



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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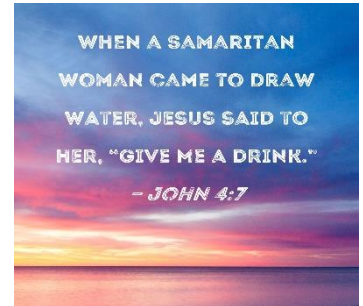
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SEEING OTHERS

This week at St Benet's we began our Lenten journey with the theme Heart to Heart through the SVP Lent Campaign. In our Celebration of the Word, we listened to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus stopped, listened and spoke with kindness to someone who felt lonely and judged. In doing so, He showed that every person matters and that no one is beyond God's love.



The children reflected on how Lent invites us to go heart to heart with others, especially those who may feel left out or unnoticed. Through prayer and simple acts of kindness, we are thinking about how we can reach out, build connections and make a difference in our school and wider community.

SEASON OF LENT

We are now in the season of Lent and we marked the start of it this week by visiting church on Wednesday for a special service by Fr. Simon where each child was offered the chance to receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of our mortality, repentance and humility. The children were very respectful and sung beautifully during this service. Thank you to those parents/carers who joined us for this.

As we move through Lent, there will be different activities taking place to engage the children in the significance of this period in our church's year. Two opportunities which are already marked in our calendar are the Class Mass arrangements and the Stay and Pray sessions. You are warmly invited to both of these events. Class Mass will be on Friday mornings at 11:00am in our church and the Stay and Pray sessions will begin at 2:45pm in class (entry via the school office). If you have any questions ahead of these times, please contact the school office or speak with your child's class teacher.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

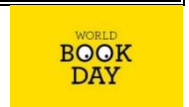
We would like to wish all the children who are completing their First Confession tomorrow in St. Benet's Church every blessing. We hope it is a meaningful and joyful experience, and we are proud of the children as they take this important step in their faith journey.

NEW STAFF IN SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed some new adults into our school community. As mentioned before half-term, Mrs Emma Yeatman has been employed to lead our After School Club provision. We have also welcomed Mrs Shanice Barnes to work in our Rowan Class every morning and Mrs Katie Tipple to work with our children at lunchtimes in the school dinner hall and out on the playground. I would like to extend a St. Benet's welcome to them all and I'm sure all our children will get used to seeing them around school very soon.

REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March (a day earlier than usual as Forest School will be taking place on the official day). The day will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and stories. Children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book, or they may choose to bring a book into school and wear their pyjamas, ready for a cosy bedtime story. A range of fun activities will be planned throughout the day to help bring books and reading to life for the children. **MORE INFORMATION BELOW!**



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 – BOOK REFLECTION ACTIVITY

In the lead-up to World Book Day 2026, we would like to give children the opportunity to share some of their favourite books and reflect on how these stories make them feel. A letter will be coming home today from Miss Lyons with more details and templates for your child to use to reflect on their favourite books. Once filled in, these can be turned into book cards to share with their classmates on World Book Day.

Please work on these templates together with your child and bring them into school on Wednesday 4th March. Children can choose to complete as many templates as they like, and they may also wish to bring in the book or books that match their cards. This is a wonderful way for children to celebrate reading, share their favourite stories, and explore the joy that books bring.

ENGAGING WITH TTROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS

Our children continue to enjoy practising their maths skills through TT Rockstars and NumBots (for Beech Class). These platforms make learning fun and interactive, helping children develop confidence with number facts, times tables and basic calculations.

Research shows that regular practice on these tools can have a real impact on children's outcomes in maths, supporting both fluency and reasoning skills. The platforms are easy to access at home or at school, giving children plenty of opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and celebrate their progress.

Every fortnight, the latest round of certificates will be printed and handed out to the children, recognising their achievements and motivating continued learning. We encourage all families to support children in making the most of these resources so that learning can continue beyond the classroom.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION

We are pleased to confirm that after-school club provision has started this week. 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 has enjoyed working in school this week and meeting our children! We have spaces available if you would like your child to attend. Bookings can be made for individual days or full weeks at a time. Our Breakfast Club also continues to operate in school from 7:45am on a daily basis. Bookings for this can also be made online through Wisepay.

PARENT GOVERNOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We have seen an increase in the number of Foundation Governors on our Governing Board. As a result, we are now in a position to appoint an additional Parent Governor to our Board. If you are interested in fulfilling this position on our Governing Board, please contact the school office with your name and contact details and Mr Kennedy will be in touch to discuss the role in more detail with you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Monday 2nd – Stay and Pray – Oak Class

Wednesday 5th – World Book Day Celebrations

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