



## THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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### "I'M HERE"

This week at St Benet's, the children have been reflecting on Jesus' promise that He is "the way, the truth and the life." Through our worship and prayer, they explored how the disciples slowly came to understand that, in following Jesus, they were being led closer to God the Father. The children have been encouraged to think about how Jesus walks alongside us in our own lives, guiding us through both joyful and challenging moments.

Inspired by the saints and their examples of faith, the children have also considered how they can follow Jesus through their words and actions each day. By showing kindness, honesty and compassion, they continue to help make our school a place where God's love is lived out within our community.



### **SUPPORT ST. BENET'S PUPILS IN THE TESCO BLUE TOKEN PROGRAMME AT BECCLES TESCO**

We are delighted to share that we are taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts Blue Token Appeal. Every blue token we receive helps increase our chances of being awarded the top prize of £1,500, which would make a real difference to our school.

To make this even more exciting, we will be launching a competition for our children to see who can deposit the most blue tokens into the St Benet's collection point in the Tesco in Beccles and Tesco Express in Southwold. We ask parents and carers to support this by emailing the school office with photos and details of how many blue tokens your child has deposited. At the end of the voting round, the child who has collected the most tokens will receive a prize.

Please help us spread the word to family, friends and the wider community. The more people who choose St Benet's when they shop, the greater our chances of winning and supporting our children. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

### **MARKETING WORK AT SCHOOL - FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Next week, we will be welcoming a professional photography and filming team into school on Tuesday as part of our work to promote St. Benet's and our exciting new school-based nursery provision. The photographs and video footage may be used across our school websites, prospectuses and social media platforms.

Please ensure that children come to school in full school uniform on this day. If your child has PE, we kindly ask that PE kits are sent into school separately so children can change later in the day if needed.

We already hold records regarding permissions for children to appear on social media and wider media platforms and we will, of course, adhere carefully to these permissions at all times. However, if you would now be happy for your child to be included in any photography or filming, please contact the school office.

Please note that not all children will necessarily be involved in the filming or photography.

Thank you for your support.



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### **SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES FOR 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Following the announcement on last week's newsletter about the changes to next year's school uniform, the school website has been updated with images of what we are expecting for school uniform in September. Please take a moment to look on our school website so that it is clear what to purchase ahead of next academic year.

I also want to emphasise that our PE kit from September includes black shorts. These shorts are not to be gym or cycling type shorts but the looser PE/Football shorts. If you need clarification on this, please speak to me around school.

### **HEALTHY EATING**

Thank you so much for the positive response and support we have had to the changes to our breaktime snacks. The children have really warmed to it and it has been great seeing the variety of fruits and vegetables that have been brought in.

Children in Reception Class and Year 1 and 2 will continue to receive free fruit and vegetables everyday as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals system. We are also exploring ways in which we can provide our older with something similar, although this might come at a small cost. We will share more information if we are able to arrange something.

### **KEY STAGE 2 SATS – NEXT WEEK!**

A reminder that Key Stage 2 SATs Week is next week. Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments.

If your child is in Year 6, please can you make sure they arrive on time each day and are well rested, having had a good breakfast. A calm and positive start to each day will really support them in doing their best.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MAY**

WB Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 2)  
– Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – May Flower Procession at 2pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 3)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closes for Half-Term

### **JUNE**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – School Opens

– Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to take place this week

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Residential Visit

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Deanery Corpus Christi Procession at St. Benet's Church – 3pm

WB Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to take place this week

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Rowan Class Mass – 10am

– Sir John Leman Awards Ceremony – 6:30pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Beech Class Trip to Norwich Castle

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Beech Class Mass – 10am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Rowan Class to attend Trust Mass in Lowestoft

– Oak Class Mass – 10am

– Marina Theatre Dance Show – 6:30pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Judo British Athlete to visit school

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day – 1 – 3:15pm