



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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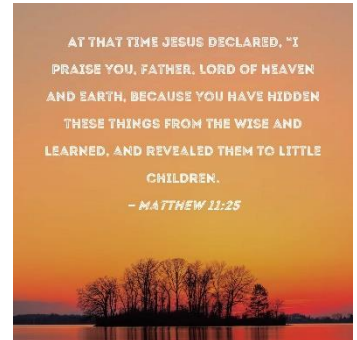
Friday 10th July 2026



GOOD SOIL

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, our worship this week has focused on the Parable of the Sower. The children have reflected on what it means to be "good soil" – ready to receive God's love, learn from His Word and allow it to grow through their actions each day.

This has also been a valuable opportunity to look back on the year with gratitude, recognising the many ways God has been with us through both the joys and the challenges. As we prepare for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead, we pray that our children will continue to grow in faith, kindness and confidence, carrying God's love with them wherever they go.



Thank you to those parents and parishioners who were able to join us for our Leavers' Mass on Monday. It was a lovely Mass and our Year 6 Leavers did a fantastic job in leading parts of the Mass.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent out on Monday. Please look out for these in your child's bags (or hands). As mentioned last week, they will have a slightly different look to them. All reports will contain a General Comments section written by your child's class teacher as well as attainment judgements for all curriculum areas. Class teachers will also make a specific comment on your child's Spiritual Development this academic year alongside targets to help them as they transition into next year. Finally, we will reference how they have demonstrated our school values and school rules this year and report their attendance. For parents of children who are in their Reception year, Year 1 and Year 4, reports will also include the outcomes of statutory assessments which have taken place.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

A reminder that we have our Leavers' Assembly taking place this Friday at 2:15pm in our school hall. Parents are to enter the hall through the side door we use for Friday Celebration Assembly. We hope as many of our parents can join us for this event.

ILLUSTRATOR VISIT TO ST. BENET'S

This week, we were delighted to welcome local author and illustrator (and parent to children at our school) Polly Dunbar into school to share her newly completed children's book with our pupils in Oak and Rowan Classes. The story explores the experiences of a young boy who finds aspects of school challenging and highlights the importance of understanding, resilience and hope. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the inspiration behind the book and had the opportunity to ask questions about the writing process.

We are very grateful to Polly for taking the time to visit our school and share her work with our children. It was a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading and creative writing, and we hope to welcome her back again in the future.

SATS RESULTS DELAY

A reminder to Year 6 parents and carers that a letter was circulated last week regarding a national delay to the release of this year's Key Stage 2 SATs results. As outlined in the letter, this delay is affecting schools nationally and is outside of our control. We will share your child's results with you as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



The Catholic Schools of
the Waveney Valley



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

LAST WEEK IN SCHOOL

A reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm on Friday 17th July for the summer holidays. As part of our final week, the children will have their in-school transition day where they will get to spend time with their new class ahead of next academic year. This will take place on Wednesday 15th July. We hope all children enjoy this day.

Another thing which will take place this week is the sending home of all the children's books and other pieces of work from this academic year. This will take place on Thursday 16th July. Please can you ensure your child has an appropriate bag in school for this. Bags can be brought in at any time during the week.

A reminder that if you have any queries ahead of next academic year, I will be available on Tuesday morning.

HELP OUR PTFA WIN £5,000!

Our PTFA has the chance to win £5,000 through the Movement for Good Community Special Draw. The more nominations we receive, the greater our chance of being selected in the random draw. We would be incredibly grateful if all parents, carers, governors, family members and friends could take a minute to nominate us.

Simply visit the Movement for Good nomination page by [CLICKING HERE](#), click "Nominate a charity for £5,000", then search for "The Friends of St Benet's School" and submit your nomination. Every nomination counts!

Thank you for helping us raise funds that will continue to benefit all of the children at St Benet's.

MARKETING POSTERS AND LEAFLETS

Hopefully you have seen our increased presence online as we look to grow our pupil numbers and welcome new children into our new Nursery class which opens in September. As part of this work, we have a range of posters and leaflets which will be going up around Beccles and surrounding areas over the coming days and weeks ahead. If you know of somewhere a poster could go up or leaflets can be left for potential parents to see and pick up, please nip into our school office and take a few from there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

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

Friday 17th – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 2:15pm

– School Closes for the End of the School Year

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd – School Opens at 8:45am

INFORMATION BELOW OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY!



Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 August
10am - 12:30pm

Our food & party themed Holiday Bible Club is coming this summer and we'd love you to join us.

Who? 4-11 year olds

Where? Beccles Baptist Church, Station Road, NR34 9QQ

What? Games, crafts, songs & stories from the Bible

Cost? FREE!

And, two events for the whole family...

Friday

Family Fun Day
Friday 21
10-11.30am

Sunday

Family Service
Sunday 23
10.30-11.30am

Find out more...

Scan the QR code below to
book your place!



HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR CHILDREN AGED
5-12 YEARS

Islands in the Sun

MAKE
NEW FRIENDS!

HAVE FUN!

DISCOVER
GOD'S LOVE!

