



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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LIFT UP OUR EYES

This week at St Benet's, our worship has focused on the importance of keeping our eyes fixed on God, just as Jesus did in prayer before His arrest. The children reflected on how easy it can be to become distracted in our busy lives and how prayer can help us to pause, refocus and follow God's way with confidence and trust.

Throughout the week, the children have also been encouraged to recognise the many blessings in their daily lives through prayer and reflection. By giving thanks, showing kindness and thinking about the ways they can live for the glory of God, they continue to grow as thoughtful and compassionate members of our school community.

Thank you to all those who joined us for our special service to Our Lady which took place on Monday. It was lovely to see so many members of our school community coming together and joining in the service in church before joining our procession to the Prayer Garden dedicated to Our Lady within the school grounds. A special thanks to all of those who brought flowers in and to Mrs. Holden from St. Edmund's for planning our service.

AND NOW, FATHER,
GLORIFY ME IN YOUR
PRESENCE WITH THE
GLORY I HAD WITH YOU
BEFORE THE WORLD
EXISTED.
- JOHN 17:5

UPCOMING PHONICS AND MULTIPLICATION CHECKS

Over the coming weeks, our Year 2 children will complete their Phonics Screening Check, while our Year 4 children will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check. These are national assessments that help schools understand how children are progressing in these important areas of learning.

As always, we want to reassure families that there is no pressure placed on the children by school. We encourage them simply to try their best and approach the checks with confidence and positivity. The children have been working hard throughout the year and staff will continue to support and encourage them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents across all year groups of the importance of continuing to hear your child read regularly at home and encouraging them to access Numbots and TTRockstars. Just a few minutes of regular practice can make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress in reading and maths.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who have taken part in our Walk to School Week activities. It has been wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting, cycling and travelling actively to school, as well as hearing about the creative and fun things they have been doing along the way.

The children have engaged brilliantly with the activities in school, reflecting on healthy lifestyles and celebrating their achievements throughout the week. Thank you for your continued support in helping to promote healthy habits, wellbeing and positive journeys to and from school.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF-TERM BREAK!



The Catholic Schools of
the Waveney Valley



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

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

Thursday 4th June – Year 4 Forest School

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

Thursday 11th – Year 3 Forest School

Wednesday 17th – Beech Class Mass – 10am

Thursday 18th – Year 6 Forest School

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

– Oak Class Mass – 10am

– Marina Theatre Dance Show – 6:30pm

Thursday 25th – Year 5 Forest School

Monday 29th – Judo British Athlete to visit school

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

JULY

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd – Y6 Transition Days at Bungay High School

Friday 10th – Y6 Transition Day at Notre Dame High School

Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th – Y6 Transition Days at Sir John Leman High School

Friday 17th – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 2:00pm



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