



## THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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### END OF TERM MESSAGE

We have reached the end of the first term of this academic year and my first term as the new Executive Head teacher. I have joined an amazing community here at St. Benet's and have been welcomed from the very beginning. This term, I have witnessed the hard work and dedication of our staff in school who have been helping me understand more about how the schools work whilst also teaching and guiding our fantastic children. I have also got to know all the children here at St. Benet's and enjoyed getting to know them in their lessons, in the dinner hall and out on the playground. They are a joy to be around and I can't wait to continue striving to improve things for them in 2026. Finally, thank you to all the parents, parishioners and other members of our community who I have spoken to and met since I arrived in September. You all play a valuable role in helping to shape the children who attend our school and are passionate about this. A special extra thank you to our PTFA for organising a very special '6-7' Christmas card for me which all the children signed and handed to me today. It will have pride of place at home!



Today, I spoke about Christmas with the children in our assembly. I spoke about the different layers of Christmas my old Parish Priest used to speak about. How, when you unpick Christmas, we have the superficial supermarket version and the Charles Dickens family Christmas but at the very heart of it is something very simple. The fact that, over 2000 years ago, a baby was born. A baby who was God but who entered our world in weakness and in love. A reminder that we are God's children and have an eternal destiny.

As we finish school today for the Christmas Holidays, on behalf of everybody here at St. Benet's, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I can't wait to continue our journey together in 2026. Thank you! Mr Kennedy, Executive Head teacher

### CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

Our parish community will be celebrating Christmas with a number of events over the coming days. This term, we have started to develop greater links with our parish through our Class Masses and it would be great to continue developing these during this festive period. All members of our school community are invited to attend some or all of these events and Fr. Simon would love to welcome you and your family to them.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 4pm – Christmas Carol Service at St. Benet's RC Church

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – 5pm – Family Christmas Mass at St. Benet's RC Church

– 9pm – First Mass of Christmas at St. Edmund's RC Church, Bungay

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** – 9:15am – Christmas Mass at St. Edmund's RC Church, Bungay

– 11:00am – Christmas Mass at St. Benet's RC Church

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA!

Thank you for all your help and support during this term as we have worked hard to put on fun and enjoyable events for your children. This term, we have raised over £1000! Thank you and see you in 2026!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS WHEN WE RETURN IN JANUARY!



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## **COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

When we return in January, we will be making some adjustments to the collection arrangements at the end of the school day. Ringsfield Road has a large amount of traffic on it due to our school finishing at the same time as Sir John Leman High School further up the road. We also have cars and minibuses entering and leaving the staff car park as well. Several parents have also spoken to me about this issue.

From January, the gate on Ringsfield Road will be open as usual however, we will also be opening the gate next to our school kitchen which will allow parents to park on either St. Mary's Road or Grange Road and enter the school site from behind St. Benet's Church (same route as parents use for our Friday Celebration Assembly).

With this change in mind, Beech Class will still be collected from their classroom however, Rowan and Oak classes will now be collected from the lower playground area to allow their class teachers to monitor who picks them up. If parents have children in both classes, we would suggest picking up the younger sibling first.

Once this system is up and running, please share with me any feedback so that we can ensure it is working as we want.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **JANUARY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – School Opens for the Spring Term

