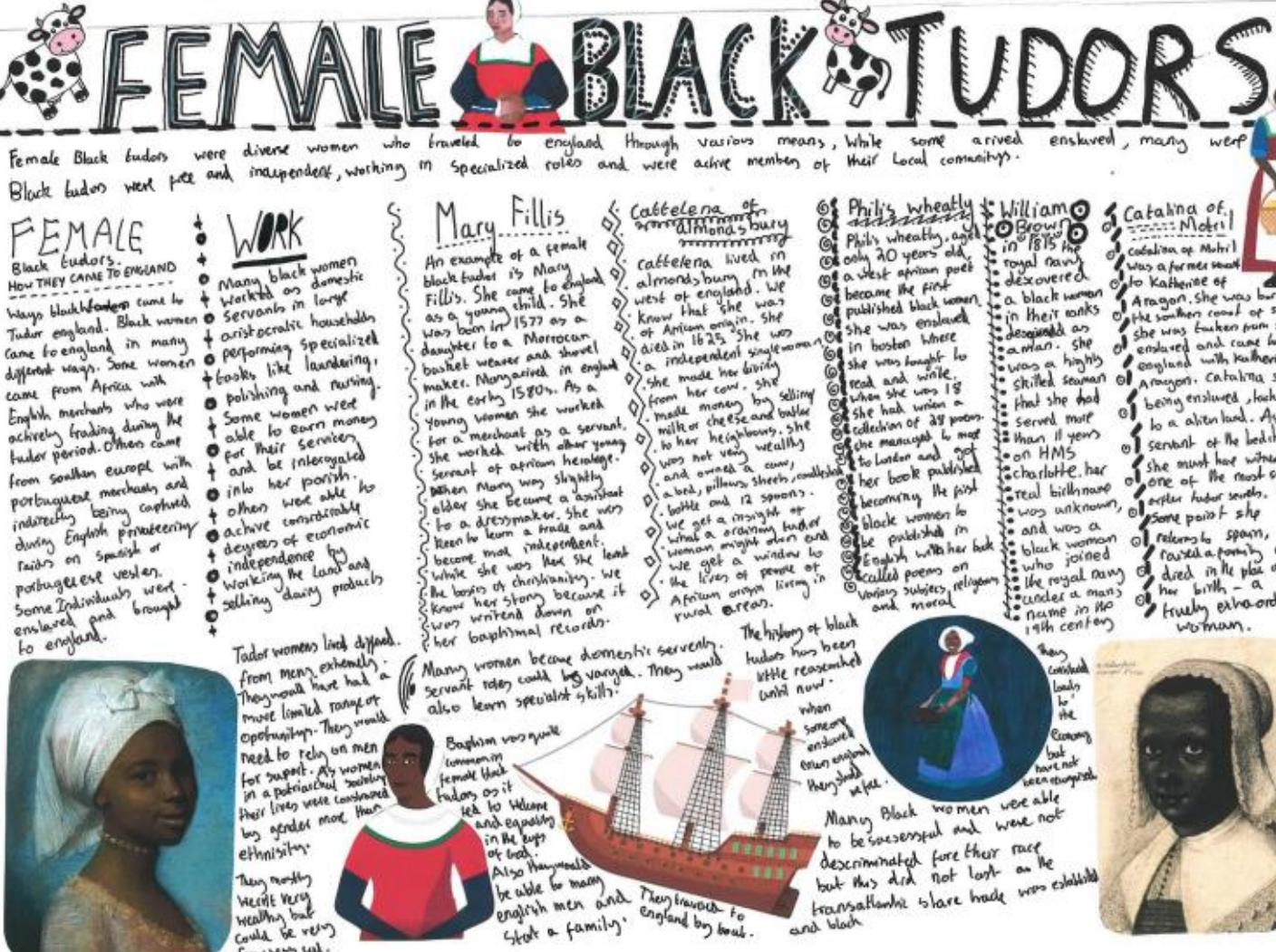
Catalina of Mabri was a former slave of Katherine of Aragon. She was born in the southern coast of Spain. She was taken from Spain and enslaved and came to England with Katherine of Aragon. Catalina survived Tragedy struck when her foster daughter Martha died. So she set up a foundation to be their guide. 18-21 yr old girls could find, a roof over their heads and peace of mind.

