



## ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Inspired by Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, this Celebration of the Word assembly invited children to consider the Jubilee theme of 'Care for Creation' through exploration of the truth that Jesus came to restore creation.



**“He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out...”**  
**John 11:43**

Children will understand that:

- Jesus came to the Earth to show us God's amazing love for His creation.
- During Lent, we can grow our friendship with God through loving Him, others, and His creation.

- We can be 'Pilgrims of Hope' by caring for God's creation and looking forward to the future when Jesus returns to bring God's full restoration.

Living as *Pilgrims of Hope* means embodying care for God's creation while anticipating His full restoration. Here are some practical ways to live this out:

Since creation is a gift from God, we honour Him by being good stewards:

#### Care for God's Creation 🌍

- **Reduce waste:** Use reusable items, recycle, and compost when possible.
- **Conserve energy:** Turn off lights, limit water usage, and choose eco-friendly transportation.
- **Support sustainable practices:** Buy fair-trade, ethically sourced, and environmentally friendly products.
- **Plant and preserve nature:** Grow trees, flowers, or even a small garden to contribute to God's natural beauty.

Thank you to both schools for their commitment to this through the gardening club at St Benet's and the Eco Club at St Edmund's.

#### Live with Hope and Trust in God's Plan †

- **Pray with expectation:** Seek God's guidance and trust His promises for the future.
- **Encourage others:** Spread hope by speaking words of encouragement and uplifting those in despair.
- **Stay rooted in Scripture:** Reflect on Bible passages that remind us of God's promise of restoration (e.g., Revelation 21:1-5).

#### Care for Others ❤️

- **Be generous:** Support those in need through acts of kindness, donations, or volunteering.
- **Show hospitality:** Welcome others with love, just as Christ welcomes us.
- **Advocate for justice:** Stand for the vulnerable, work for peace, and support efforts to bring healing to broken communities.

#### Live with Eternal Perspective 🗨️

- **Seek God's Kingdom first:** Prioritise faith, relationships, and service over material gain.
- **Be a witness of hope:** Share the message of Jesus and the coming restoration with those around you.
- **Embrace joy and gratitude:** Appreciate the present while eagerly awaiting God's future renewal.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the powerful message of **hope, renewal, and new beginnings**. Easter is a time to reflect on love, sacrifice, and the promise of new life. It is an opportunity to pause, give thanks, and look forward with faith and optimism.

To our **wonderful pupils**, may this season inspire you to always seek kindness, truth, and joy in your learning and relationships. Easter reminds us that every new day is a chance to grow, to be kind, and to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

To our **dedicated staff**, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing and guiding our pupils. Your efforts in shaping young hearts and minds reflect the very essence of Easter's message—bringing light, encouragement, and support to others.

To our **parents and families**, we are grateful for your partnership and support. Easter is a time for togetherness, and we hope you find moments of peace, reflection, and celebration with your loved ones.

May this Easter bring you all renewed hope, joy, and the strength to embrace the opportunities ahead. Wishing you a restful and blessed Easter break.

**Happy Easter!**

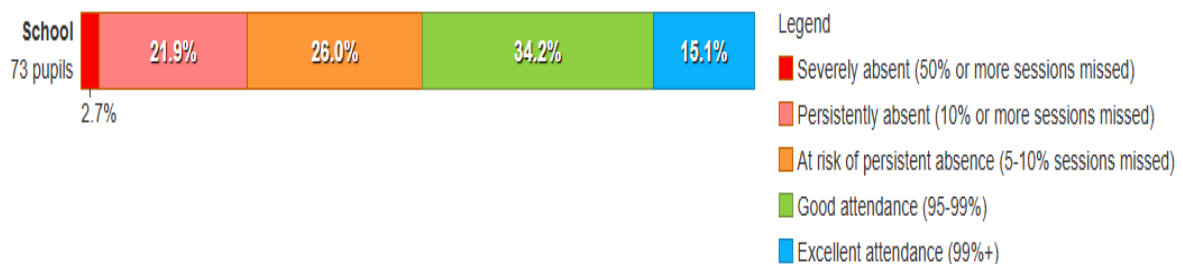
With best wishes,

Mrs Barlow



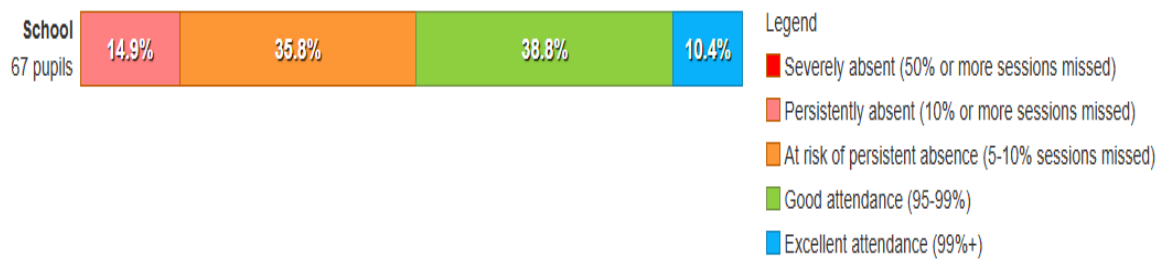
## Attendance Matters

### St Benet's



We are currently sitting at 90% overall attendance as a school, compared to 94% national and local authority. Currently 24.7% of the school population are considered as persistent absence. It would be really good to aim to reduce this significantly next term. Being in school is vital to progress.

### St Edmund's



We are currently sitting at 93.7% overall attendance as a school, compared to 94% national and local authority. Currently 14.9% of the school population is considered persistent absence. Whilst this is relatively low, the percentage of children in the 'at risk' category is quite high. So again, it would be great to try and get some of the amber into the green.

**A huge thanks to dance club for an incredible performance in Celebration Assembly! We are all so very proud of the magic you created at the Marina Theatre last week.**







The children in Beech Class chose this week's Heart of Golds.

Flynn

"He is kind."

"He is really good at his maths, the other day he told me how he can get to 60 then 100 in 5s".

"He is helpful."

"He is kindful".

"He is always good at phonics".



Delcie-Mae

"She lets me play".

"She is peaceful"

"She is a good tidier".

"She's always kind to me".

"She's a nice friend".



Heart of Gold in Rowan class this week goes to Isabella for a love of learning. Isabella always tried hard in everything she does and completes all her work to an amazing standard.



The heart of gold this week goes to Francesca for showing a true love and commitment to learning - well done!

## **Forest School**

Forest School begins again from 1<sup>st</sup> May starting with our Year 4 pupils, the dates for each further year group are listed below. Please note Year 2 have two sessions to make up for when they were evacuated early previously!

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.

01.05.25	Year 4
08.05.25	Year 5
22.05.25	Year 6
05.06.25	Year 3
12.06.25	Year 2
19.06.25	Year 2
26.06.25	Reception & Year 1

## Easter Egg Competition Winners

### Beech Class

Jayden, Jaxon, Rufus, Aubrey, Hunter, Roman, Daisy and Obadara

### Rowan Class

Moses, Jack, James, Evie, Marcelino and Isabella

### Oak Class

Logan, Freddie, Judith, Sonny, Theo, Katrin, Lyla-Rose, Francesca, Luke B and Louisa.



Congratulations to you all!

## Prayer Stations 2025





### **Dates for your Diaries**

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April – Finish for Easter Holidays

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Return to School

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – Oak Class – Time and Tide Museum for Viking Day

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April – Rotary Quiz at St. Edmunds – Year 6

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



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England