



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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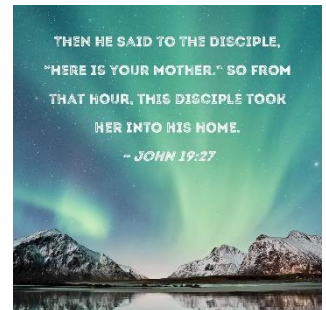
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GIVING OUR HEARTS

This week at St Benet's, we reached the final stage of our Lenten journey through the SVP Lent Campaign – Heart to Heart, focusing on the theme of giving our hearts. Throughout Lent, the children have reflected on noticing others, sharing what we have, giving our time and including others. This week, they have been encouraged to bring all of this together by showing love through simple, meaningful actions.



In our worship, the children reflected on how Jesus, even in His suffering, showed care and compassion for others. Inspired by this, they have been thinking about how they can offer “heart-to-heart” moments – taking time to listen, support and show kindness to those around them. It has been a powerful way to end our Lenten journey, reminding us that even small acts of love can make a lasting difference.

END OF TERM

Thank you for all you have done to support our school this term. It has been another busy term with TT Rockstars Day, World Book Day, Parent/Teacher Meetings to name just a few of the things which have taken place. We have already started planning some exciting things for next term and we can't wait to share them with you! Have a lovely Easter break and see you all when we return! Mr Kennedy

OAK CLASS TRIP TO TIME AND TIDE

Our Oak Class have their trip to Time and Tide on 30th April, with a cost of £7.90 per child. A letter will be sent home after the Easter break with a permission slip attached. If you would like to process the payment now, please logon to Wisepay to do this. This trip promises to be a valuable and enjoyable visit. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

APPOINTMENT OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to share that, following an increase in the number of Foundation Governors, we have been able to appoint an additional Parent Governor to our governing body. Expressions of interest were invited recently, and we are delighted that Beccie Amer has put herself forward. Beccie has previously served on our governing body and brings with her valuable experience and insight. She will be a real asset as we continue to develop and strengthen our school. We look forward to working with Beccie in this role and thank her for her continued commitment to our school community.

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2026/27

Please find below holiday pattern for the next academic year. As always, please consider these dates when booking family holidays. As a school, we follow the county guidance on absences during term time due to family holidays and fines are issued where this occurs.

| | SCHOOL OPENS | SCHOOL CLOSES |
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| AUTUMN TERM 1 ST HALF | Thursday 3 rd September 2026 | Thursday 22 nd October 2026 |
| AUTUMN TERM 2 ND HALF | Monday 2 nd November 2026 | Friday 18 th December 2026 |
| SPRING TERM 1 ST HALF | Tuesday 5 th January 2027 | Friday 12 th February 2027 |
| SPRING TERM 2 ND HALF | Monday 22 nd February 2027 | Thursday 25 th March 2027 |
| SUMMER TERM 1 ST HALF | Tuesday 13 th April 2027 | Friday 28 th May 2027 |
| MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY 3RD MAY 2027 | | |
| SUMMER TERM 2 ND HALF | Monday 7 th June 2027 | Wednesday 21 st July 2027 |



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SCHOOL NURSERY PROVISION

We are delighted to share the exciting news that we have been awarded £150,000 to develop a school-based nursery here at St. Benet's. This nursery will build on the strong foundations already in place across our schools. This is a significant step forward and reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting children and families from the very earliest stages of education.

The nursery will provide a nurturing, high-quality environment where our youngest children can flourish, grow in confidence and begin their learning journey within our school community. We are particularly excited about the opportunities this will bring for strengthening links with families and supporting children as they transition into Reception. An expression of interest form will be circulated shortly to help us understand the level of demand. We would be very grateful if you could complete this and also share the information with friends, family and the wider community who may be interested.

We would also like to remind families that we currently have spaces available in other classes across the school, so please do get in touch with the school office if you would like to find out more. We look forward to sharing further updates with you in the coming weeks as this exciting development progresses.

YEAR 4 WATER SPORTS MORNING

We are excited to share that our Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a morning of water sports at Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre. Activities will include raft building and paddle sports, such as kayaking, with wetsuits and buoyancy aids provided.

The children will attend on one of three sessions: Thursday 7th, Thursday 14th and Thursday 21st May. A consent letter will be sent out when we return following the Easter break as well as notification as to which date your child will attend.

EASTER IN OUR PARISH

As we approach Holy Week, I just wanted to remind you of the timings of services in our parish churches for those of you who are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

Bungay - (In Hall) at 9.00am and Beccles - 11.00am

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Bungay - 7.30pm

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

Bungay - 1pm and Beccles - 3pm

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

Beccles - 9.00pm

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

Bungay - 9.15am and Beccles - 11.00am

ST BENET'S RESTORATION FUNDRAISER - FAURE'S REQUIEM

Our parish community is pleased to share an upcoming fundraiser for the restoration of St. Benet's Minster, featuring a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, a beautiful and well-loved piece of choral music.

The concert will take place at St Benet's Minster Church, Beccles on Saturday 11th April 2026 at 7:30pm. It will be performed by the Academy of St Nicholas Choir and Orchestra of Great Yarmouth, alongside the Gold and Silver Singers, Gorleston, under the direction of Joseph Knight, with Martyn Marshall as organist.

Tickets are £12, which includes a drink, and can be purchased from Sweeties Shop, 15 New Market, Beccles, or by contacting Angela at info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church.

This promises to be a wonderful evening of music, while also supporting the ongoing restoration of our church.