



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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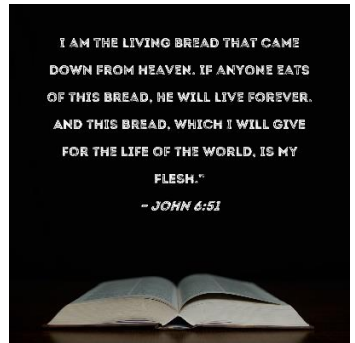
Friday 12th June 2026



AMAZING MYSTERIES: CORPUS CHRISTI

This week at St Benet's, the children have been reflecting on the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the gift of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Through our worship and prayer, they have explored how Jesus, the Bread of Life, nourishes us with His love and strengthens us to live as His followers each day.

The children have also been encouraged to think about how they can nourish others through simple acts of kindness, compassion and friendship. By sharing God's love with those around them, they continue to build a caring and faith-filled school community where everyone feels welcomed, valued and supported.



THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our recent Ofsted inspection.

Firstly, I could not be prouder of our wonderful children. They represented our school with such maturity, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour, speaking confidently about their learning and demonstrating the values that make our school so special.

Thank you also to the many parents and carers who took the time to speak with the inspectors or complete the online questionnaire. Your positive feedback and continued support of our school community are greatly appreciated and play an important part in showcasing all that we achieve together.

Finally, I would like to recognise our incredible staff team. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism and dedication to providing the very best education and care for our children was evident throughout the inspection. They work tirelessly every day to make our school a place where children thrive, and I am immensely grateful for everything they do.

We now await the publication of the final report and will share it with you in due course. Thank you once again for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 1!

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children for completing their Phonics Screening Check this week. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, determination and enthusiasm they showed throughout the process. The children approached the check with fantastic attitudes and should be very proud of themselves.

The progress they have made this year has been wonderful to see and is a testament to their hard work, the dedication of our staff and the continued support from families at home. Thank you to everyone who has spent time reading with their child and practising phonics throughout the year. Together, we are helping to build strong foundations for a lifelong love of reading.

WEDNESDAY WORD AND WAKE UP WEDNESDAY!

We will starting sending weekly updates every Wednesday with information linked to our weekly Gospel assemblies theme (Wednesday Word) and specific Online Safety updates from The National College (Wake Up Wednesday). This is to help improve our communication in support of our Catholic Life and Mission work as well as our online safety work. If you have any questions after receiving these, please contact Mr Kennedy.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - GROWING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH!

Our After School Club continues to grow in popularity, providing a fun, safe and engaging environment for children at the end of the school day. Led by Emma, our Wraparound Care Assistant, children enjoy a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, modelling with homemade play dough, reading, homework support, outdoor play using our sports equipment and trim trail, as well as quiet time with games and children's television.

We're also excited to introduce two new themed sessions:

THURSDAY MOVIE CLUB - complete with popcorn, drinks and ice lollies alongside a family-friendly film.

FRIDAY OUTDOOR PICNIC & GAMES - featuring playground games, sports activities and bubble fun (weather permitting, with indoor activities available if needed).

Sessions can be booked in advance via WisePay:

3:15pm-4:30pm: £5 per session

3:15pm-5:45pm: £10 per session

If you would like to find out more, please speak to Emma at collection time or contact the school office. We would love to welcome more children to our fantastic after-school provision!

THE DAILY MILE TWILIGHT WAVE - FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

We are delighted to share that our school has been offered FREE places in this year's Daily Mile Wave at the Ipswich Twilight Race on Friday 17th July 2026 at 6:30pm.

The Daily Mile Wave is a fun 2km run around Ipswich town centre and is open to children aged 4 and above. All children who complete the run will receive a medal. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

As a school committed to The Daily Mile, we have been selected to receive free entries for this exciting event. There are a limited number of places available, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so early registration is recommended.

Further information, including registration details, has been shared with families. We hope many of our children will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to get active and represent our school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

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

Thursday 9th – Y5 Taster Day 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

– School Closes for the End of the School Year