



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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SALT OF THE EARTH

At St. Benet's this week, we explored what it means to shine God's light in the world. In our assemblies and prayers, the children considered how they are called to be salt and light, bringing out the best in others through love, service and faith in Jesus. By inviting the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them, the children reflected on the many ways they can make a difference each day. It has been uplifting to see them embracing their call to live brightly and faithfully within our school community.

WHEN JESUS SAW THE
CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON
THE MOUNTAIN AND SAT
DOWN. HIS DISCIPLES
CAME TO HIM.
- MATTHEW 5:1

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, 18th February where we signal the start of Lent. We are not in school but there will be an Ash Wednesday service in our church starting at 11:00am and there will also be an evening service at 7:30pm. We hope you can join our parish community for this. We will be having our own service in church when we return on Wednesday 25th February starting at 2:30pm. All are welcome to join us for this event.

GAS SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

This week has been an unusual one, and I would like to sincerely thank our whole school community for their support during the temporary gas supply interruption. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding, for sending children in with extra layers and packed lunches, and for your flexibility at short notice. Your support made a real difference.

I am also very grateful to our staff team, several of whom brought in additional heaters to help keep classrooms toasty warm. A special thank you to Zoe in the kitchen, who went above and beyond to source six brand new heaters at short notice. It was a true team effort, and I am proud of how everyone pulled together.

SUFFOLK PARENT CARER FORUM

The February 2026 edition of the Suffolk Parent Carer Forum newsletter has been published and is ready to view. Inside this issue, you will find information and updates from support services operating across Suffolk, alongside a guide to free events and activities scheduled for the upcoming school holidays. Click here to view: [SPCF February 2026 Newsletter](#)

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION

We are pleased to confirm that after-school club provision will begin again after the half-term break. Bookings can be made through the Wisepay system, and for further details or any questions, please contact the school office. We have appointed Mrs Emma Yeatman to lead this provision and she is excited to get started after the half-term break and meet our children! We look forward to welcoming the children for some fun and engaging activities.

Our Breakfast Club also continues to operate in the school hall from 7:45am on a daily basis. Bookings for this can also be made online through Wisepay.



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HALF-TERM EVENTS IN BECCLES

There are lots of exciting events happening at Beccles Public Hall and Theatre this half term. Check out the exciting list of events and visit their school website for more details and booking information!

- Join the 'Stage Magician of the Year' **Danny Lee Grew** in his brand new, mind boggling one man show 24K Magic! Expect a spellbinding evening of jaw dropping magic, illusion, laughs, gasps, and stunning 'sleight of hand' sorcery, all performed live, in the flesh and under the most impossible conditions.
- **Groovy UV** is an award winning, fun filled hour of puppetry, mayhem, and silliness that audiences won't want to miss! This fantastic UV show has travelled all around the world and is perfect for the whole family. With vibrant colours, engaging variety, and catchy music, this fast paced show is sure to keep everyone entertained.
- Roll up, roll up for this fun filled family show from **Foolhardy Circus**, back by popular demand! Polished clown routines, amazing circus skills, tumbling and magic, beautiful moments of delicate clowning, audience participation...and a comic slapstick finale!
- This is science like you've never seen before! Designed for children and adults alike, **Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show** explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephants' toothpaste, vortex generating dustbins and even howling jelly babies!
- Are you ready for the journey of a lifetime? Join us for Dinosaur Timewarp, an exciting, unmissable, and fully interactive panto style Jurassic adventure filled with music, fun and laughter. An unforgettable dinosaur themed stage show for all the family. It's going to be roar...some!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

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

Wednesday 18th – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

Monday 23rd – School Opens

Wednesday 25th – Distribution of Ashes Service – 2:30pm in Church

Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y6

MARCH

Monday 2nd – Stay and Pray – Oak Class

Thursday 5th – Forest School – Y5

Friday 6th – Rowan Class Mass – 11am

Monday 9th – Stay and Pray – Rowan Class

Thursday 12th – Forest School – Y4

Friday 13th – Beech Class Mass – 11am

Monday 16th – Stay and Pray – Beech Class

Thursday 19th – Forest School – Y3

Friday 20th – Oak Class Mass – 11am

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