

Friday 13th February 2026

St. Benedict's News



'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term

Please note, it is half term **Monday 16th to Friday 20th February**. Children return to school on Monday 23rd February. We hope you all have a lovely, well rested week.

Safer Internet Day

Earlier this week we celebrated Safer Internet Day with the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'. Teachers have spoken to children about safe and positive use of digital technology. Try to make some time to listen to your child about their online experiences.

Legal drop in

Our next legal advice drop in session is on **Wednesday 25th February** at 9am. The drop in facility is lead by Rebecca Butler who works for MSB Law, Liverpool. This is a service that offers **free** advice around family law for any parent.

Book Fair

We are delighted to have the Scholastic Book Fair returning to our school. It will take place in the school hall after school on **Thursday 26th, Friday 27th February and Monday 2nd March**. There will be lots of books available for you to browse with your child and buy at discounted prices. Many books are below £5. You can also use your World Book Day voucher to help towards the cost. This will be just before World Book Day so an ideal opportunity for you to celebrate a love of reading with your child. For every book purchased, scholastic makes a donation towards library books for school so you will also be helping to add new books to our school library.

The Masked Reader

Leading up to World Book Day, we will be guessing our Masked Readers. We have been sending our links to a short video of one of our teachers reading in disguise via text to our parents. Watch these with your child and guess the reader and the book on a Monday and a Wednesday!

World Book Day

We have some exciting events going on over the next few weeks. We have sent out a World Book Day Newsletter containing more information. On **Thursday 5th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children may wear pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share with friends.

Attendance

Please note, if your child is absent from school and their attendance is below **90%** you may receive a visit from an Attendance Officer from the Local Authority. We will notify parents when their child's attendance is close to 92%.

Children's University

When children participate in certain activities they can gain credits as long as the learning provider is registered with Children's University. If they go to clubs outside of school you can purchase a CU learning passport from the office for £4.00 (payable via our App) which will allow them to earn further credits. Children in years 2 and 6 with enough credits will attend a lovely graduation ceremony at Edge Hill University.



