



# THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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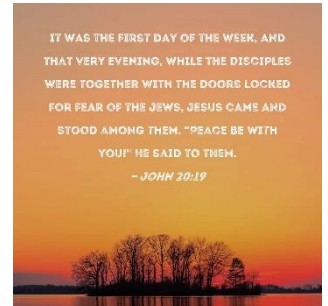
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## **BELIEVE AND RECEIVE**

This week at St Benet's, our worship has focused on the story of Thomas and the message of believing and receiving. The children reflected on how Thomas found it difficult to believe until he saw Jesus for himself, and how we too are called to trust in Jesus, even when we cannot see Him. Through this, the children have been encouraged to use their "eyes of faith" and to recognise the many ways God is present in their lives.

In our prayer times, we reflected on the moments when Jesus appeared to His disciples and offered them peace. The children have been thinking about how they can receive this peace and share it with others through kindness, understanding and faith in their daily lives.



## **CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

The class newsletters for this term will be circulated to you on Monday morning. These are useful in detailing what is happening in your child's class this term and what they will be learning. If you don't receive a copy of this, please contact the school office.

## **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 has been sent home with a permission slip attached. If you would like to process the payment, 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.

## **NURSERY DEVELOPMENT - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOW OPEN**

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

The nursery will offer a nurturing, high-quality environment where children can flourish, grow in confidence and begin their learning journey within our school community. It will also strengthen links with families and help to support a smooth transition into Reception.

An expression of interest form is now available. We would be very grateful if families could complete this form if they are interested in a place from September, including details of the type of provision required (such as 15 hours, 30 hours or paid places) and whether you would like to be kept updated as the project develops. Please also share this opportunity 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 contact the school office if you would like to find out more.

We look forward to sharing further updates as this exciting project continues to progress.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM](#)



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## **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.

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

## **SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH - PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS SUMMER TERM 2026**

There are a number of online workshops being provided by the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust. These free virtual workshops on Zoom are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how you as parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60-75 minutes long. To find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit <http://www.nsft.uk/workshops>.

### **BOHEMIAN CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT ST BENET'S**

We are pleased to share that the Bohemian University Choir will be performing at St Benet's Church, Beccles on Saturday 2nd May at 4:00pm. Admission is free, with donations gratefully received, supporting both the choir and the St Benet's Restoration Fund.

The choir is made up of students from the Czech Republic who share a passion for singing and performing together. Their programme includes a wide range of music, from classical choral pieces to modern works and traditional Czech folk songs, offering a wonderful insight into their musical culture.

This promises to be a warm and uplifting event, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The choir enjoy meeting their audiences, making it a lovely opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy an afternoon of music.

### **WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

You are warmly invited to a Waveney Valley Catholic Parish Quiz Night on Friday 24th April at 6:00pm in St Edmund's Hall, Bungay. Tickets are £6 per person, which includes light snacks. You are welcome to come along as part of a team of up to 8, or simply join on your own or in a smaller group and team up with others on the night.

This is a bring your own bottle event or drinks will be available for a small donation. For tickets or more information, please contact Sylvia Weal at [sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com) or on 07794 597 296. A great opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun with our parish community!

## **DIARY DATES – RETURNING NEXT WEEK**