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## **Y5 BWCET Celebration of Sport Event – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

Dear parents and carers,

I am excited to write to you about the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust 'Celebration of Sport' event which is being held on **Thursday 2 July 2026** at Gateshead International Stadium. Over 1,200 pupils from our Trust are being invited to take part, including Year 5 pupils from each Trust primary school. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to take part in a range of sports and activities in an internationally recognised arena.

On the day, our Year 5 pupils will represent both our own school as well as one of five 'clusters'. Each cluster is made up of the primary schools that traditionally link in with one of the five Trust secondary schools. Our school will be competing as part of the St Bede's cluster. As well as a competitive element to the day, there are also fun activities for pupils to enjoy, as well as a chance to be involved in a mass participation dance led by a professional dance instructor. Pupils from our secondary schools will also be at the stadium to help run each activity, along with colleagues from Gateshead School Sports Partnership.

**The event is free of charge, with pupils being out of school for the full school day.** Transport to and from the stadium is being provided. Pupils will receive a free 'Celebration of Sport' T-shirt to wear on the day which will be theirs to keep after the event. Pupils will need to either bring their own packed lunch or order one from school in advance. School can provide a free packed lunch for children in receipt of free school meals. Pupils are to wear their P.E kit to school on the day and they will also need a rucksack to transport their lunch, water bottle, sun hat and suntan lotion.

To support the above costs, we are inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of £1 through Arbor. Details on how to do this will be confirmed in our next letter before half term.

We will confirm precise departure and return times nearer the event date when we share the full event programme and details on how parents and carers can spectate for part of the day if they choose. **Please be aware that it is likely that pupils will need to be in school earlier than usual.** We expect to be back at school between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.

**To assist with the organisation of the trip, we need to gather some details for each pupil so that we can order t-shirts, school made packed lunches and confirm consent for your child's photograph to be used by the BWCET for promotional purposes.**

**Please complete the form below by 9am Friday 15th May**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/FSFauEMvDv>

Many thanks and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oswald