



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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RESPOND WITH FAITH

This week at St Benet's, our worship has focused on the theme of faith and what it means to place our trust in God. The children have reflected on how faith calls us to believe that God hears us and will respond, even when we cannot yet see how. They have also explored how showing gratitude for the blessings in our lives helps us to recognise God's presence and goodness all around us.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM,
"RISE AND GO; YOUR
FAITH HAS MADE YOU
WELL!"
— LUKE 17:19

Linked to our gospel value of faith, we have encouraged the children to recognise moments each day where they can show trust in God and one another. Our prayers and songs this week have been full of joy and praise as we celebrate the many blessings within our St Benet's family and continue to grow together in faith.

EXCITING NEWS!!

Next week I will be sending home a letter formally opening the consultation process on plans to establish nursery provision here at St. Benet's. The nursery will take up to 13 children at a time with an offer that sees parents and carers able to access nursery care for children aged 3 - 4 years old for half day sessions or full day sessions.

We have been in dialogue with Suffolk County Council who have agreed that there is a need for nursery provision in our area. Therefore, when this letter is circulated, it is important that we gain as many responses to the consultation as possible to reinforce the demand they have identified. It is open to any member of the public to respond and so please can you share the link to the consultation with as many family and friends as you can.

Thank you for your support, Mr Kennedy

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to those parents who took the time to book an appointment for their child(ren) at our Parent/Teacher meetings next week. Your child should have come today with an appointment time. We have allocated all parents an appointment time for next week in case you missed the opportunity to book a time. These meetings are designed to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group and what we can do to support them moving forward.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application window for Year 7 places closes on Friday 31st October. If your child is in Year 6, you must complete this application form in order to have the best chance of securing a place for your child at their preferred high school. Any applications submitted after this time will be allocated a place at a school with available spaces. An email was sent to those parents who have yet to complete the application earlier this week. If you need any support or advice, please don't hesitate to speak with Mr Kennedy at school.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Next week, we will be sending attendance letters out to parents whose children are currently classed as being persistently absent or regularly late. This is something I will be doing on a half-termly basis in a drive to improve attendance at our schools. Parents will be given the opportunity to come into school and discuss the content of the letter with me so that we can work together to improve attendance and ensure all our children have the best chance of achieving their potential at school.



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CLASS MASS

After half-term, we are delighted to begin holding Class Masses. Each class will take it in turn to go into church on a rota basis to celebrate Mass with the parish community. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in the life of the parish, to share in worship with parishioners and to deepen their understanding of the Mass in a more personal way.

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for their child's Class Mass — it is always special for the children to see familiar faces from home and school together in church.

Dates for Class Masses are as follows:

Friday 7th November – Oak Class

Friday 21st November – Rowan Class

Friday 5th December – Beech Class

FLU VACCINATION CONSENT FORMS

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting soon to offer the nasal flu vaccination to all eligible children. To ensure your child can receive their vaccination, parents and carers must complete the online consent form in advance. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the form. If you haven't yet complete it, please click on the link below to access the form and submit your consent.

It is important you complete the form stating whether you do or do not wish your child to receive the vaccination.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/suffolk>

Beccles & District Museums Children's Activities

During half-term the Museum will be open as usual between 1.45 and 4.30pm on the 28th, 29th and 31st of October giving accompanied children the opportunity to have a go at dressing up and playing some games, that would have been played in the 18th century. Beccles Museum is in Ballygate and free to visit and during half term they are for the first time holding a children activities event.

PTA SPOOKY DISCO – BOOK TICKETS BY THIS SUNDAY!

Get ready for some spooky fun! Our PTA Spooky Disco will take place on Wednesday 22nd October in school. Tickets are £5 each and include snacks, drinks, and games.

Fancy dress is optional, but we ask that children dress appropriately, as some of our youngest pupils will be in attendance. All children must be collected at the end of the disco and we kindly ask parents to let us know of any dietary requirements in advance.

It promises to be a fun-filled event for all the children—don't miss out! Scan the QR code to book your place!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Tuesday 21st – Parent and Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 22nd – Afternoon – Flu Immunisations

– 5:00pm – 6:30pm – PTA Spooky Disco

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

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – 8:45am – School Opens

Monday 10th – Stay and Pray for Beech Class

Monday 17th – Stay and Pray for Rowan Class

Monday 24th – Stay and Pray for Oak Class