



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our assembly this week helps children to understand the significance of Jesus' Baptism and what it means for us all in entering the Kingdom of God. Children explored the symbols of Baptism and were offered a time to invite the Holy Spirit into their hearts.



He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:16

Children will understand that:

- Jesus' baptism revealed that He is God's beloved Son and set an example for all believers to follow.
- Through baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit and are invited into God's family.
- The Holy Spirit guides us in living like Jesus and loving others as God's family too.

It has been wonderful to see the children begin forest school again as we know this brings them so much being outdoors and active. Research in the UK into Forest School and its impacts on young children found positive impacts on children in terms of confidence, social skills, language and communication, motivation and concentration, physical skills and knowledge and understanding. We hope we can continue to facilitate this going into the next academic year, however it really is dependent on the government sports funding grant being continued. This is something schools really rely on to be able to provide enrichment to the curriculum and extracurricular clubs too.

We will be able to give more update on this in the summer term.

The other pastoral/wellbeing support we have in school are twofold. We have in St Edmund's our Pet as Therapy Dog who visits each term and children can read to her. If you wish for your child to see her please let your child's teacher know, or email the office. At present, we do not have one in St Benet's but this is something I am looking into.

We also have our pastoral support adviser Rob, who offers time in each school one a week for children who may be feeling vulnerable or need extra emotional support. Again, if this is something you feel your child needs please let the school office know.

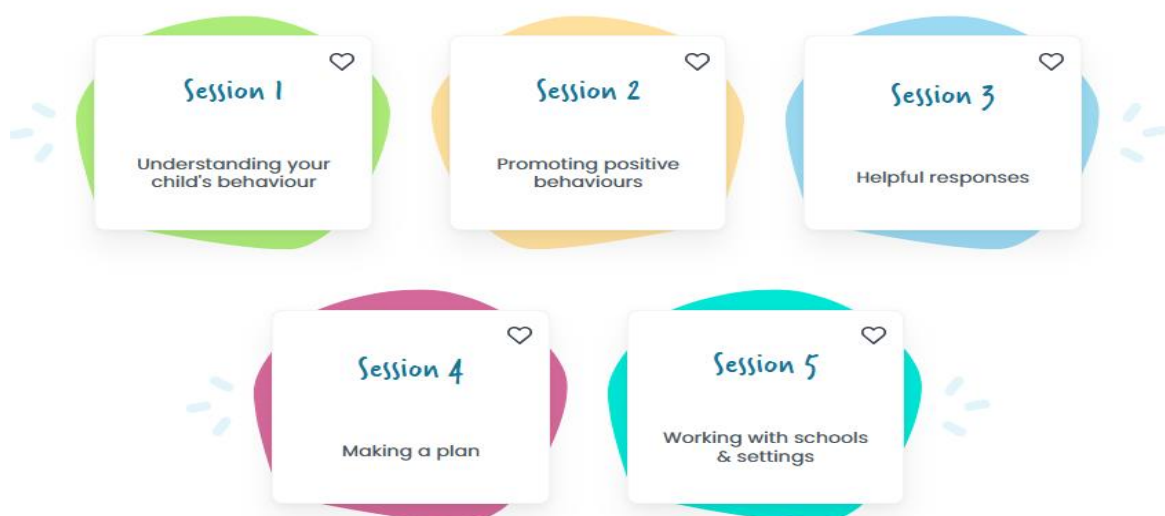
Across both schools we have a mental health lead Miss Edgar who is always keeping a close eye on the wellbeing of pupils and staff and signposting us to support where needed.

A quick reminder about the Step On Training for parents, the information for which was sent out to you last week via email.

The sessions are created using tested methods and approaches already used in schools. They will help you understand:

- The use of positive language
- That your child's behaviour is a way of telling you their needs
- Consistency (doing things regularly to build good habits)
- Positive relationships.

We will work through the eLearning together and have opportunity for any discussions and share resources.

