



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As we mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year, our assembly explored what this special year can mean for children and their friendship with God. It's a time to restart, a time for resting with God and a time for worshipping Him!



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 1:18-19

Children will understand that:

- The Year of Jubilee is an opportunity to return to God and grow our friendship with Him.
- Jesus invites us to join Him in His Jubilee mission.
- We can all be Pilgrims of Hope by sharing the hope God gives us.

As mentioned last week, this year, we are delighted to celebrate the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, a special occasion dedicated to fostering positivity, unity, and resilience within our school and wider community.

Hope is a powerful force that drives us forward, and throughout this jubilee year, we will be organising activities, projects, and events aimed at inspiring optimism and encouraging everyone to look ahead with confidence and determination.

Highlights of the year will include:

- **Community Service Projects:** Opportunities for students, staff, and families to make a meaningful difference. One of which I mentioned will be the Big Lent walk. We will send out Just Giving Page links for this nearer the time. We hope to make this fun by doing a sponsored walk in fancy dress.
- **Celebration of Achievements:** Honouring the efforts and successes of our students and staff. We encourage you to send in anything we can share at our celebration assemblies each week.
- **Inspirational Speakers and Workshops:** To ignite fresh ideas and cultivate a hopeful outlook we have invited the Ignite Team into our schools over Lent to lead some spiritual sessions using interactive presentations, music, and creative experience in a vibrant way. We will also take some of our children to join other Catholic Schools across the Diocese for our annual pilgrimage and Masses,
- **Creative Arts Showcase:** Exploring the theme of hope through music and art. From this each class is creating a 'Door of Hope' for their classroom. These will have the children's hopes on and pledges for a better world.

With your child, perhaps...

- Read the Sunday Gospel ([Luke 4:14-21](#)) and talk with your child/ren about how Jesus then lived out His mission on Earth through prayer and action.
- Think about how you can spend time resting with God. You might like to go for a gentle walk together or create a quiet space in your home to rest and pray.

We warmly invite all members of our school community to join us in making this Jubilee Year of Hope truly memorable. Any ideas you may have to support us are warmly welcomed. Let us work together to plant seeds of hope that will grow and flourish for years to come.

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming newsletters!

Have a lovely weekend of rest and relaxation.

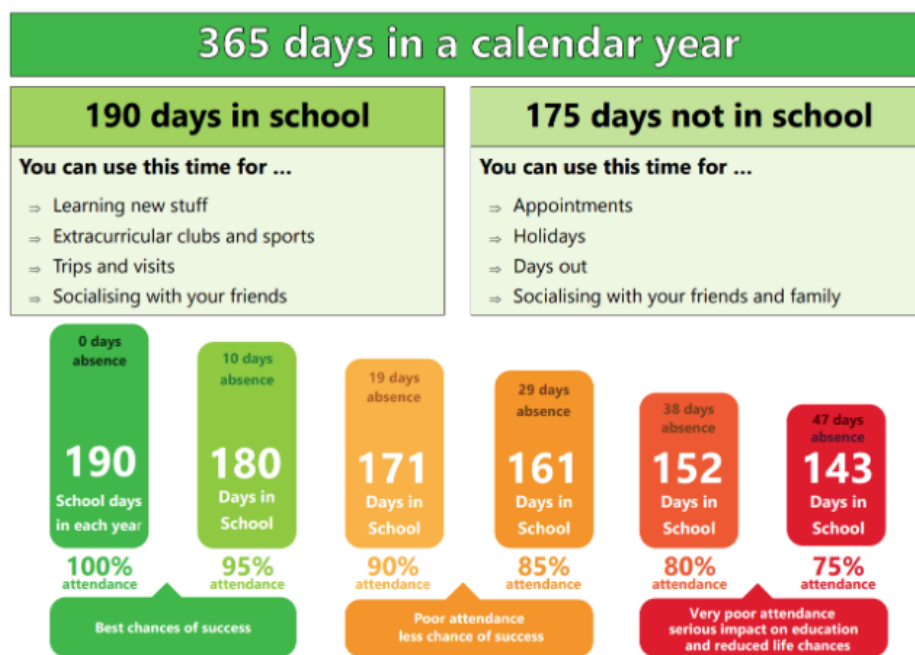
Mrs Barlow

Attendance Matters

Why attendance matters for you

FACT: Being in school is important to your achievement, wellbeing, wider development and mental health.

- Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly.
- The best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of your friends, your teachers and other support staff.
- There is plenty of time for you to do other things with your friends and family. Did you know that you are only at school for 52% of a calendar year ... the rest of the time is yours!



This week we are aiming for 96% attendance in each school. Well done to all the classes that achieved this or close to it.

Year	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	95%	92%
1	91%	98%
2	95%	95%
3	90%	97%
4	96%	95%
5	85%	96%
6	90%	90%
Overall School	92%	96%

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



Myla, when we reflected on some scripture, you explained to the class how you can tell if someone is being true to you. You linked it to the poisonous apple and said that people who are bad fruits don't taste very nice. You helped the children in all our class understand a very tricky question. Well done, you are a star!



Jayden, you always show everyone how to be a good fruit! You told us that angels are always good because they help people and you made yourself some wings and a halo and have been helping everyone all day. What a star!



This week, the Heart of Gold Award in Rowan goes to Casey for settling in so well to our school and approaching everything with genuine enthusiasm. He has been a great friend to everyone in our class, and his positive attitude is truly appreciated by all. Well done, Casey!



The Oak Class heart of gold this week goes to Lily for her contributions in our prayer and liturgy session around solidarity. She was able to explain how important it is to live our values and put them into action.



SCHOOL COUNCIL TOY SALE

7th February after school at 3.15pm.

Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Friday, 14th February – Finish for half term

Monday, 24th February – Return to School

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

