



## ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Gospel this week describes how Simon Peter, James and John were compelled to follow Jesus after witnessing a miraculous catch of fish. This assembly reminds children that they too are invited to follow Jesus and become part of God's family.



**“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”**

**Luke 5:4**

*Children will understand that:*

- *Simon Peter saw something special in the power of Jesus, demonstrated through His words and actions.*
- *Like the first disciples, we too can trust Jesus.*
- *We are all invited to follow Jesus and are welcome in God's family.*

We are now half way through the school academic year. Time flies when you are having fun! This is our last week of Spring 1 and then we have the February half term break which I am sure you are all looking forward to.

This weekend we are reminded of our own need to follow Jesus. Peter and his friends had worked all night and the fishermen had caught nothing. Jesus instructs them to set out again and cast their nets. We know they caught so many fish their nets began to burst. They then leave everything and follow Jesus. We too are challenged to follow Jesus in our daily lives, even in the simple things we do in our lives everyday; perhaps we can be better listeners, maybe directly helping someone in need or simply taking more time to pray—let us all strive to grow in goodness and love as followers of Jesus. *#Pilgrims Of Hope*.

Last week was Children's Mental Health week. We had been getting children involved with the theme this year of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. With the aim to encourage children and young people across the UK and in our schools to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is joining forces with Here4You to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

Here4You is supported by The Walt Disney Company, and through the characters of Pixar's *Inside Out* and *Inside Out 2*, the resources encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

We have used the schools pack which was full of top tips, class activities and assemblies to take part.

You can access the families section of their website here for further resources and activities.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Have a peaceful and restful half term break.

Mrs Barlow

### **Attendance Matters**

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Firstly, and most importantly, a HUGE well done and thank you to all of the children who have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year to date. This is fantastic.

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have attendance in excess of 97%.

Every Day Counts!

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week

80% attendance = 1 day missed every week

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed

1 school year at 80% attendance = 8 whole weeks of lessons missed

90% attendance over 5 years = ½ a school year missed!

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The BETTER the attendance, the GREATER the achievement! Where attendance falls, parents will receive a letter and be invited into school to discuss a support plan to improve attendance.

Year	St Benet's	St. Edmunds
R	100%	100%
1	94%	100%
2	97%	100%
3	90%	88%
4	99%	95%
5	87%	98%
6	92%	82%

### 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.

27.02.25	Year 2
06.03.25	Year 1 and Reception
13.03.25	Year 1 and Reception



Aubrey, you always show courage in everything you do. This week you showed us your courage by putting a friend before you and helping them in a selfless way. You are a star!



Jayden, this week you have shown your courage in many ways. You have tackled your work and daily tasks with positivity and have produced some beautiful work because of it. What a star!



The Heart of Gold Award in Rowan goes to Koa this for his remarkable honesty. He has worked hard in class this year and is making great progress. You should be very proud of yourself Koa. Keep up the fantastic work!

The heart of gold for Oak Class this week goes to Esther for always being an honest and reliable member of the class. Well done!



# WOW! You are Active!

Congratulations to

Reception - Aubrey

Year 1 - Myla

Year 2 - Sebby

Year 3 - Cody

Year 4 - Moses

Year 5 - Luke B

Year 6 - Joseph for winning the award for the most improved fitness in their year group this term.

## Treat Tables



Thank you all for your kind donations and thank you to the School Council Members YR Rufus Y1 Starr Y2 Sebby Y3 Willow Y4 Isabella Y5 Luke Y6 Joe and Secretary Lousia for giving up their lunchtimes to organise it.

They raised a grand total of £175.68 for improving the school grounds environment to encourage more wildlife. Thank you.

## **Dates for your Diaries**

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for half term

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February – Return to School

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