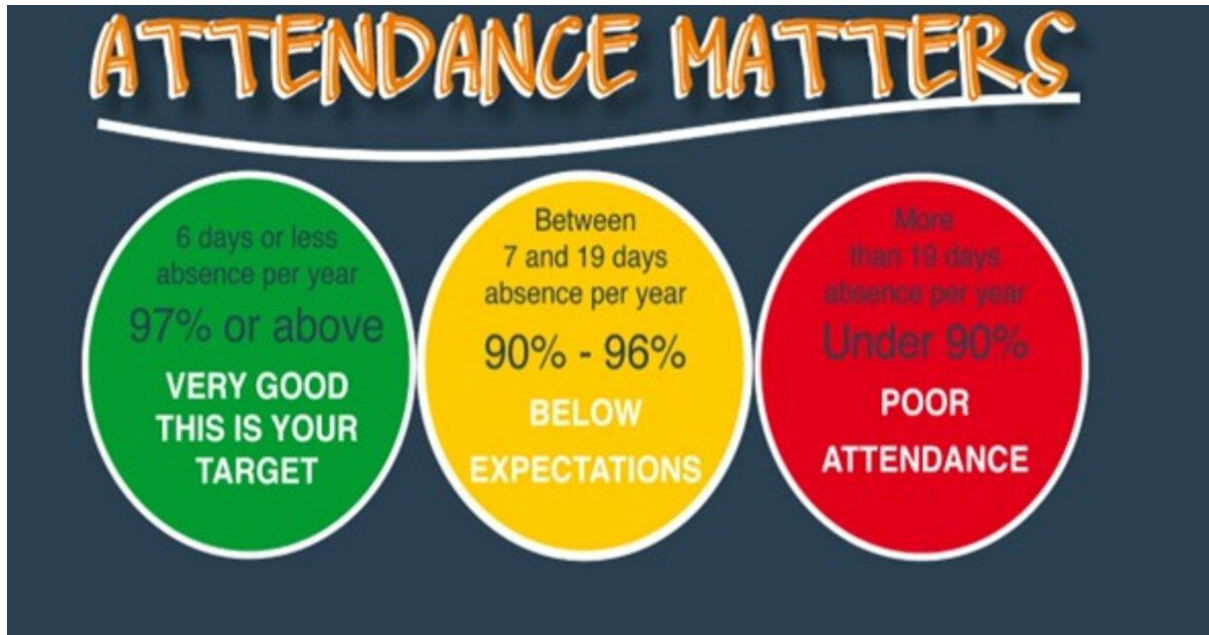


Please do contact the school offices if you wish to come along to these.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Barlow

Attendance Matters



We understand there has been a horrible virus travelling around and this may account for the low attendance in places. Hopefully as we move out of the winter months we will see a more positive move towards 97%.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	96%	93%
1	92%	99%
2	95%	98%
3	90%	97%
4	95%	95%
5	85%	97%
6	90%	91%

SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE HAVING A TOY SALE

We need all toys to be in by 31st January. The actual sale is on 7th February after school at 3.15pm.





Jobe, you were incredibly thoughtful when we were discussing what a promise means in Collective Worship. You explained, "If you do a promise you're going to make a cupcake for Jayden, it means you have to do it!" Well done Jobe, you really deserve this week's Heart of Gold, what a star!



This week, Rowan class is excited to recognise Cody as our Heart of Gold! He is always kind towards others and is an excellent role model for making thoughtful choices that truly inspire everyone around him.

In Oak Class, the heart of gold goes to Luke this week for the kindness message he wrote during our prayer and liturgy session, such kind and thoughtful words! Well done!



Forest School

Children will need **clothing suitable for Forest School** as follows:-

- 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 a spare pair of jogging bottoms when they get back and some clean footwear for the bus. Please see the dates when each year will be attending.

06.02.25	Year 4
13.02.25	Year 3
27.02.25	Year 2
06.03.25	Year 1
13.03.25	Reception

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 29th January – Positive Behaviour Workshop – 4.30pm in School Hall

Friday, 14th February – Finish for half term

Monday, 24th February – Return to School

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

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that St. Benet's have been successful in a ballot to join the Hop To It! community programme. We will be working with St Elizabeth Hospice who improve life for people in East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney living with a progressive or life-limiting illness.

See the following link to find out more: <https://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/hop-to-it-suffolk-2025/hopscotch/>



All the children at St. Benet's are invited to create a design which can be drawn or painted onto our very own Stargazer Leveret. We have decided that our starting point will be 'Heaven' and children are free to interpret this how they feel. It will be wonderful to see what heaven means to them and we hope it may spark some thoughtful conversations at home too.

The attached template can be used for your child's design and we may choose several different ones to create our leveret. Every child will be part of the final painting process.

Furthermore, if you have any expertise in this area (calling all artists!) then it would be great to hear from you.

We have already received our Stargazer Leveret so please look around school for our little hare when you come and visit. All designs to be **handed in by Friday 7th February**.

Kind Regards

The St. Benet's Family





Hop to SUFFOLK

A Wild in Art event brought to Suffolk by St

Artist

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Design

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Tick box for your intended
Tick both if your design could be

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Length:
Height:
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Medium -

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