

Friday 16th January 2026

# St. Benedict's News



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome Back**

Our first newsletter of the New Year! We would like to wish you all the best for 2026, let's hope a great year lies ahead.

## **Attendance**

New Year, Fresh Start, it is not too late to improve attendance. Our current attendance is 94.2%, this is below our target of 96% and we need your help. If your child is ill and you are unsure whether to keep them off school, please follow the NHS guidelines. You can find out more details by visiting the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. If school can support in any way to help your child achieve the target of 96%, please contact to arrange an appointment.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## **Holy Communion preparation meeting**

The next Holy Communion Preparation meeting for Year 4 parents and children will take place in the Fr. O'Reilly room at St Benet's Church next **Tuesday 20th January 6pm**. It will last approximately 1 hour.

## **Class Newsletters**

In the coming weeks you will receive a class newsletter from your child's teacher. The letter will give you a flavour of the topics the children will learn this term as well as giving important information about the homework routines and PE days.

## **PE Kits**

Please can we remind you that children must come in wearing the correct PE kit i.e. trainers, a plain white t-shirt or school t-shirt, black shorts, plain black tracksuit or leggings for games on their designated days which are as follows:

- Monday: Year 2 and Year 4 swimming
- Tuesday: Reception and Year 3
- Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 6
- Thursday: Year 5

## **School Meals**

Please can you let the school office know if your child has changed from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa giving us at least 1 weeks' notice. School Meals are charged at £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week for children in the juniors. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. Please ensure payment is made on a Friday for the week or in advance on Monday via our schoolcomms app.

## **Unwanted gifts**

Our PFSA would be extremely grateful for any new, unwanted gifts. These will be used as prizes for future raffles and Summer Fayres. Thank you for your continued support.



**St Benet's  
Mass Times**

Mon, Wed, Sat  
No Mass



Sunday  
10am

Tue and Thur  
10am

**Attendance  
& Punctuality**

**Whole School:  
96.4%**

**Highest Class:  
Y3**

 **100%**   
**Well Done!!**

**Number of  
Lates  
12**



**Website: [www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk)**

**Tel: 0151 526 6423**



## Champions of the Week



	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
<b>Rec</b>	Ethan B	Daisy S	Alba S
<b>1G</b>	Lucas D	Lucia C	Harrison C
<b>2TO</b>	Grace Mc	Kai Mc	James R
<b>3EN</b>	Ida H	Joseph Mc	Eva Mc
<b>4L</b>	Harry P	Tilly C	Iris E
<b>5CL</b>	Elsie B	Gary C	Esme VM
<b>6Mc</b>	Evie L	Eva P	Reuben M

### Spring Term Clubs

#### Monday

Music Hub (4:30 - 5:15pm) : **For children who have brass lessons**

Dodgeball: **Year 5 & 6**

Tennis: **Year 4, 5 & 6**

#### Tuesday

Gymnastics: **Year 1, 2 & 3**

Lego: **Year 3 & 4**

Netball: **Year 5 & 6**

#### Wednesday

Art and crafts: **Year 3, 4 & 5**

Football: **Year 1, 2 & 3**

Gymnastics: **Year 4, 5 & 6**

Football: **Year 5 & 6**

#### Thursday

Choir: **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6** (starting Thursday 22nd Jan)

Lego: **Year 1 & 2**

#### Friday

Cheerleading: **Year 1, 2 & 3**

Cheerleading: **Year 4, 5 & 6**

Football: **Year 3 & 4**

Girls' football

After school clubs have now started with the exception of Choir, which is starting next week. Parents must sign up directly for most of the football clubs and gymnastics with Community Coaching, LEAP or Plus Education via the letters or links which were sent out earlier this week. Children must come in to school wearing their **school** uniform and bring in a change of clothing.

### **School Terms and Holidays 2025/26**

#### **Spring Term 2026**

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Friday 27th March

Half-Term Holiday

Close for Spring Break (finish at 1:30pm)

#### **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

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