



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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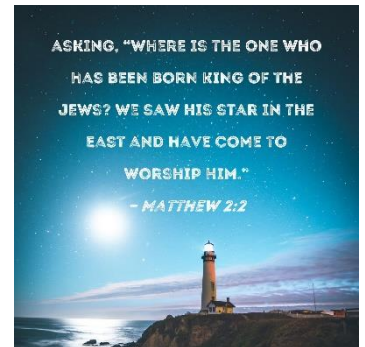
Friday 9th January 2026



WELCOME BACK!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week and to see the classrooms filled once again with energy, laughter and a sense of purpose. As we begin the new term, we also mark the feast of the Epiphany, a time that reminds us of God's light being revealed to the world and of new beginnings filled with hope.

There are many exciting things planned for the term ahead, and we are looking forward to sharing these with you as the weeks unfold. We are excited about the opportunities ahead for the children and for our school community as we continue our journey together.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & WIN MONTHLY CASH!

Did you know about our School Lottery with exciting monthly money prizes? Every ticket helps fund new resources, activities, and improvements for our school.

Join today — it's fun, it's easy, and it makes a real difference! Use the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-benets-rc-primary-school>

LUCKY PLATE MENU - THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY

Please see the Menu below for lunch on Thursday, 15th January which is also a Lucky Plate Day. Thursday, 15th January is the date of our next School Census when the Government take a snapshot of pupil data i.e. take up of school lunches etc. so we would very much appreciate a good take up of school meals that day.

MENU - Crispy Chicken Nuggets or Veggie Fingers. All served with Crispy Potatoes and a choice of Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans. Dessert is a Chocolate Brownie. A filled Jacket Potato and Hot Pasta options are also available.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Email is our main form of communication for all things related to school. We want to make sure that as many members of our school community keep up to date with the exciting things taking place. If you have other family members (e.g. grandparents) who would be interested in receiving our school newsletter and other information from school, please ask them to send a quick email to our school office (office.stbenets@cpswv.org) and we will gladly add you to our distribution list.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Schools are required to follow national attendance guidance which places a clear duty on us to monitor attendance closely and to take action when a child's attendance gives cause for concern. When a child is identified as being persistently absent, we are required to contact parents to discuss this and to offer support where appropriate. As part of this process, families may have received a letter from school this week to formally inform them that attendance has fallen below the expected level. This is not intended to be punitive, but to ensure that concerns are shared clearly and early so that we can work together to improve attendance and support the child's wellbeing and learning.

We value our partnership with parents and appreciate your understanding that these steps are part of our statutory responsibility. By working together, we can help ensure every child is in school regularly and able to make the most of their education.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

Tuesday 6th – School Opens for the Spring Term

FEBRUARY

WB 9th – Children’s Mental Health Week, NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops and Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th – School Closes for the Half-Term Break

Wednesday 18th – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

Monday 23rd – School Opens

Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y6

MARCH

Monday 2nd – Stay and Pray – Oak Class

Thursday 5th – Forest School – Y5

Monday 9th – Stay and Pray – Rowan Class

Thursday 12th – Forest School – Y4

Monday 16th – Stay and Pray – Beech Class

Thursday 19th – Forest School – Y3

Tuesday 24th – Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y2

Friday 27th – School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

Monday 13th – School Opens

Thursday 16th – Forest School – Y1/R

Thursday 23rd – Forest School – Y1/R