

Friday 6th March 2026

# St. Benedict's News



*'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Book Fair has been a huge success. The children have been really excited to purchase new books to enjoy. Over £1,500 worth of books have been purchased! Thank you for your tremendous support. Reading and encouraging your child to develop a love of books makes a huge difference to their success in school and in life.

## **World Book Day**

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, we enjoyed a cosy day in pyjamas, celebrating our love of books. We had lots of fantastic quotes from books and famous people. Thank you for participating,

## **Big Lent Walk**

Weather permitting, we are taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk one day next week. Children have taken home a sponsor form. We always appreciate your generosity to help those less fortunate.

## **Year 4 Sacramental Preparation**

On **Tuesday 10th March** there is an important meeting for parents and Year 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion at 6pm in the Fr. O'Reilly room at St Benet's Church.

## **Easter bunny fun run**

Our Easter Bunny fun run will take place **Friday 13th March**. Children should come in wearing their PE kit and appropriate footwear. They may also wear Easter Accessories such as bunny ears.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March**. Sign up sheets will be on classroom doors early next week for parents to sign up to a time slot.

## **World Down Syndrome Day #LotsOfSocks**

We will be marking World Down Syndrome Day in school on **Friday 20th March** with the theme 'Stand together against loneliness' - asking everyone to think about ways they can make a difference. We are celebrating the day in various ways including asking everybody to wear brightly coloured socks on the day to highlight the triplicate number of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome in people with Down Syndrome. The specific Down Syndrome colours are blue and yellow but children can wear other colours if they would like to. We will be raising awareness in class with a number of activities and will also have a special assembly.

## **Red Nose Day**

On **Friday 20th March** it is also Red Nose Day. As this falls on the same day as World Down Syndrome Day children are asked to wear their uniform with brightly coloured socks and bring in a £1.00 donation for the charity. Children will also tell jokes in assembly.



St Benet's  
Mass Times

Wed, Sat  
No Mass

Sunday  
10am

Mon, Tue,  
Thur and Fri  
10am

Attendance  
& Punctuality

Whole School:  
96.6%

Highest Class:  
Y5



100%

Well Done!!

Number of  
Lates  
6



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## Champions of the Week



	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
<b>Rec</b>	Thomas K	Cillian B	Alex G
<b>1G</b>	Annabelle D	Sonny JW	Erin H
<b>2TO</b>	Reeva H	Ozzy G	Penny P
<b>3EN</b>	Ivy C	Lennon P	Amelia K
<b>4L</b>	Isobelle P	River C	Theo P
<b>5CL</b>	Joel McD	Ava J	Sadie B
<b>6Mc</b>	Daisy M	Ollie F	Esme B

## Attendance

We will provide a regular update on the weekly attendance figures and attendance to date for each class.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

- Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.
- 95%: 10 days absence a year. These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.
- 90%: 19 days absence a year. The Government classes young people in this group as "persistent absentees", and it will be almost impossible for them to keep up with work.



	Weekly Attendance	Attendance to date
<b>Y5</b>	100%	95%
<b>Y6</b>	99%	96.2%
<b>Y1</b>	98%	95.5%
<b>Y4</b>	97.3%	96.1%
<b>Rec</b>	94.8%	92.9%
<b>Y3</b>	94%	94.7%
<b>Y2</b>	92.5%	93.6%
<b>Total</b>	96.6%	94.9%

