



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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A FOCUS ON GOD

This week in our prayers and assemblies, we have been reflecting on what it means to keep our focus on God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us the two greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour. We have been exploring with the children how, by putting God first and letting go of life's distractions, we can show greater love, kindness and care to those around us.

Our prayers have also been guided by Saint Paul's letter to Timothy, where he encourages us to pray for others and to live in peace. Paul reminds us of God's great desire that every person should come close to Him and know the truth and freedom He offers. This week, we are encouraging the children to make more space for God in their everyday lives, remembering that prayer is a simple but powerful way to grow in faith and in love for others.

WHOEVER IS FAITHFUL WITH VERY
LITTLE WILL ALSO BE FAITHFUL
WITH MUCH, AND WHOEVER IS
DISHONEST WITH VERY LITTLE WILL
ALSO BE DISHONEST WITH MUCH.
- LUKE 16:10

Today, our Year 6 class joined with the Year 6 pupils from our Federated school, St. Edmund's, to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral in Norwich, alongside the other schools in our Academy family.

PANTOMIME TRIP!!

We are delighted to announce that our whole school will be going to watch the pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft on Friday 12th December. This promises to be a magical experience for the children, full of fun, laughter and festive spirit.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £15 per child. We understand that December can be an expensive time of year, so we will be putting payment plans in place to help families spread the cost over the coming weeks.

Further details about timings, travel arrangements and how to make payments will be shared shortly. We are really looking forward to sharing this special event together as a school community!

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME - WEDNESDAY 22ND 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

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



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Awarded by Arts
Council England

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) – WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER @ 9AM

You are warmly invited to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 1st October, 9.00am at (the school library), St Benet's Primary School, Ringsfield Road, Beccles NR34 9PQ

The aims of our PTA are simple but important:

- To advance the education of pupils in the school, in particular by:
- Developing effective relationships between staff, parents, and others associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and enrich the education of the pupils.

Over the years, the PTA has helped to strengthen our school community and provide resources and experiences that directly benefit all children.

The PTA is a vital part of our school community — but its future depends on the support of parents and carers. The commitment required is minimal, and every contribution makes a difference. Whether you are interested in becoming a trustee, offering occasional help, or simply finding out more, your involvement matters. Even if you're not able to commit to being a PTA member, we would still love you to join us at this meeting, where we'll share what the PTA has achieved over the past year and our plans for the year ahead.

Please join us on Wednesday 1st October to ensure the PTA can continue its work for the benefit of all pupils.

With thanks and best wishes,
The PTA

WELL DONE MARCELINO – FAMILY'S NORFOLK HIKE OF HOPE FOR CHARITY!

Marcelino, from Year 4, completed his 38 mile walk over the weekend covering 38 miles from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich to the Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham. As a group, they raised over £2000 for Aid to the Church who support displaced children affected by war, violence and natural disasters. If you haven't already done so, you can support Marcelino and his family by clicking on the link to the right. Thank you for your support and well done Marcelino!!!



BECCLES SOAPBOX DERBY RETURNS!

After the huge success of last year's event, the Beccles Soapbox Derby is back! This exciting free community event takes place on Sunday 28th September right in the heart of our town, on Station Road. Last year, the Derby entertained hundreds of local residents and drew many visitors to Beccles—it promises to be just as much fun this year!

If you're free, do come along to cheer on the teams and enjoy a wonderful day out for all ages. The organisers are also looking for a few extra volunteers to help with marshalling on the day. If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, please get in touch with them via their website: www.becclestowncouncil.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st – All Day – Whole School Photographs
– 9:00am – PTA AGM

Thursday 2nd – 9:30am – 3:00pm – Year 6 Art Day at Sir John Leman High School
– PTA Bake Sale

Wednesday 22nd – All Day – Flu Immunisations

Thursday 23rd – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – 8:45am – School Opens