



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Building on the theme from earlier in the term, that to be great in God's sight, they must put others first, children learned in this week's Gospel assembly that through Jesus' service and self-sacrifice, He won for them the greatest prize – the joy of eternal life with Him in Heaven!

“Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.”

Mark 10:43-44



Children will understand:

- The importance of following Jesus' example by serving others.
- That by dying on the Cross, Jesus won for us the ultimate prize – eternal life with Him in Heaven.

We have now reached the end of term 1 and are ready for our half term break as I am sure your children are too. We have been very busy and the children have continued to produce some lovely work and really engage in their learning. Therefore, we all deserve a good rest. Stay safe over the half term break and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Barlow

Book of Remembrance

In November, we remember and pray for our departed friends and loved ones. A Book of Remembrance is now available in the school foyer for you to add the names of loved ones. We will keep them in our prayers at school and remember them at our School Masses and liturgies throughout the month of November.

Smartphone Free Childhood

We know that it is sometimes difficult as a parent to navigate the world of children and smart phone. The organisation 'Smartphone Free Childhood' has some great advice and resources to help parents to keep their children safe. Please see the link below:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

The Big Speech – Reminder

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

If your child wishes to take part, please can you help them start to think about what they would like to say on this topic. They will have a maximum of two minutes to speak. This is an excellent way to develop their oracy skills and find confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

Parents are invited to this:

St Edmund's 19th November 2:30pm

St Benet's 20th November 2:30pm

Attendance Matters



This week's target is 96% attendance. Well done to the year groups who have achieved this or exceeded it. Well done to St Edmund's who have consistently had good attendance this term and have ended term 1 meeting the target.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	96%	95%
1	95%	99%
2	95%	98%
3	93%	97%
4	97%	95%
5	87%	97%
6	89%	91%
Overall School	92%	96%

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

"If you would like your child to participate in the First Holy Communion programme this year please complete a consent form. These can be found at the back of the church or on the parish website.

Please return the forms either in person to Maura Williams or electronically to Stbenetsfhc2025@gmail.com Children must be Year 3 or above to take part in the programme." Thank you.

Stay and Pray photos – A big thanks to all the grown ups who attended.



Treat Tables





Cooper, you are a great friend who is compassionate and understanding when people are in need. You play brilliant games with others and take them to an imaginative world full of fun and curiosities. What a star!



Manny, you always have a smile on your face! You are courteous and listen to others while spreading a sense of joy and happiness to all of us. You are a star!



This week's Heart of Gold award in Rowan goes to Libby. Libby is always fair to others and her small acts of kindness always help her friends and everyone at St Benet's.

The heart of gold this week goes to Kay for always showing kindness to both children and adults in the classroom. We all really appreciate this! Well done!



Premier after school clubs will change to Gymnastics after half term both KS1 and KS2. Please sign up via Wisepay and we are pleased to say that ALL after school clubs are still FREE. Thank you.

Reception and Year 1 at Forest School this week.



Library book changing day is Wednesday each week. Please could children bring in their school library books on that day. Thank you.



Dates for your Diaries

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



Tuesday, 12th November – Year 6 Crucial Crew

Wednesday, 13th November – Flu Vaccination team 2nd visit

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



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