



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Feast of Epiphany celebrates Jesus being revealed to the Wise Men after their long journey following the star. Discovering Jesus brought them great joy and they brought gifts to honour Him. Our Gospel assembly gives children the opportunity to reflect on their own journey with Jesus and what gifts they can offer Him.



**"...they saw the child...and they fell down and worshipped Him....
they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."**

Matthew 2:11

Children will understand that:

- Epiphany celebrates Jesus being revealed to the world, to the Wise Men and to each of us individually.
- We can make an offering to Jesus just like the Wise Men did.

We hope you had a wonderful and restful Christmas break, filled with joy, family, and fun memories. As we look ahead to the second half of the school year, we are excited to welcome back students and staff for an engaging and productive term!

As we continue our journey through the Christmas season, we are joyfully preparing to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which we observed in our school Mass on Thursday this week. This special feast commemorates the visit of the three wise men to the new-born Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and recognizing Him as the Saviour of the world.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, reminding us of God's love for all people. It is a beautiful celebration of Christ's light shining for everyone, inviting us to share His love and peace with those around us.

As a school community, let us remember the significance of the Epiphany in our prayers. Please join us in praying for peace, joy, and unity, as well as for the continued blessings of Christ in our lives and in the lives of all those we serve.

We encourage you to celebrate this special feast at home as a family. Consider discussing the story of the wise men and how we can all bring our "gifts" to Jesus—our love, kindness, and devotion to Him. You might also wish to display your family's nativity scene or light candles to represent the light of Christ in your home.

May this Feast of the Epiphany be a time for all of us to reflect on the joy of Christ's birth and the call to bring His light to others.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our children grow in faith and understanding. We are grateful for your support and for the vibrant Catholic community we share.

We remain committed to providing a nurturing, safe, and inspiring environment where your child can thrive. We have exciting plans for this term, including new subjects, fun activities, and a focus on building positive relationships both in and outside of the classroom. Our dedicated teaching team is ready to support every child in their learning journey, helping them reach their fullest potential.

We also want to remind you of the importance of keeping communication open. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to discuss your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can ensure that this term is a successful and rewarding experience for your child.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Mrs Barlow

Winter Readiness

As we enter the winter months, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. This includes warm coats, gloves, hats, and boots for outdoor activities. If there are any school closures due to weather, we will notify parents via email, on the school Facebook group and through the Suffolk County Council website.

Forest School

Forest School began again this week starting with our Year 6 pupils, the dates for each further year group are listed below.

Children will need **clothing suitable for Forest School** as follows:-

- 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.

16.01.25	Year 5
23.01.25	Year 4
06.02.25	Year 3
13.01.25	Year 2
27.02.25	Year 1
06.03.25	Reception

After School Clubs this term 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Monday Premier KS1 Tag Rugby

Tuesday Dance Club

Wednesday Football Club

Friday Premier KS2 Tag Rugby

All clubs are free but please book your child's place for all clubs via Wisepay.
Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 15th January – WOW PE Sessions - Premier Sport – **Come in PE Kits**

Wednesday, 29th January – Positive Behaviour Workshop – 4.30pm in School Hall

Friday, 14th February – Finish for half term

Monday, 24th February – Return to School

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



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