



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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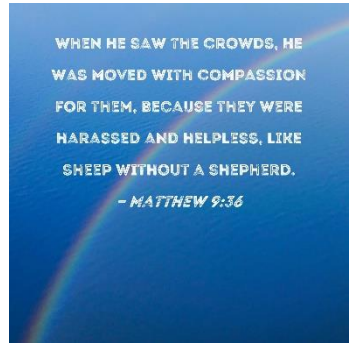


WE ARE COMMISSIONED

This week at St Benet's, our worship has centred on Jesus' call to His disciples to share the Good News and spread God's love. The children have reflected on how this mission is not just for the disciples in the Gospel but for each one of us today. Inspired by the example of the Mini Vinnies, they have been encouraged to recognise the many opportunities they have each day to show kindness, compassion and service to others.

Through our prayers and collective worship, the children have explored how their words and actions can make a positive difference in the lives of those around them. Whether through a simple act of kindness, offering help to a friend or showing forgiveness, they are discovering that they too are called to walk in Jesus' footsteps and be living examples of His love within our school, parish and wider community.

From next week, we will be changing our approach to our Gospel Assembly theme for the week where instead of thinking retrospectively about the Gospel we heard in Mass the day before, we will be looking ahead to the Gospel the children will hear in Church the following Sunday.



CLASS STRUCTURE FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

I am hoping to be in a position next week to communicate our class structure for the 2026/2027 academic year. We are excited to be welcoming Nursery age children from next academic year and hope that our numbers in the nursery class will continue to grow as the year progresses as well as across all year groups. When the information is shared, I will be available to speak with any parents who want to discuss it further with me. Thanks, Mr Kennedy

OPERATION ENCOMPASS – SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Today, we shared a letter with families providing information about our school's involvement in Operation Encompass (Missing Persons), a safeguarding partnership with Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk Children's Services. The initiative helps schools provide timely support to children who may have experienced a missing episode, ensuring they receive the care and understanding they need on their return to school. If you have any questions after reading the letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – REMINDER

As we move towards the end of the academic year, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support with your child's attendance. Regular attendance makes a real difference to children's progress, wellbeing and confidence. We are currently just below the national average for attendance but we are very close to being in line, which would be a fantastic achievement for our school community.

We are also pleased to share that, through your continued support this year, we have halved the number of children classed as persistently absent compared to last academic year. This is a significant improvement and reflects the commitment of our families working in partnership with the school.

We are very grateful for your efforts in ensuring children are in school and ready to learn each day. Your support truly helps us to make a positive difference for every child.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



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WEDNESDAY WORD AND WAKE UP WEDNESDAY!

This week we started sending a weekly Wednesday update 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.

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!

DAILY MILE TWILIGHT WAVE - REMINDER

A reminder that free places are still available for the Daily Mile Twilight Wave at the Ipswich Twilight Races on Friday 17th July at 6:30pm. This fun 2km event is open to children aged 4 and above, with all finishers receiving a medal.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please register as soon as possible using the information previously shared with families.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

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

– PTFA Non-Uniform Day – Festival Vibes!

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