



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In this week's Gospel, we learned how the disciples jealously wanted to keep the power to heal to themselves. This assembly explored Jesus' response to our envious tendencies and challenges pupils to celebrate the abilities and character of others.



"Anyone who is not against us is for us."

Mark 9:40

Key Messages

Children will understand that:

- Jealousy can stop us from celebrating and encouraging others.
- Jesus asks us not to stand in the way of others' attempts to do good.

This week's Gospel gives us all something to reflect on that it is important for us to remember whenever we do something good for another person, even the smallest good deed, God is pleased with us. And God wants us to appreciate the good deeds of others, who are working, like us, to serve the Kingdom of God. It also brings joy to others and we feel good that we have brought that to someone's day.

It is fast approaching the time for our first parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity to hear how your child is settling into the new school year and what goals have been set for them. Please remember these are only 10 minute slots, if you wish to have a longer chat make an appointment through the school office.

Opportunity to book your slot/slots for siblings are available at the offices.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all the parents that came to our first Reading Café. Miss Lyons was impressed with your engagement and contributions. We will be looking to hold a Maths Café next half term.

Both schools have now become Asthma Friendly Schools, working with the County Council to meet the criteria for this. Part of this is training for all staff which we are pleased will be happening next week. We take being asthmatic seriously and our new policy reflects this, please see the school website for this.

You may have noticed a PCSO in the playground, nothing to worry about, these are going to be regular visits termly so you can get a chance to talk to them about any local concerns or seek advice. Please say hello and offer a warm welcome.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Barlow

Big Speech

These were very successful last year, so we are starting them again. I hope more children will take part this year and have the confidence to speak to an audience. It is such a worthwhile skill to develop and also challenges children to think deeper about what is important to them and the wider world.

Are the best things in life free?

Things like friends, family and good memories are free but other stuff, like trainers and video games, are quite expensive. Think about the truth of this statement and what great things you can get for free, and what things you can give for free, like your time and your attention. These things are hard to get off people these days.

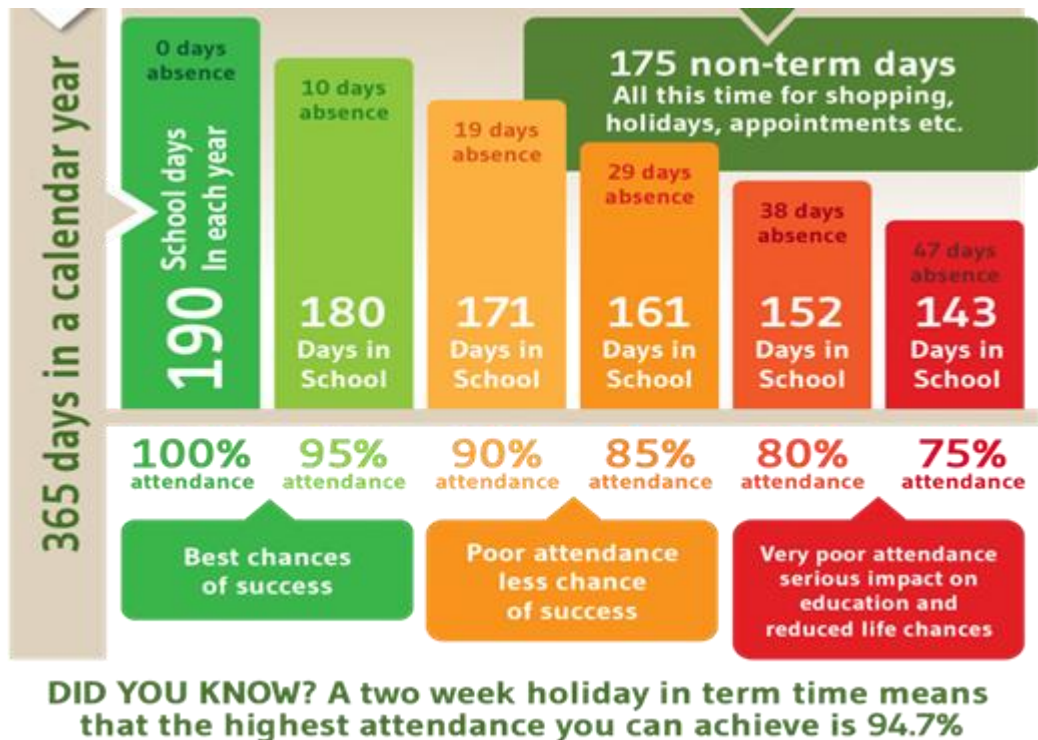
The best things in life are free.

- Anon

Dates to prepare for: St Benet's Wednesday 20th November 2:30pm

St Edmund's Tuesday 19th November 2:30pm

Attendance



This week we are aiming for 96%. St Benet's as a school is at 93% and St Edmund's is 97%.

Well done to all the year groups above 96% this week and those at 100% this is amazing. No reds this week for St Edmund's and only one this week for St Benet's. Thank you to all parents for committing to improving the attendance figures this week.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	100%	100%
1	96%	100%
2	87%	98%
3	97%	99%
4	96%	95%
5	93%	97%
6	90%	91%

Rowan Class Stay and Pray Session – Wednesday, 9th October 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Parents and carers of children who are in Rowan Class are invited to a stay and pray session on Wednesday, 9th October between 2.30pm and 3.15pm.

**PARENTS EVENINGS - Wednesday, 23rd October 3.30pm - 6pm
and Thursday, 24th October 3.30pm - 6pm.**

Please book your time slot via the school office. Thank you.

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.

10.10.24	Year 2
17.10.24	Year 1 & Reception
24.10.24	Year 1 & Reception



Isla, you always look after your friends. You try to cheer them up when they are feeling down and care for them when they are hurt. You are a great role model to others because you put others before yourself. Isla you are a star!





Violet, you always show us great solidarity. You believe in doing the right thing and will always strive to be fair in all your games. You especially enjoyed learning about Emily Davidson and how she worked with the Suffragettes to fight for fairness. What a star!



The Heart of Gold award this week goes to Marcelino. He always thinks of ways to include others and cares about his friends. He also had some lovely ideas in our class about St. Terese and how she cared for others.



The heart of gold award this week goes to Judith for speaking about tolerance in our prayer and liturgy session. She spoke of the importance of respecting followers of all religions and creating an inclusive society. Well done!

Waveney Foodbank

We will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in a whole school assembly on Monday, 14th October at 9.30am. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

We will be collecting food for the Waveney Foodbank, especially because more and more people are turning to foodbanks at the moment. Some ideas for items you could support us with are:-

Chopped tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetables
Longlife milk
Microwave rice pouches
Jams
Coffee
Instant Pasta
Jars of sauces
Chocolate/sweets

Tinned fruit
Tinned/instant potatoes
Longlife fruit juice
Tinned meat
Tea
Biscuits
Rice pudding
Tinned fish
Drinking squash

Thank you.

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Monday, 14th October – Harvest Assembly 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday, 23rd October – Flu Immunisation Team Visit

Wednesday, 23rd October – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm – Book via the office

Thursday, 24th October – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm – Book via the office.

Friday, 25th October – Finish for half term

Thursday, 31st October – Year 6 Pupils deadline for High School Applications for September 2025 – Please make sure you apply online as soon as possible.

Monday, 4th November – Return to School

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