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Many women became domestic servants. They would little researched until now. When someone enslaved their own child, they had their wife.

Baptism was quite common in female Black Tudors as it led to welcome and equality in the eyes of God. Also, it would be able to marry English men and start a family.

Many Black women were able to be successful and were not discriminated for their race, but this did not last as the transatlantic slave trade was established and black



Sybil Phoenix

Sybil Phoenix A name not well known. Standing on deck looking over the sea, feeling wild and free.

She created 'Clubland' So black young people could belong. She did the same in Lewisham, She wanted everyone to know they were part of the throng.

One came the first, then came the second. Than over 100 children. Gave them a home and food to share And gave them a Mum who they knew would care.

She didn't stop there, She founded the youth centre Moonshot Where everyone got their share. In 1977 she faced racial hate, but she would not let that define their fate.

Though the Moonshot Centre was burnt down Sybil wanted to turn the page around. "My name is Phoenix", she declared. "So help me God, out of the ashes, I will rebuild Moonshot."

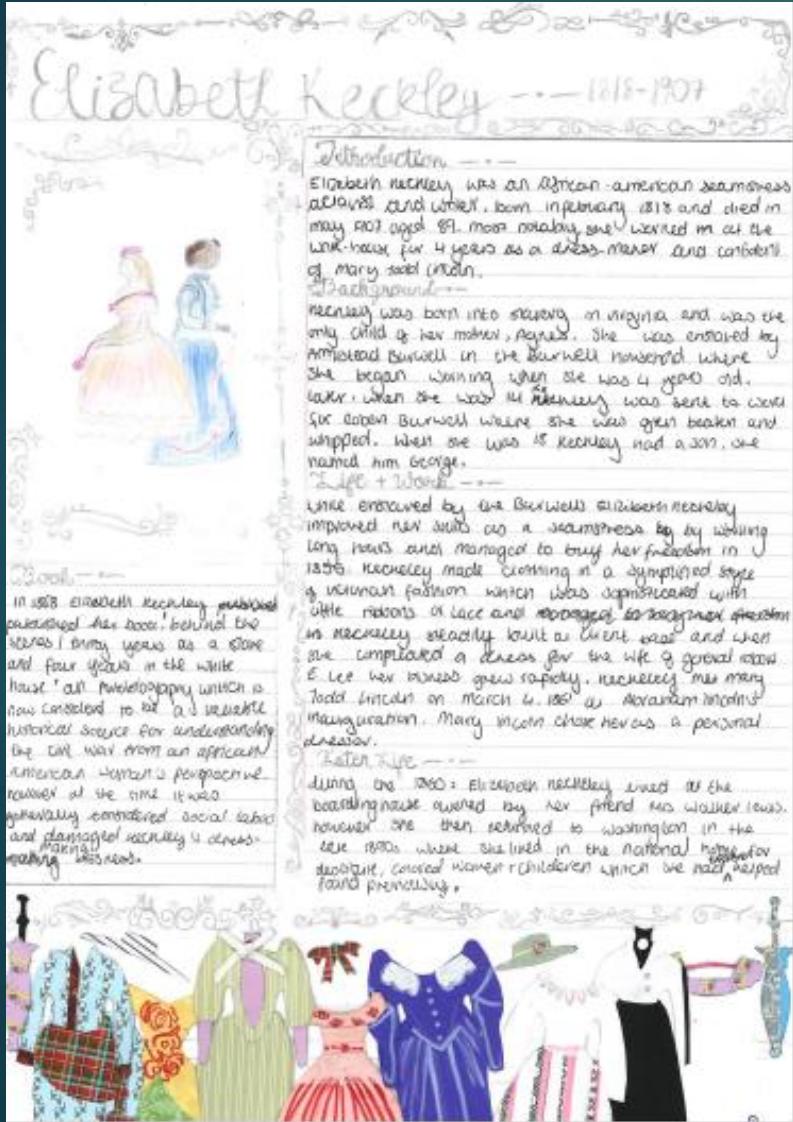
Lily Fox 96

The centre was there when New Cross Fire struck, Thirteen young black people lost their lives. The Moonshot Centre was a place for the community to seek justice and to thrive. Sybil's voice rang loud and clear, Let's create a place for everyone here.