✿ THURSDAYS: ✿
30th JULY • 13th AUG • 27th AUG

➤ **10AM – 2PM** ➤



GAMES



CRAFTS



SINGING



LUNCH



**BIBLE
STORIES**



**AND
MORE!**

**FUN, FAITH
& ADVENTURE
EVERY DAY!**

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE WITH LINDA

 **01502 716881**

 **beccles@salvationarmy.org.uk**



Love God Love Others

FREE SUMMER PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS AT THE SEAGULL THEATRE

Looking for a creative activity over the summer holidays? The Seagull Theatre in Lowestoft is offering a fantastic series of FREE printmaking workshops for primary-aged children.

Tell Your Story is a fun, hands-on workshop where children can explore different printmaking techniques, experiment with colour and design, and create their own unique artwork inspired by their ideas and experiences. No previous art experience is needed – just plenty of imagination! The workshops are led by experienced artists in a friendly and supportive environment, making them perfect for children who enjoy being creative or would like to try something new.

The workshops take place on:

Sunday 19th July (10.00am-12.00pm)

Sunday 16th August (10.00am-12.00pm)

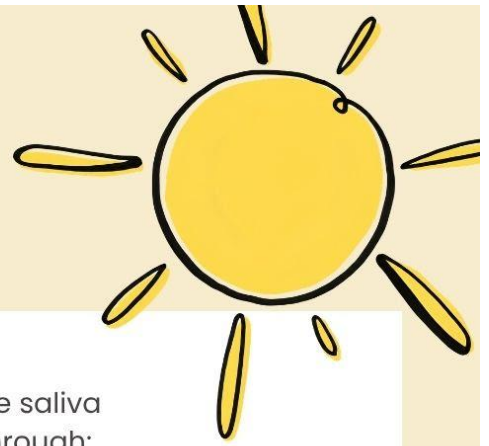
Sunday 20th September (10.00am-12.00pm)

Places are free, but booking is essential. To find out more or book a place, visit: [Tell Your Story – Print Making Workshop](#)

For families with older children aged 11-16, The Seagull Theatre is also running a free Pocket Zine printmaking course on the same dates during the afternoon. We hope some of our families will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get creative over the summer!

Be safe this summer

Travelling abroad? Stay safe around animals to protect your family from rabies.



What is rabies?

Rabies is a virus that affects mammals, including dogs and people. It is deadly but preventable.



How rabies spreads

Rabies is spread in the saliva of infected animals through:



bites



scratches



licks

How to stay safe



Don't touch or approach unknown dogs or cats



Check the rabies risk at your destination and consider pre-travel vaccination



Never disturb dogs when they are eating, sleeping or with their puppies to reduce the risk of bites



Avoid dog bites, scratches and licks

If a dog bites you:

1



Wash

Wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes

2



Apply

Apply antiseptic, if available

3



Go

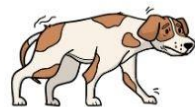
Go to the hospital

Did you know?



Around 59,000

people die from rabies every year worldwide. Children are most at risk.



99%

of human rabies cases are linked to contact with infected dogs

While rabies is rare in the UK, it remains a serious risk in many popular holiday destinations. Mission Rabies works around the world to end rabies through dog vaccination and education.



For more details scan QR code or go to wvs.org.uk/rabies-travel-advice/





IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUNGAY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY.CO.UK



To Book, Call or Text Darell Sibbons 07985 75 80 80

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2026 Matches Days For School Years 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8.

**THURSDAY 23RD, THURSDAY 30TH JULY. THURSDAY 6TH, THURSDAY 13TH,
THURSDAY 20TH & THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST. @ BUNGAY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

All dates are 10am – 2pm and cost £12

SOCCER SCHOOLS ARE HELD

@ BUNGAY TOWN FC GRASS PITCH NR35 2RU

FREE Medal for everyone, and chances to win other Medals, Trophies and Prizes

**Coaches are FA and COERVER qualified, with
Emergency Aid, Safeguarding, and DBS Certificates**

Players of all abilities are welcome, however exceptional quality players will be recommended to Ipswich Town Fc

**Please get your child to bring with them, SHIN PADS, WATERPROOF JACKET, FOOTBALL TRAINERS/BOOTS,
DRINKS (not fizzy) and PACKED LUNCH (nothing containing nuts)**



1-2-1 Coaching Player Analysis Reports



**Payments by Cash, Cheque payable to D.Sibbons, or Bank Transfer, Account Number 10742341, Sort Code 20-92-08
together with this completed form are needed on the day of the Soccer School**

Please text me for availability on the number above.

Child Name.....D.O.B.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Email.....

Home/Mobile...../.....

School Name.....School Year.....

23RD

30TH

PLEASE CIRCLE DATE(S) REQUIRED

6TH

13TH

20TH

27TH

Does your child suffer from any illness or disabilities, which should be brought to our attention?

YES

NO

If Yes please give details on reverse of form.

DECLARATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I wish for my child to be accepted on the above course(s), and I agree to the terms and conditions, and confirm that any medical condition that may affect my child's participation on the course has been fully disclosed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION

I also give permission for Bungay Town Fc / Soccer In The Community, to take and use photographs of my child for future publications and publicity, and to administer First aid if necessary, and to transfer my child to hospital, should an emergency arise. I except that Darell Sibbons / Soccer in The Community and coaches cannot be held responsible for any injury to my child during the event(s) listed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian.....Date.....