



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In the Gospel assembly this week, Jesus spoke the ordinary words, 'Be opened', with extraordinary power, healing a deaf man who couldn't stop telling everyone about it! Children learned what it means to allow Jesus to open their ears and mouths so they can hear and share the Good News.



Then, looking up to Heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened".

Mark 7:34

Children will:

- Understand that Jesus heals and changes people by the power of God.
- Learn that, if we allow Him, Jesus will open our ears and mouths so we can hear and share the Good News through our words and actions.

We are really pleased to have the final report from Ofsted from our recent inspection in July at St Edmund's, I hope you have had the chance to read it and be proud as we are of the findings.

Both schools have equally worked hard for their 'good' ratings and the educational and spiritual ethos of both schools is definitely something I am very proud of and continue to strive for better.

This year we are working on improving writing outcomes for all pupils but especially our most disadvantaged pupils, developing stronger reasoning skills in maths and how we refine the assessment of children in foundation subjects like history, art and geography so that they can also be aware of how they can improve and further their skill set.

As always we expect excellent learning behaviour from our pupils and on the whole this has been evident at the start of our new term. I hope this will continue and that we have your backing and support to reinforce our expectations.

Below is a home/school agreement that I hope you can take some time to look at for yourselves as parents and with your child.

As a school

We will do our best to:

- Support your child's wellbeing and safety by providing a safe, supportive and caring environment
 - Help and encourage your child to reach their full potential and flourish
 - Monitor and communicate with parents and carers regularly on your child's progress
 - Provide a broad and balanced curriculum that caters for all children
 - Promote high standards of behaviour so we can maintain a safe environment for all children
 - Offer your child opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility, form healthy social relationships and build their self-esteem
 - Offer opportunities for parents and carers to get involved in school life through termly school events
 - Communicate between home and school through accessible notices, newsletters, email and the school website
 - Respond to communications from parents and carers in a timely manner, following school policies
 - Encourage good attendance and address any concerns with parents or carers where necessary
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Parents/carers

I will do my best to:

- Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time. I will notify the school if my child will be absent on each day of their absence
- Make sure my child is dressed in the correct uniform including their PE kit (see website for summer and winter uniform)
- Support the school to make sure my child maintains a consistently high standard of behaviour
- Encourage my child to try their best so they can reach their full potential

- Communicate to the school any concerns that I have about my child that may affect their behaviour in school or ability to learn, in the first instance my child's teacher.
 - Make sure communication with the school is respectful, and that I make every reasonable effort to address my communications to the appropriate member of staff
 - Understand that I should communicate with staff during core school hours, and although they may at times respond outside of those hours, I can't always expect that
 - Read and follow the school's policies
 - Treat all members of the school community with care and respect
 - Engage in parent meetings and work together with the school in order to achieve the best outcomes for my child
 - Read all communications sent home by the school and respond where necessary
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Pupils

I will do my best to:

- Arrive at school on time every day that I can, and be ready to learn
- Try my best to do my work and ask for help if I need it
- Wear the correct school uniform
- Bring all the equipment I need each day
- Be friendly, respectful and caring towards other children and adults
- Listen to instructions from the adults at school and follow the school rules
- Look after the school equipment and be respectful of the school environment
- Behave appropriately on the way to and from school

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming a new priest at St Edmund's and St Benet's Father Simon Blakesley and our first school Mass will be on 26th September 9:15 at St Edmund's and 11am at St Benet's. We hope you will be able to join us for this and celebrate coming together for our new school year.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Barlow

Treat Tables



Bollywood Dance Workshop on Tuesday



Aubrey, you have been an absolute superstar this week and really deserve our class Heart of Gold. You have embraced every part of school life and helped your friends to do the same. You especially warmed our hearts when you thought Mrs Sheen was sad, because her feelings card had got muddled up. You decided to make her a card to cheer her up! What a star you are!



Delcie, you have, and always will be an incredible role model to all the children. You always think about others and will always be there to lend a hand. You have been an absolute superstar this week by helping the new Reception children ease into their school life while always keeping on task with your own learning too. Well done Delcie you really have earned our class Heart of Gold! What a star!



This week's Heart of Gold in Rowan Class is Elsie. She has written a lovely response to our question of how we can show our faith. She told us "I can show faith by having a loving God in my hands and caring for others." Well done Elsie.

The heart of gold this week goes to Lyla Rose for fantastic contributions in RE lessons and our prayer and liturgy session in class. Week done!



Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 18th September – School Photographer in School for Photos

Friday, 27th September – Year 6 Diocesan School Mass at Norwich Cathedral

Wednesday, 23rd October – Flu Immunisation Team Visit

Friday, 25th October – Finish for half term

Thursday, 31st October – Year 6 Pupils deadline for High School Applications for September 2025

Monday, 4th November – Return to School

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