Sybil Phoenix, Defined by faith, love and community, Also was awarded with a great opportunity. She got an MBE and OBE for her amazing work and fight for racial equality.



Black History Month House Competition



Excellent poster designs highlighting this year's theme:

Standing firm in power and pride

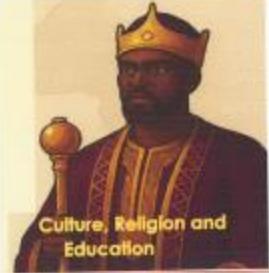
Highlighting the profound contributions made by black people as leaders, activists or pioneers that have shaped history.

A magazine spread with a black background. The title 'DIDO' is in large white letters at the top. Below it is a portrait of Dido Elizabeth Belle. The text reads: 'For a powerful aristocrat like Dido's father, it was not unheard of to be a legal guardian of an illegitimate child; however, it was unusual for a mixed-race child to be raised as family rather than as a servant. Dido was instead taught to read, write and play music, as well as receiving an annual allowance.' To the right, the title 'Elizabeth BELLE' is written in a large, elegant script. Below the title is a portrait of Elizabeth Belle. The text continues: 'Dido's uncle, Lord Mansfield, was Lord Chief Justice, and his rulings shaped the law on slavery for decades. However, one particular case stands out: the Somerset case. James Somerset, an African slave, challenged his deportation to the colonies. Mansfield declared that slavery was unsupported by British law, and so enslaved people could not be forced to leave the country. While the ruling wasn't the abolition of slavery, it changed the way slavery was viewed by many people. It is unclear how much Dido's presence in Mansfield's life influenced this decision, and, without direct evidence, it is a popular source for historians to debate.' At the bottom, there is a portrait of a woman in historical clothing.

Well done to Year 8 students for their fantastic poster designs which can be viewed in the Humanities corridor. Year 8 have been learning about African Kingdoms and created these in connection with Black History Month.

MANSA MUSA THE GOLDEN KING OF MALI

"Gold comes from God, and I give it to those who need it."



Culture, Religion and Education

A devout Muslim, Mansa Musa promoted Islamic learning and architecture. He transformed Timbuktu and Gao into major centres of education and culture, attracting scholars, poets, and artists from across the Islamic world.

He commissioned the building of the Djinguereber Mosque in Timbuktu—which still stands today as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

His encouragement of scholarship helped make Mali a beacon of intellectual achievement in medieval Africa.

Who Was Mansa Musa?

Mansa Musa (ruled 1312–1337 CE) was the 10th Mansa (emperor) of the Mali Empire, one of the largest and most prosperous empires in West Africa. Under his leadership, Mali expanded its borders, controlled vast trade networks, and became renowned across Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Wealth and Power

Mali was rich in gold, salt and other valuable trade goods, which were exchanged across the Trans-Saharan trade routes. Mansa Musa's legendary pilgrimage [Hajj] to Mecca in 1324 displayed his wealth and generosity. He travelled with an enormous entourage of thousands of soldiers, servants, and camels carrying gold.

His generosity was so great that he disrupted the economy of Cairo by giving away too much gold, temporarily lowering its value!

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

This year's Black History Month theme celebrates resilience, pride, and progress. Mansa Musa embodies these values through his leadership, cultural vision, and contribution to world history — a reminder that Africa has always been a centre of innovation, knowledge, and power.



QUEEN IDIA

WARRIOR QUEEN OF THE BENIN KINGDOM

WHO WAS SHE?

- Mother of Oba Esigie, king of Benin.
- Key political advisor and military strategist.
- Known for intelligence and leadership.

ROLE IN THE KINGDOM

- Advised her son in politics and governance.
- Led warriors in battles to protect and expand the kingdom.

IMPORTANCE IN BLACK HISTORY

- African women were leaders and warriors.
- Rich history of African kingdoms before colonization.
- Inspires pride in African heritage.



