



ST BENET'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Jesus, the Lamb of God, invites us to 'Come and see'. When we see Him for who He is, we receive peace, joy and life to the full.



“Look, there is the Lamb of God.”

John 1: 35

Children will learn that:

- 'Lamb of God' is a title for Jesus that tells us about His sacrifice for us.
- Jesus' sacrifice enables us to get closer to God.
- Spending time with Jesus, helps us to get to know Him.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to another week and

The Big Thinking Question has gone out to all classes this week. Every half term I will pose a question that links to our Catholic Social Teaching areas. Children are invited from all classes to consider the question and decide if they wish to respond through a two minute speech to the school at the end of the half term. This not only promotes good oracy skills but also facilitates our children being ambassadors for change.

There has already been a flurry of enthusiasm for this from both schools but one example that really impressed me was at St Edmund's where a group of children have begun to create a website and called themselves the Earth Lovers Association. They are undertaking a poll on there at present to determine a cause to get behind. You can access it here: <https://fmclark787.wixsite.com/elas>

The big question is if you wish to support your child in their speech presentation: *How do you think humans should improve the world within the next five years?*

Can I add a gentle reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45. We are still seeing children coming through the gates at 8:50 or later. The children need to be in the classroom at 8:45 to register and begin their learning so arriving late can be rather discombobulating for them. To ensure you are ready for this time please try to get to the school playground at around 8:30. There will always be a member of staff on duty at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

The new websites go live this week, you will be sent the link to them via email and must start using them to access WisePay and Aspens Select for meal bookings. I am sure you will all be very impressed with them but as always we welcome any feedback you may have.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Barlow

Safeguarding Parent Bulletin

"You might have seen stories about upsetting videos on YouTube Kids that aren't actually suitable for children. Follow the steps in this factsheet to help keep your child safe."

[Child Safety on YouTube Kids](#)

Attendance

Benefits of school attendance

Good attendance at school is not just beneficial, it's essential. Attending school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills

- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways

National and school expectations are that your child's attendance should fall no lower than **94%**. If you feel you need support or advice about your child's attendance please contact the school offices who can put you in touch with our fantastic team who can support you with strategies to maintain good attendance.

Current Attendance in both schools		
Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
Reception	93%	99%
Year 1	91%	94%
Year 2	87%	94%
Year 3	94%	95%
Year 4	80%	95%
Year 5	92%	94%
Year 6	91%	86%
Well done to the classes who are reaching school and national expectations!		

WANTED PLEASE

We will be starting a new lunchtime club and would be most grateful if you have any Chess or Draughts sets that you could donate to School?
Thank you.

Forest School

We are very pleased that each year group will get the chance to attend Forest School again. The sessions will be on a Thursday afternoon during school time. The children will take a mini-bus down to the Common after registration at 1:00 p.m. and will be collected and returned to school for 3:15 p.m.

Children will need **clothing suitable for Forest School** as follows:-

- Wellies/trainers
- Spare socks
- Trousers (jogging bottoms/leggings)
- Long sleeved t-shirt/sweatshirt
- Rain coat
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Waterproof trousers if possible

The children may come to school wearing their Forest School clothes on the day they will be attending. Please be aware that these clothes will get muddy and wet! They may need e.g. a spare pair of jogging bottoms when they get back. The Community Bus also asks that children have a clean pair of shoes/trainers to change into after the visit, before they get into the mini bus. Please see the dates when each year will be attending.

25.01.24	Yr 4
01.02.24	Yr 3
08.02.24	Yr 2
15.02.24	Yr 1
29.02.24	Rec

This week Class 4 have been creating poem portraits by sketching our faces and then using collage to highlight our features.

We completed them by adding words to describe ourselves. Here are some fabulous pieces by Lawrie, Judith and Lyla-Rose!



This week Class One's Heart of Gold goes to Aariah. Aariah is a valued member of our class as she guides others to do the right thing by showing them what to do. She listens to others but always makes her own sensible choices. What a great role model! Aariah you are a star!





Heart of Gold for Class 2 is Theo. Theo spoke thoughtfully about the idea of obedience. He was reflective during the class discussion and shared ideas about who to obey and why.

This week's Heart of Gold in class 3 is Logan for showing kindness and knowing how to look after others. He always chooses to do the right thing when playing with others.



The Class 4 heart of gold this week goes to Katy for her kindness and charitable speech in Mini Vinnies.



Treat Tables



Dates for your Diaries

Friday, 16th February – break up for half term

Monday, 26th February – return to school

Mass Times at St Benet's Catholic Church 10.30am every Sunday.



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