

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

*The Autumn Term Diary Dates shall be circulated the first week back in September*

### New Year Dates

**Tues 4 Sept-** Children Back to School

**Wed 5 Sept-** Welcome to the New Year Eucharistic Service (Year 1-6) 9.15am

**Fri 7 Sept-** Mini Olympics festival for Year 6 children (am)

**Fri 12 Sept -** Welcome Night for parents (come along and meet your child's new teacher and find out about their year ahead), 5pm

**Fri 14 Sept-** Roald Dahl Day

**Fri 14 Sept-** A Roman themed Play in a Day (Y4 Class). Parents are welcome to come along to watch at 3pm.

**Mon 17 Sept-** Y3 'Ancient Egypt Day' (in school). Y3 shall be joined by Durham University and having an Ancient Egypt themed day.

**Fri 21 Sept -** Welcome Liturgy for new Reception children, 9.15am

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Here we are at the end of yet another wonderful year here at St Benet's! Today we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children;

**Abbie, Alfie, Sophia, Zara, Imogen, Maria, Estelle, Charlotte, Luke W, Luke B, Max, Charlie, Ethan, Fletcher, Leah, George, Joseph, Louie, Ellen, Lucy F, Lucy H, Jacy, Sam, Harry, Eleanor, Emily, Keira, Lucas and Ruairidh.** Some of these children began their St Benet's journey in

Nursery. As much as we are sad to watch them leave, we wish them a very happy and successful time at secondary school and a very bright and prosperous future! Well done Year 6 Class of 2018!

We also say goodbye to **Francesca** in Year 5 and we wish her many happy times ahead in her new school. Furthermore, Mr Kent who has been at St Benet's for the last three years, shall leave our school community today. His presence, talent, humour and dedication shall be greatly missed but we all wish him a very happy time at university. He has also promised to come back and see us as much as he can ☺ Mrs McNally shall also leave St Benet's today and we wish her a very happy time ahead at St Godric's. May God continue to guide them on their adventure through school life. Good luck everyone!

We also wish Miss O'Sullivan (soon to be Mrs Sands) a very beautiful wedding day and her and her future husband a lifetime of happiness together. Congratulations!



So here is to the end of another wonderful year here at St Benet's! Thank you to all of our families and friends of the school for the support, love and kindness that you have shown to our school and its community. I wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer holiday and a restful break.

God Bless,

Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

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## OUR YEAR 6 AWARD WINNERS

**Sportswoman Award** – Abbie Dawson

**Sportsman Award** – Harry McAdam

**Caroline's Writers Award** – Estelle Husband

**Mathematician Award**- Joseph Seymour &Max Thompson

**Philosopher's Stone** – Ruairidh McEwen

**Mayfair Cup** – Maria Garrity

**Father Duffy's Spiritual Award**- Imogen Husband

**Recognition Award**- Lucy Hindmarch & Francesca Nichol

(Year 5)



### Notes:

#### Rise in School Meal Costs

Just a reminder that the price of a school meal shall rise in September to £2.05 per day, as opposed to £2.00.

#### Parking Outside of School

The limited parking outside of the school premises is an ongoing battle. Please can I ask parents to be courteous and considerate towards the no-parking areas, the residents living nearby as well as each other who are all trying to get their child to and from school safely. Thank you.

#### Housekeeper Vacancy

The new priest for the partnership, Father Paul Hopper, who shall spend a lot of time with the parishoners of St Joseph's, is looking for a housekeeper (as advertised on the Parish bulletin). This role is for three days a week, 6 hours flexible. Please contact Mick Davison on 07774768578 for any further information.

## STAR OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2017-2018

**Nursery** – Tommy Hepple      **Year 3-** Sophie Hazon

**Reception** – Max Hazon      **Year 4-** Olivia Carroll

**Year 1-** Maddie Vince      **Year 5-** Zaina Chowdhury

**Year 2-** Martha Dowson-Jones      **Year 6-** Louie Russell

## FREE healthy snacks for kids on the go this summer

During the school holidays free healthy snacks will be available to all kids visiting any Durham County council swimming pool, library or community library every day they are open. Snacks on offer include bananas, satsumas, apples, popcorn and raisins etc. The snacks will help to ensure that kids have access to something quick and healthy to eat during holidays rather than chocolate and sugary snacks. Details of local swimming pools and libraries can be found at: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/leisure>



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