Symbol of strength, protection, and leadership



BENIN KINGDOM

FUN FACTS

- Iyoba - meaning 'Mother of the King'

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Okonko Anokye—The first priest of Asante Empire. He is known for his participation in the expansion of the empire.



Mansa Musa

Mansa Musa was ninth Mansa of Mali Empire. Musa's reign is often regarded as the zenith of Mali's power and prestige, although he further less in Mandé-Mali oral tradition.



Osei Tutu I

One of the founders of Asante Empire, assisted by Okonko Anokye, his chief priest.



Golden Sceptre

• Golden sceptre only owned by King of Asante but made around the 1700s and held in 19th century by T.Y. Apa.



Golden Stool

Parents', Teachers' and Friends' Association of St Bede's

PTFA Christmas 2025 Update



The autumn term was full of activities and events involving the whole St Bede's community. Funds raised contributed to the school Student Fund which supports school trips.

Term started with a **Welcome to the Year 7 students** and their families in October. This Fun Evening saw 110 students enjoy an after school games time and matinee, Roald Dahl's movie 'The Twits', a popular choice. At the end of the evening parents and carers gathered in school house groups where they too made new friends!

In November we held an **International Evening** This is always a popular event in our school community. This year 200 people celebrated the cultural diversity of St Bede's with music, dance and food. We brought together an interesting mix of styles, starting with our Teachers' band, which opened the evening with rock music, then we were treated to English folklore by the Fenstanton Morris dancers, followed by a celebration of African culture with the St Bede's students CAN Next Gen group, then Latin culture with Salsa dance and to end the evening Spanish flamenco. The Sevilhanas dance brought many to the dance floor.

A huge **thank you** to all Volunteers, for their time and support in helping make this event a success and to teachers and families who donated gifts and vouchers for the raffle prizes.

The **Christmas Tree Event** ends the term in December with seasonal joy.

On tree collection Saturday the PTFA volunteers prepare Christmas treats and refreshments. This has now become a special school tradition. **Thank you** to all families who supported this fundraiser - 47 trees were sold raising £587.50. **Thank you** to Justin and Beckie at <https://www.newnhamchristmastrees.co.uk/> for their generous collaboration.

Announcements ...

1- Matching Donation Scheme - A wonderful way families and friends in our school community might get involved raising funds through their work if a Matching Donation Scheme is in place. If you're in this position, the PTFA committee would like to hear from you.

This year we were the happy beneficiary of a generous donation from one parent who raised £500 in support of the sponsored walk through the Lloyds Bank Foundation - Charity Matched Giving scheme. This was a much appreciated initiative - **thank you!**

2- Chair role - Following the AGM - potential candidates please do email PTFA ptfa@stbedes.cambs.sch.uk

3- Spring Term Events : AGM meeting Jan 27th - Year 7/8 Disco in February - Ceili in March - dates tbc

4- EasyFundraising-This initiative supports the School student welfare fund - help raise funds this Christmas with your online shopping at no cost to you.



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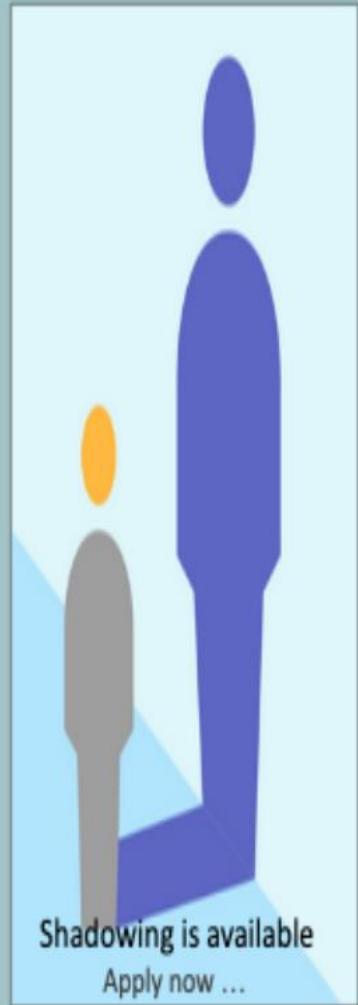
Would you like to join the PTFA Committee?

