



# THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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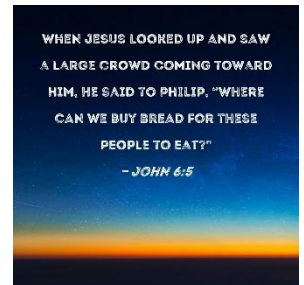
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## **BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY**

This week, our children continued their Lenten journey by reflecting on how we can care for others through generosity and sharing. Building on last week's focus on seeing others, the children explored the story of the young boy who offered his small amount of bread and fish to Jesus. Although it seemed like very little, Jesus used it to feed many people, reminding us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.



The children thought about the different ways they might share what they have with others this Lent – whether through their time, their kindness or helping those in need. Just as the boy shared his bread, when we offer what we have with love and faith, God can use it to do wonderful things for others.

## **SCHOOL VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**

We are currently in the process of reviewing our school mission, vision and values. This is something schools should do periodically to ensure that these statements remain relevant, meaningful and reflective of the community they serve. Our current version can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Our staff team recently met to begin this process and have developed an initial draft to help guide the next stage of discussion (see below). This draft has already been shared with governors and we are now keen to gather wider feedback. Parents and carers now have the opportunity to review the proposals and share their thoughts, and we will also be working with a small group of children so that pupil voice forms an important part of the process.

If you would like to contribute your thoughts or comments, please use the link to the feedback form included below. Your views are very important as we shape a mission, vision and set of values that truly reflect our whole school community. Our school rules of 'We are ready. We are respectful. We are kind' will remain in place.

### **Vision – what do we aspire for the children?**

*For our children to flourish as confident, compassionate and resilient individuals, rooted in faith, guided by strong values and equipped to shape the world for the better.*

### **Mission – how are we going to achieve this?**

*Our Faith is at the heart of everything we do every day. We see every person in our school as a child of God and reflect on how to grow as better Christians. We challenge everyone to develop their skills, character and understanding, providing support and guidance as they grow. We recognise that we are one big family – as a school, within our parish and in our local community – and we seek out positive role models to inspire our children. We provide engaging lessons that reveal the beauty of the world around us and the opportunities open to our children, guiding them to become better individuals and make a meaningful difference. We give our children a voice, empowering them to shape their own future and contribute positively to the communities they belong to.*

### **Values – the overarching principles that provide a moral compass for our setting**

*Faith – Compassion – Resilience*

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## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to those children who made their First Confession last week in church. The service went well and Fr. Simon commented on how the children gave very thoughtful responses which is very pleasing. The children will now continue their preparations towards their First Holy Communion. A reminder that the next session is tomorrow in the hall at St. Benet's at 10:30am.

## **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 AND TEACHER MEETINGS**

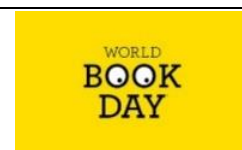
Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Like the Autumn Term, all appointments will be held on one evening. A link to the booking of appointments will be circulated at 8am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please look out for this link and get your appointments booked. Appointments will be starting at 2:30pm.

These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making this academic year. If you require a longer appointment (for example, if your child is on the SEN Register or you have specific matters to discuss), please contact the school office directly.

If you are unable to attend on the evening, please get in touch with the school office to arrange an alternative time.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY - THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children prepare for World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many fantastic costumes inspired by favourite book characters, as well as plenty of cosy pyjamas ready for a day of stories.



The children clearly had a fantastic time taking part in the activities throughout the day, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm for books and reading. It was certainly a day they will remember.

## **STAY AND PRAY - CHANGE OF DATE REMINDER**

A quick reminder that the Stay and Pray session for Rowan Class this week has been moved. It will now take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm in school. Parents, Guardians and Grandparents of children in this class are welcome to join us for this session.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MARCH**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Pray – Rowan Class  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Forest School – Y4  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Beech Class Mass – 11am  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Pray – Beech Class  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Forest School – Y3  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Oak Class Mass – 11am  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Meetings  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Forest School – Y2  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for Easter Holidays

### **APRIL**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – School Opens  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Forest School – Y1/R  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Forest School – Y1/R

