



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, IN HIM

This week at St Benet's, our worship has focused on the deep relationship between Jesus and God the Father. Through the Gospel, the children reflected on how Jesus invites each of us to grow closer to God and to live our lives rooted in His love. They explored how, through Jesus, we are never alone and are always guided and supported in our journey of faith.

Our prayers this week were inspired by the words of St Augustine, asking the Holy Spirit to "breathe in us" and guide our thoughts, words and actions. The children have been encouraged to think carefully about how they can show God's love through kindness, compassion and the choices they make each day.

Our Mary Procession will take place on Monday 18th May starting at 2pm in our church. After a short service, we will then process to our school grounds where we will place the statue of Our Lady and then decorate it with flowers. Every year, we are blessed by the range of flowers that our children bring in for this special occasion. This year we ask that, if you are able to send something in, a single flower or a small, single potted plant are sent in on the day for our children to present. Where this is not possible, we will make sure they have something to lay at the statue. Thank you for your support.

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

Thank you to those who have popped one of the blue tokens into our section of the Blue Token Programme so far. We look to be doing quite well when I was in Tesco this week. Please keep asking for tokens and adding them to our section whenever you visit! Send us some pictures of your child/children doing it as well so we can share it with our community.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week, we will be taking part in Walk to School Week, encouraging children to enjoy the many benefits of walking or travelling actively to school. We know many of our families already do this regularly, but it is always a great opportunity to continue promoting healthy lifestyles and positive wellbeing. We also understand that many children travel into school by car, but where possible we encourage families to park a little further away and enjoy a short walk together.

Throughout the week, the children will complete activities and reflections in school linked to keeping healthy and celebrating their achievements. We hope this will inspire some fun and creative journeys to school, from spotting things along the way to creating stories, singing songs or even setting up a "walking bus" with friends.

BECCLES COMMON JUNIOR PARKRUN

We are pleased to help promote the new Beccles Common Junior parkrun, which has now been running successfully for seven weeks. Junior parkrun is a fun, friendly and inclusive event for children, encouraging exercise, fresh air and community involvement in a supportive environment.

Please see the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information about how to get involved. We are always keen to support opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing for our children and families.



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WELL DONE TO YEAR 6

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week.

The children approached each day with maturity and gave their very best effort, which is all we could ever ask of them. They should feel extremely proud of themselves and all they have achieved, not just this week but throughout their time preparing for the assessments.

Thank you also to our staff and families for the encouragement and support given to the children along the way. We are looking forward to celebrating the final part of Year 6 with lots of exciting opportunities still to come.

FORMER HEAD TEACHER – MR PETER ARNOLD

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the recent passing of former Head Teacher, Mr Peter Arnold. Mr Arnold gave many years of dedicated service to the school community in the late 90s and will be remembered fondly by staff, pupils and families past and present. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES FOR 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

A reminder to check the uniform section of our school website to see images of our uniform from September 2026 so that it is clear what to purchase ahead of next academic year. A reminder 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Monday 18th – May Flower Procession at 2pm

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 21st – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 3)

Friday 22nd – School Closes for Half-Term

JUNE

Monday 1st – School Opens

– Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to take place this week

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th – Year 6 Residential Visit

Friday 5th – NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

WB Monday 8th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to take place this week

Wednesday 10th – Rowan Class Mass – 10am

– Sir John Leman Awards Ceremony – 6:30pm

Thursday 11th – Beech Class Trip to Norwich Castle

Wednesday 17th – Beech Class Mass – 10am

Wednesday 24th – Rowan Class to attend Trust Mass in Lowestoft

– Oak Class Mass – 10am

– Marina Theatre Dance Show – 6:30pm

Monday 29th – Judo British Athlete to visit school

Tuesday 30th – Sports Day – 1 – 3:15pm



A FREE, FUN 2KM EVENT FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-14

🏃 What is Junior parkrun?

Beccles Common Junior parkrun is a FREE weekly 2km run, jog, or walk for children aged 4-14.

It's all about fun, fitness, and feeling good – not competition!

📍 Where?

Beccles Common

🕒 When?

Every Sunday morning

(Please arrive in time for the pre-run briefing)

♥ Why take part?

Build confidence and resilience

Improve fitness in a fun way

Make new friends

Be part of a supportive community

Enjoy the outdoors

👏 Fully supported by volunteers

Our friendly team is there every week to encourage and support all runners – whether it's your first time or your fiftieth!

📄 How to join

Register once and bring your barcode each week:

👉 www.parkrun.org.uk/register

👉 Can you help?

We're always looking for volunteers!

If you'd like to support your local community while your child runs, please get in touch via our Facebook page.

🌈 Everyone is welcome – walk, jog, run or skip!

Come along and be part of something special.

Building happy, active communities one step at a time