



# THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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## START OF TERM MASS

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and parishioners who joined us in church on Thursday for our Welcome Mass. It was a wonderful way to gather as a community at the start of the year, and your presence made the celebration even more special.

The children's behaviour and participation were exemplary. Their reverence, prayerfulness and singing created a beautiful atmosphere that truly set the tone for the term ahead. We are very proud of the way they represented our school and our faith.



In lessons and prayers this week, the children have reflected on the Cross as a symbol of love and hope, reminding us of God's great mercy shown through His Son, Jesus Christ. They have also taken inspiration from Psalm 78, learning the importance of remembering and giving thanks for the many blessings the Lord has given us. Together, these reflections have helped us begin the year rooted in faith, gratitude and hope for the journey ahead.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder that school lunches are **FREE** of charge to ALL Reception – Year 2 pupils with some children eligible beyond this. We would like to encourage ALL children to try a school lunch. We have lots of options available daily including a hot meal option, jacket potatoes, tomato pasta and freshly made rolls as well as a dessert, yoghurt or fruit. Please feel free to also send your child to school with a packed lunch if they are feeling unsure about trying a school lunch. We are more than happy for them to have both whilst they try a few school meals. Please ask the office for a copy of the menu.

## NEW RECEPTION STARTERS 2026

The application process has already opened for those wanting their children to start school in September 2026. If your child turns 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, you need to apply for a place for your child. The window is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We will be holding an Open Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October where parents are able to turn up to the school and have a tour with Mr Kennedy. Tours will be made available throughout the day. However, we understand that working parents can't always make that day. Therefore, we encourage those applying for a place next year to contact school and make an appointment to have a look round at a convenient time for them. If you have a family member or friend who is going to be applying for a place next year, please share this information with them!

## ENTRY CHANGES – BREAKFAST CLUB AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

To improve the safeguarding arrangements for our children, we are making a couple of changes to the way parents drop children off for Breakfast Club and how you enter for our celebration assembly. From Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, entry to breakfast club will now be from the hall door next to the kitchen. This will require parents to park near the junction of St. Mary's Road and Grange Road and make their way through the church grounds and to the door where staff will greet you. This same door will be used for Friday Celebration Assemblies as well. Parents can either walk through the church grounds or through the gate at the bottom of the staff car park. These arrangements will be trialled over the coming weeks to make sure they are having the desired impact. If you have any comments on this matter, please share them with me if you see me around school. Thank you!



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the Waveney Valley



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

### **MARCELINO – FAMILY’S NORFOLK HIKE OF HOPE FOR CHARITY!**

One of our Y4 students, Marcelino, will be taking part in a family organised ‘Hike of Hope’ from 19 – 21 September. The group of 13 will cover 38 miles from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich to the Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham. They are taking part in this walk to raise funds for Aid to the Church who support displaced children affected by war, violence and natural disasters. Last year, they raised £4000 climbing Ben Nevis.

If you would like to support Marcelino and his family, you can donate by clicking on this link to the right. Thank you for your support.



### **FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

The NHS School Immunisation Team will be visiting our school soon to offer the annual flu vaccine to all eligible children. The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect your child and others from becoming seriously ill with flu this winter.

Consent will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. Please ensure you complete and return the form by the stated deadline, even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine. This helps the immunisation team to plan effectively for the visit.

For more information about the flu vaccine, including its safety and benefits, please visit the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu-vaccine)

Thank you for supporting this important programme to help keep our children, families and wider community healthy this winter.

### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

A reminder about the before and after school clubs we offer here at St. Benet’s:

- Breakfast Club operates Monday to Friday in our school hall from 7.50am to 8.45am. It is run by Mrs Sheen and Mrs Woodgate.
- After School Clubs operate from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and will start from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. The overview for this half-term is as follows:

Monday - Dance Club with Miss McEntee (3.15pm to 4.15pm) - Years 3 to 6 only

**Tuesday - Multi-Sports (3.15pm to 4.15pm) – for all children**

Wednesday - KS2 Football Skill (3.15pm to 4.15pm)

Friday - KS2 Multi-Sports (3.15pm to 4.15pm)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **OCTOBER**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>– All Day – Whole School Photographs

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>– 9:30am – 3:00pm – Year 6 Art Day at Sir John Leman High School

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – All Day – Flu Immunisations

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:45am – School Opens