**St Benet's
Mass Times**

Wed, Sat
No Mass

Sunday
10am

Mon, Tue,
Thur and Fri
10am

**Attendance
& Punctuality**

**Whole School:
95.2%**

**Highest Class:
Y5**

 **99%**
Well Done!!

**Number of
Lates
15**

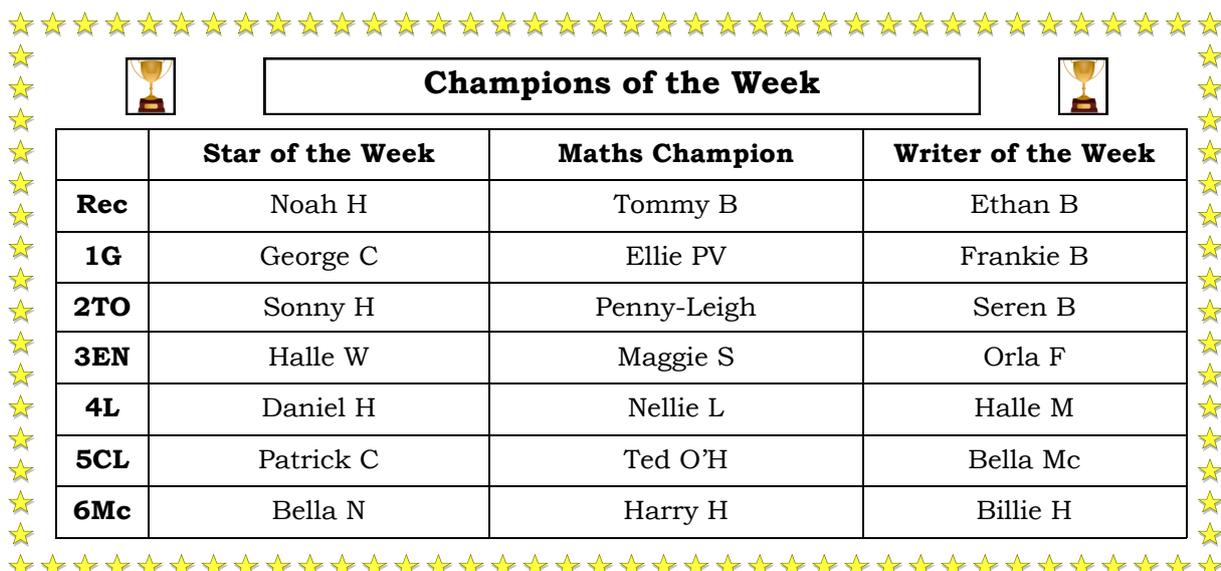


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Champions of the Week



	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
Rec	Noah H	Tommy B	Ethan B
1G	George C	Ellie PV	Frankie B
2TO	Sonny H	Penny-Leigh	Seren B
3EN	Halle W	Maggie S	Orla F
4L	Daniel H	Nellie L	Halle M
5CL	Patrick C	Ted O'H	Bella Mc
6Mc	Bella N	Harry H	Billie H



Complete all 15 challenges on our 'Year of Reading' Bingo and receive 5 bonus credits at the end of the year! 3 new challenges each half term!

February Half Term Challenge 2026

<p>Activity 1 Valentines Fun Saturday 14th February is Valentines day. Why not treat someone you love by creating something fabulous for them? Here are some ideas 30 Valentine's Day Activities for Kids (with Printable List)</p>	<p>Activity 2 Chinese New Year 17th February marks the start of the Chinese New Year celebrations. 2026 is the year of the horse. Find out 5 facts about Chinese New Year, including which animal you are! Here is a link for some ideas Chinese New Year: 2026—Year of the Horse (Lunar New Year)</p>	<p>Activity 3 Pancake Day 17th February is Pancake Day! With the help of an adult, have a go at making pancakes. You could choose different toppings, savoury or sweet! We would love to see your recipe as well as a photo of your best pancake! Pancake Day recipes - BBC Food</p>	<p>Activity 4 National Year of Reading Bingo 2026 is the National year of reading so each half term we will set 3 new reading challenges! 1. Read a book that you borrowed or swapped 2. Recommend something you have enjoyed reading 3. Read a book that makes you laugh *Send a picture & record your answers*</p>
<p>Activity 5 Heart month 2026 February is heart month, so set yourself a challenge to raise your heart rate each day of half term * Check your pulse at rest for 1 minute * Check again after a few minutes exercise (eg walking, skipping, running, dancing, boxing) * Make a chart to record your resting heart rate versus after exercise, don't forget to record the type of exercise you do each day!</p>	<p>Activity 6 Still life drawing Why not collect items from around your home and arrange them together ready to create a still life drawing/painting? You can choose a vase, plant, fruit... anything that doesn't move! You will need paper and pencils/paints/crayons. Get some ideas here! Still Life - BBC Bitesize</p>	<p>Activity 7 Fun Science experiments If science is your thing, why not try out one of these experiments? You might choose 'Brush, brush', 'Floating fish', 'Sticky Ice' or 'Invisible Ink'! Record what you did and include a photo! 45 Best Science Experiments for Kids to Do at Home or in School</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

School Terms and Holidays 2025/26	
<p>Spring Term 2026 Monday 16th to Friday 20th February Friday 27th March</p>	<p>Half-Term Holiday Close for Spring Break (finish at 1:30pm)</p>
<p>Summer Term 2026 Monday 13th April Tuesday 14th April Monday 4th May Monday 25th to Friday 29th May Monday 1st June Friday 17th July Monday 20th July</p>	<p>Inset Day School re-opens for children Bank Holiday Half-Term Holiday School re-opens for children School closes for Summer Holiday (at 1:30pm) Inset Day</p>