



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In our Gospel assembly this, children explored how they can respond to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows each of them personally.



"I am the good shepherd."

John 10:11

Children will understand:

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep.
- Jesus knows each of us individually.
- We can follow Jesus' example by caring for others.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the ways in which a shepherd and a hired man act when the sheep in their care are in danger. We hear how, when the sheep are in danger, the hired man runs away, as opposed to the good shepherd who cares for the sheep. Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus gives us an example of how we are to care for

others. Whenever we care for others in ways that puts their needs before our own, we are following the example of Jesus.

I want to congratulate our two teams from St Benet's and St Edmund's who took part in the Rotary Club's inter school quiz this week. They represented both schools really well and were a pleasure to have participate in it.

Well done to all the children that took part.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Barlow

Year 6 SATs

Parents of Year 6 pupils will be aware that their children will be undertaking the compulsory national tests this half term. This will take place week commencing 13th May 2024. It is essential that every Year 6 child is in school every day that week. The tests cannot be rescheduled. Please do all you can to support your child at this time.

Attendance

Benefits of school attendance Good attendance at school is not just beneficial, it is essential. Attending school is directly linked to improved exam performance, which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways National and school expectations are that your child's attendance should fall no lower than 94%.

How did our schools do this week? There has been a big improvement in both schools, well done to all the families showing a commitment to this target.

Year Groups	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	94%	92%
1	94%	95%
2	88%	94%
3	94%	94%
4	79%	95%
5	93%	93%
6	92%	93%

Class One would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended Class One's Stay and Pray afternoon yesterday. It was a very thoughtful and caring afternoon where everyone took some time to think of others.



Forest School - Children will need **clothing suitable for Forest School** as follow,

- Wellies/trainers
- Spare socks
- Trousers (jogging bottoms/leggings)
- Long sleeved t-shirt/sweatshirt
- Rain coat
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Waterproof trousers if possible

The children may come to school wearing their Forest School clothes on the day they will be attending. Please be aware that these clothes will get muddy and wet! They may need e.g. a spare pair of jogging bottoms when they get back. Please see the dates when each year will start attending.

02.05.24	Yr 4
09.05.24	Yr 3
16.05.24	Yr 2
23.05.24	Yr 1
06.06.24	Rec



This week's Heart of Gold goes to Diana. Diana shows us all how to forgive others. She understands that people make mistakes sometimes and that we are all learning. Diana will help others to do the right thing and invite them to move forward too. What a star!





Theo is Class 2 heart of gold this week. Theo could speak about how Jesus was able to forgive and how we should try to follow his example.

very calm and understanding. She always takes time to listen to others points of view and is quick to forgive others. She is an excellent role model. Well done Esther.



The Class 4 heart of gold this week goes to Eva for her contributions in our class collective worship on Pentecost. Well done!

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May – Year 6 SATS

Thursday 16th and Friday, 17th May – Class 1 and Class 2 Trip – Big Dog Ferry (Split into 3 groups)

Thursday, 23rd May and Friday, 24th May – Bikeability Year 6

Friday, 24th May – Finish for half term

Monday, 3rd June – Return to School

Mass Times at St Benet's Catholic Church 11am every Sunday.



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