

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

### January 27

Year 5/6 Cross Country at Bullion Lane Primary School *(please note this is a change of venue to originally planned)*

### January 31

Year 3 Mass, 9.15am

### February 2

**NSPCC Number Day-** To raise the profile of Maths within school, we are supporting the NSPCC (donation of £1) and having a Maths 'Number' Day in school.

### February 3

Year 5/6 Cross Country at Langley Park Primary School

### February 5

Gibside Meeting for Y4 parents 3:30pm

### February 6

Safer Internet Day

### February 6

No after school clubs this Tuesday night

### February 7

Y4 Gymnastics Carousel at The Louisa Centre (am)

### February 8

Break Up for Half Term

### February 19

School re-opens for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half term

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Our school twitter feed has been overloaded this week with all the many wonderful things happening in school. From Year 3 working with the football coach to improve their skills, to the craft club making characters from the story 'Owl Babies', to the parents and carers who attended the Year 1/2 family learning session. Our Reception children 'celebrated' a lovely collective worship this morning which was greatly enjoyed by all.



## Valentine's Disco



Tickets are now on sale for the Friends of St Benet's Valentine's Disco which shall be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** in the school hall. The **Infant (Nursery- Year 2)** disco starts at 3:30pm, finishing at 4:30pm. The **Junior (Year 3-Year 6)** disco starts at 4:45pm, finishing at 6.00pm. Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and include a slice of pizza and a drink. Sweets and drinks will also be available to purchase.

## NSPCC Number Day

Next **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** we are joining other schools around the country and raising money for the NSPCC, who have been into school during the Autumn term. We shall be having a Maths morning in school... *'it's maths, but not as you know it!'* It is a fundraising day and we are asking children to come to school dressed as a number (this could be wearing something with a number on the top etc or could come in fancy dress dressed as a number). A suggested donation of £1 would really support the NSPCC. Thank you.

Best Wishes,

**Catherine Harper**  
Head teacher

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## Gold Book Winners (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January)

Miss Harper- Abby Elliott  
Miss Caulfield- Dominik Kandziora  
Mr Rooney – Jessica Wall  
Miss Loughlin – Lola Wardle  
Miss Williamson – Ava Wears  
Mrs Rowley – Lucy Hindmarch  
Mrs Readman – Aran Huey  
Mrs Wealleans – Harrison Hurrell  
Mrs Donaghy- Edie Brown  
Miss O'Sullivan – Lucas Hopper  
Mrs O'Neill – Grace Drady-Welsh  
Mrs Hanley- Leah Burrell, Leah Cummins, Isla Baker

Mrs Finley- Billy Pearson  
Mrs Stone- Sophia Winship  
Mrs Lauder- Emily McMurray  
Mr McQueen- Boe-Olivia Bilton  
Mrs Calvert- Charlotte Wilkinson  
Mrs Malpass – James Carroll  
Mrs McNally – Zoe Freeman  
Mrs Brown – Daisy Nicholson  
Mrs Tallentire- Isaac Jackson  
Mr Kent- Hannah Wilson  
Mrs Bissell- Talia Hepple



## No Plastic Please



### Save Our Planet!

I am sure that some of you, like the staff in school, have loved watching David Attenborough's [Blue Planet Programme](#). We have been talking as a staff about how we can get the children more involved in admiring and caring for our planet. We are hoping to have a big environment project in the upcoming months, however in the meantime, we would like to encourage our children to pick up plastic at the beach or in parks to ensure that animals are not hurt and the environment is kept clean and tidy. I am sure parents and carers will join us by encouraging children to pick plastic up and put it in the nearby bin. Children are very good at picking up litter that might blow into the school grounds and they know that they need to wash their hands straight away afterwards!

### Durham Dash 2018

Miss O'Sullivan has been busy booking sporting events for the Summer term. The Junior Durham Dash shall be held on the evening of [Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June](#). This was a brilliant event last year. Watch out for details at a later date.

## Colouring In Club

Some of our lovely Year 5 girls are showing off their leadership skills by holding a Colouring In Lunchtime club for the younger children. If anyone has any spare colouring books at home that could be used at school, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you in advance!



## Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is...

*'I try to co-operate with others in work and play'*

Discuss the word 'co-operate' with your child and ask them to tell you how they show co-operation at home and school.



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