Please, register your interest by emailing:

Ptfa@stbedes.cambs.sch.uk

At every AGM meeting in January the PTFA office roles:
Chair, Secretary & Treasurer are up for election or re-election.

- The **Chair** position will become available at the next AGM on 27th of January 2026
- Are you available to **Step in** ?
- Our School PTFA needs your help to embrace this role and keep continuity to the present & active PTFA in our school community
- Email ptfa for inquires or even to discuss informally what is involved!



PTFA office Roles:
Chair/ Treasurer /Secretary



Use this QR code to sign up to Easyfundraising for St Bede's PTFA

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbedesptfa>



Use this QR code to make donations to St Bede's PTFA towards ongoing activities or refreshments

U12 Football Tournament

The U12 boys participated in their first football tournament away at Bottisham on 27th November against 6 other schools with a dream, to win it all. We started against Netherhall, who we had previously lost to quite heavily a few weeks prior, so the boys were a little bit nervous. However, this didn't show on the football pitch and St Bedes ran away with a 3-0 victory and won comfortably with Dawson in goal hardly being troubled. The team was absolutely buzzing, which led us perfectly into our next game against Bottisham (who had beaten us a week before). St Bedes took a deserved 1-0 lead and were pushing for a second, except Bottisham hit back and equalised with a few minutes to go, with the game finishing 1-1. Our next match was against Linton, thanks to a resolute performance from Mo, Tommy and Dawson the game ended 0-0 with nothing to separate the sides. We then faced Soham who were currently unbeaten, despite St Bedes creating good opportunities through Petros and Kavalli, Soham managed to score 2 quick goals and take a strong lead which then held for the rest of the match which finished 2-0. The boys were deflated and needed some motivation going into our last game against Sawston. The game was poised at 0-0, St Bedes knew that with a goal they could secure a strong finish and needed someone to step up with a touch of magic. Up steps Alex, who beautifully curled in a corner which managed to find the top corner and leaving the keeper with no chance. St Bedes held on until the end and won the game 1-0. St Bedes ended up finishing second in the league, they should feel very proud of themselves and represented the school admirably.

Girls Football



County Cup

- ▶ The U14 Girls Football Team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a 5–1 victory over Neale Wade. This impressive win means the U14s are now through to the quarter-finals.
- ▶ Looking ahead, the U16 Girls Team will be playing their quarter-final match against Abbey College in the New Year.

District Cup

- ▶ U14 Girls Team opened their campaign in style with an impressive 4–1 victory against Linton in the first round. Unfortunately, their journey came to an end in the next round with a tough away defeat to Bottisham.
- ▶ The U16 Girls Football Team beat Swavesey Village College 5–3 in their quarter-final match on the 8th December and progress to the semi-final that will take place in January.

Good luck to both teams, keep up the great work and continue making the school proud!

Year 11 District Netball Tournament



The Year 11 Netball Team made an excellent start to the District Tournament, which was played in a round-robin format. The girls won their first five matches against Cottenham, Netherhall, Sawston A, Sawston B and Impington, showing strong teamwork and consistency throughout. They then drew a closely contested match 4–4 against Chesterton.

The fixture against St Mary's proved to be extremely tight, with the team narrowly losing by a single goal, 6–5. Another closely fought match followed against Swavesey, which ended in a 4–2 defeat.

Their strong performances across the tournament secured them an excellent second-place finish in the District Tournament, congratulations to the team.

Year 10 District Netball Tournament



The Year 10 team competed against six schools in the group stage of the District Tournament and delivered an outstanding performance, winning all of their matches. Over the course of the group stage, they scored an impressive 49 goals while conceding only 13.

The team progressed confidently to the semi-finals, where they faced Chesterton Village College in a much more challenging encounter. Trailing 4–0 at half-time, the girls showed exceptional resilience and determination to level the score to 4–4 by full time. As per tournament rules, the match went into five minutes of extra time, during which the team held their nerve and secured a thrilling 7–5 victory.

The final against Comberton Village College proved to be another closely contested match, with little separating the two sides. Demonstrating excellent teamwork and composure, the girls edged a hard-fought 4–3 win to be crowned District Tournament champions.

