



## ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In this week's Gospel, Jesus confounded the expectations of His disciples. Our assembly helped children learn that God's plans can be surprising and that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected – with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.



**“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.”**

**Mark 8:34**

- God's plans are so much bigger than ours.
- Following Jesus means thinking of others before ourselves.
- When we trust in God's plans – we can be sure that Jesus will be with us.

During our assembly, the children were challenged to think about something they can do for others going forward in their lives. It could be something as simple as offering a smile to everyone they meet. I look forward to seeing some lovely acts of kindness as the week's progress and hopefully you will at home too.

### Reading

At our schools we are committed to ensuring that every child is a reader. Reading is at the heart of our whole curriculum, and we endeavour to make sure that the children are exposed to a plethora of different genres and authors that they can read with increased fluency and accuracy. The children comprehend different texts using our reading skills lessons and Little Wandle reading program.

We recognise that there is a strong link between word acquisition and reading comprehension; if children can recognise more words and practice finding their meaning through the text, they are more likely to understand what is happening. This link between reading for pleasure and increased reading comprehension has been observed through studies and research. According to Ofsted's research report, *'research indicates a positive correlation between pupils' engagement with reading and their attainment in reading.'* This means that building comprehension makes it more likely that a child will read for pleasure, and a child who reads for pleasure is more likely to build comprehension.

Research evidence states that the more a child reads the greater chance they will have of comprehending and accessing more complex information as they continue their school journey through our schools then embark on qualifications at secondary school and eventually the workplace. Reading at home is a continued partnership between home and school.

Children that read each night perform better at school and we would encourage you to support your child with this and record their reading in their Red Reading Record daily.

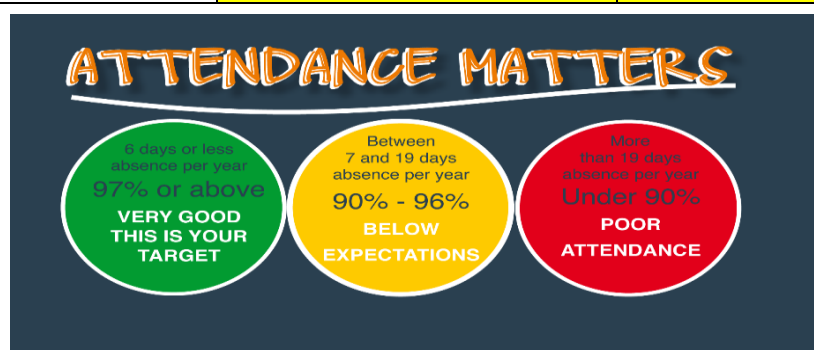
We are holding reading cafes in both schools this term for parents who want to find out more about how they can support their children at home. Please check the newsletter for dates.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Barlow

### **Attendance this week**

**It is excellent to see both schools Reception children sitting at 100%, what a great start to the year**

	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	100%	100%
Y1	95.08%	100%
Y2	89.53%	98.66%
Y3	96.84%	100%
Y4	95.79	100%
Y5	89.60%	92.3%
Y6	90.33%	91.54%



## Year 6 at Forest School



### Oak Class Stay and Pray Session – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Parents and carers of children who are in Oak Class are invited to a stay and pray session on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October between 2.30pm and 3.15pm.

## Bollywood Dance Workshop





## 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 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.

26.09.24	Year 4
03.10.24	Year 3
10.10.24	Year 2
17.10.24	Year 1 & Reception
24.10.24	Year 1 & Reception

## ST. BENET'S READING CAFÉ

Parents and carers of reception and key stage 1 children in Beech Class are invited to a Reading Café on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9am until 9.45am to find out about how your child will be taught to read.

No experience necessary. Tea and coffee available. We would love to see you.



Alfie, you thought very deeply about our question in collective worship this week when we talked about why it is good to be honest. You boldly told our class, "cause it makes everyone happy!" Well done Alfie, what a star!



Sebby, you always stand up for what you believe in and will always be honest with everyone. At times it isn't always easy to do but you have the courage to tell others and help them too. What a star!



This week's Heart of Gold in Rowan is Mally. Mally is always very honest and knows how to make good choices. He also encourages others to be fair and kind.



The heart of gold this week goes to Lincoln for embodying all of our Gospel values this week and being a kind and supportive friend to others.



## Treat Tables



## Dates for your Diaries

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Diocesan School Mass at Norwich Cathedral

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Flu Immunisation Team Visit

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for half term

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Year 6 Pupils deadline for High School Applications for September 2025**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to School

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



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