



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In the second week of Advent, children will understand that our actions impact others as well as our relationship with God. They will have the opportunity to open their hearts to Jesus and become reconciled – right – with God by putting Jesus first as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.

The wrong things we do can have an impact on our relationship with God.

We can open our hearts to be honest and truthful with God about when we get things wrong.

- God gets rid of our mistakes.
- We receive God's full forgiveness.
- He renews our hearts.

We can put Jesus first in our lives by following His ways.

“And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 3:3

Children will understand that:

- *We are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus by opening our hearts to Him.*
- *Our actions have an impact on others.*
- *No matter what we have done, God will always forgive our mistakes if we say sorry.*

John the Baptist talks of mountains, valleys, rough and crooked roads that we need to prepare for. This means life is full of ups and downs. Life is a path of ups and downs and we walk it with Jesus our helper, our guide and our friend.

The second candle of the Advent wreath represents peace. It is often called the Bethlehem candle as it reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. So it is a time we put aside our differences because we all belong to the same family.

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and focus on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. What has your journey toward Christmas been like so far? Perhaps you can take some time to reflect on what your top three priorities are as you prepare for Christmas?

"Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen."

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Just Giving pages for Christmas Jumper Day. Our target for both schools is £200 which would be amazing if we could achieve this.

So far St Benet's total is £52 and St Edmund's is £31. There is still lots of time to make a donation and we are grateful for every one received.

It was lovely to see everyone so festive on Thursday, it really put us in the mood for Christmas.

Thank you to the staff and pupils at both schools for a lovely Nativity/Carol service, there was some beautiful singing and excellent readings to bring the story alive for us. Thank you to all who attended and supported the children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Barlow

Attendance Matters

This week's goal is 95%. Well done to all year groups who have achieved this or better.

Year	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	96%	93%
1	92%	99%
2	95%	98%
3	88%	97%
4	96%	96%
5	82%	97%
6	89%	92%



This week all the adults have come together in Beech Class and chosen two children who show Love and Charity to others the most.



Aubrey and Violet you are selfless, caring and thoughtful. You both think about others at all times and humbly help them without thought of a reward for yourselves. You both have wonderful Hearts of Gold. What stars you are!



Congratulations to John on winning the Heart of Gold award in Rowan class this week. Your compassion and consideration for others truly stood out this week. It's lovely to see you being such a good friend who listens carefully. Well done John.



Our heart of gold this week goes to Lyla-Rose for her incredibly thoughtful and insightful responses in our class prayer session. She showed real maturity and compassion when discussing our big question this week. We are very proud of you!

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 18th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday, 20th December – Finish for Christmas

Tuesday, 7th January – Return to School

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



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