Year 9A District Netball Tournament

The Year 9A team had an excellent District Tournament, scoring 36 goals in the group stage against NCA, Bassingbourn, Impington and Bottisham. Their only group loss was a tight 9–6 match against Impington.

They moved confidently into the semi-final, beating Swavesey 8–5, which set up a rematch with Impington in the final. Despite great effort, they were defeated 8–2.

Year 9A finished the day as District Tournament runners-up — a brilliant achievement and a testament to their teamwork and determination.



Year 9B District B Netball Tournament



The girls faced strong opposition in the District B Netball Tournament and performed with great skill and resilience throughout. They remained focused and determined in every match, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. The team secured convincing victories against Sawston (4–0), Comberton (5–2) and Chesterton (6–1), and although they were defeated 5–2 by Impington Village College, they showed commendable effort and perseverance throughout the game.

Congratulations to the team who finished in 2nd Place in the District Tournament.

Year 8A District Netball Tournament

The Year 8A team put in a superb performance at the District Netball Tournament, competing in a tough group with Bottisham, Linton, Swavesey, Chesterton, Sawston and Impington. They played with great determination throughout, earning impressive wins over **Linton, Chesterton and Swavesey**, and drawing with the remaining teams.

Their strong results placed them **joint 2nd in the group**, narrowly missing out on progression on goal difference. Despite this, the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts — they **went unbeaten all tournament** and finished in 5th Place.



Year 8B Netball District Tournament

The Year 8B team delivered an excellent performance at the District Netball Tournament, competing in a round robin against Comberton, Bottisham, Bassingbourn and Swavesey. They started strongly, scoring an impressive **9 goals against Bottisham**, and continued their momentum with solid wins over **Comberton** and **Bassingbourn**.

Their only loss came against a very strong **Swavesey** side, the eventual winners, in a competitive **3-1** match.

Finishing **Runners-Up in the District B Tournament** is a fantastic achievement, and the team should be proud of their hard work, improvement and team spirit throughout the tournament.



Year 7 Netball District Tournament

The Year 7 Netball A Team performed superbly in the group stage of the District Netball Tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination throughout. They secured convincing victories against Cottenham V.C (6-0), Bottisham V.C (10-0), and Bassingbourn (6-2), as well as two strong wins over Bottisham V.C (5-0). In a closely contested match against Sawston V.C, the team showed great resilience to claim a narrow 6-5 victory.

The team progressed to the semi-final where they faced Impington V.C in an exciting and hard-fought game. Despite a strong performance, they were narrowly defeated 2-1. Overall, the Year 7 Netball A Team finished an impressive 3rd place in the District Tournament, a fantastic achievement.



U14 County Schools Netball Final

After finishing as runners-up in last year's Year 8 District Tournament, the U14 squad qualified for the County Schools Netball Final, held at The Perse School on 8th November. The competition featured two groups of six teams playing a full round robin. In the group stage, the girls faced **Impington**,

Kimbolton, Cromwell, Wisbech and Stephen Perse.

Despite a couple of losses they produced a strong **7–1 win over Cromwell** and a hard-fought **7–7 draw with Wisbech** meaning they went into the Plate competition, where they met **Kings Ely, Witchford and Abbey College**.

They rose to the challenge brilliantly, producing an **impressive 9–4 victory against Witchford** followed by a confident **7–1 win over Abbey College**, finishing **9th overall** in the county.

A fantastic display of effort, resilience and teamwork from the whole squad.



U16 County Schools Netball Final

Our school is extremely proud of its long-standing tradition of netball success, with teams regularly qualifying for the County Schools Netball Finals, and this year was no exception. The team once again benefited from the invaluable support of Floria Marshall, whose coaching expertise, dedication and commitment continue to play a vital role in the development and success of our players. We are very grateful for her continued contribution to netball at the school.

This year's County Finals proved to be a highly competitive tournament, featuring the top teams from across the county. In the opening stage of the competition, the team won two matches, drew one and narrowly lost two, which saw them qualify for the Plate Competition. In the final four matches, they continued to perform strongly, securing two wins and two losses. The girls played with great determination and skill throughout the tournament and finished an impressive third place in the Plate Competition.

