



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This week's Gospel shows Jesus' first public miracle at a family wedding. When the wine ran out, Mary's faith-filled response helped others to believe in Jesus. Our assembly invited children to take any problems to Jesus, follow His instructions and believe in Him.



“Do whatever He tells you.”

John 2:5

Children will understand that:

- *Jesus is always ready to listen to us and help us.*
- *Mary believed in Jesus and helped others to believe in and listen to Him too.*
- *We can act on our belief in Jesus by asking Him for help, listening to His guidance, and following His instructions.*

Pope Francis has declared this year a Jubilee Year of Hope and we are really invigorated by all the plans of hope we have to keep the spirit of Christ, living in each one of us, alive! We will be sharing

activities around the Year of Hope as we progress through 2025. This Friday is the launch day and the children have been introduced to what this will mean. We are invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026. You may have seen some images of the Holy Door being opened by the Pope at the Vatican.

The whole school community can pledge to look outwards and walk in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. We will again embark on the Big Lent Walk this year and will send out information about this soon and hope that you will support us in sponsoring your child for this special event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barlow



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Again it has been a challenging time of year for illness, with 18 pupils off at St Benet's this week alone! Whatever is doing the rounds, it isn't pleasant. Some of our staff have succumbed to this too and we pray for Miss Edgar and Miss Roberts and Mrs Newson to feel healthy and well soon.

So it is always a delicate time to measure attendance, as I am very aware of illness and the need to stay home but also I am held accountable when attendance dips below national average which is often around 96%. So we have done well to sit about 90% in most year groups this week. I trust that you make the right decisions and will only send your child into school when they are fully well enough to be here.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	96%	93%
1	91%	98%
2	95%	95%
3	90%	95%
4	95%	95%
5	85%	96%
6	90%	90%

SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE HAVING A TOY SALE

We need all toys to be in by 31st January. The actual sale is on 7th February after school at 3.15pm.



Rufus, you always carefully listen to others and consider what to do on your own. You think deeply about who to follow and share your thoughts in ways that help others too. You are kind, caring and are a great role model to others. What a star!



James, you shared some very thoughtful responses when we talked about 'who should we obey?' in our Collective Worship. You shared some brilliant 'I wonder' questions with the group which made us think deeply about this question. You also questioned the answers too! What a star!

The Heart of Gold in Rowan class goes to Willow. Willow is an enthusiastic Mini Vinnie who always thinks of ways to help those in need. She shows her care for others in our class and always offers to help.



This week's heart of gold in Oak Class goes to Neave for the compassion and kindness she shows other children throughout the school. Well done!

Forest School

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.

06.02.25	Year 4
13.02.25	Year 3
27.02.25	Year 2
06.03.25	Year 1 and Reception
13.03.25	Year 1 and Reception

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

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.

