

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

**May 12** - First Holy Communion for Y4 children in St Joseph's Church at 10am

**May 14-17 - Year 6 SATS Week.**  
Children in Year 2 shall also complete their SATS during the month of May.

**May 18-** Reception's Collective Worship, 9am, Reception classroom

**May 18-** Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle for the summer fayre.

**May 18-** Royal Wedding Lunch

**May 18-** Age UK afternoon session with Year 3/4 children

**May 18-** Cycle Safety Day in school with some classes participating in workshops

**May 22-** Year 3 Mini Tennis festival

**May 23-** Year 4's Going Forth Mass (TBC) 9.15am

**May 24/25-** Year 6 Overnight Trip to Edinburgh

**May 25-** Champions of Movement PE Sessions happening in school with a PE coach with Years 1-5. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

**May 25-** Break Up for Half Term

**June 4-** Back to School

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Although we have had a short week in school, it has felt quite busy! From the Year Six children preparing for their SATS next week, to the Year 4 children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Year 2 and Year 3 children have also led some wonderful liturgical celebrations centred around the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. Also, well done to the Year 5 netballers and footballers this week who played tremendously!

## Father Duffy's Farewell

Father Duffy shall be celebrating Mass with us on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am** in the school hall. We are inviting all parents and carers to come along to help us say a fond farewell to Father Duffy at St Benet's. Tea, coffee and cake shall be served afterwards in Caroline's Library. For anyone who may like to contribute to a gift for Father Duffy, information regarding this shall be forwarded to you very soon. Furthermore, there will also be a parish school Mass in St Joseph's Church where we will come together with St Joseph's Infants and Juniors and say goodbye to Father. I do hope that you can come along to either Mass to join us in these special celebrations.

## First Holy Communion Day

Tomorrow our Year 4 children and Brianna in Year 5 shall make their First Holy Communion. This is a very special day for all children and families involved. Everyone is welcome to support our Year 4 children in church tomorrow. The Mass shall begin at 10am at St Joseph's Church.



## Praise for Year 6

Next week will be SATS week in school where our Year 6 children will be sitting their Key Stage Two tests that they have been revising and working towards for the upcoming months. They have worked tirelessly and deserve a lot of praise for the efforts that they have shown. Well done Year 6 and remember that we and you don't need a test result to show what superstars you all truly are! Our Year 2 children will also be sitting their Key Stage One SATS next week (although we call it 'special work') and they too have been working extremely hard. We are very proud of them too! Please keep Year 2 and Year 6 in your thoughts and prayers next week.

Best wishes,

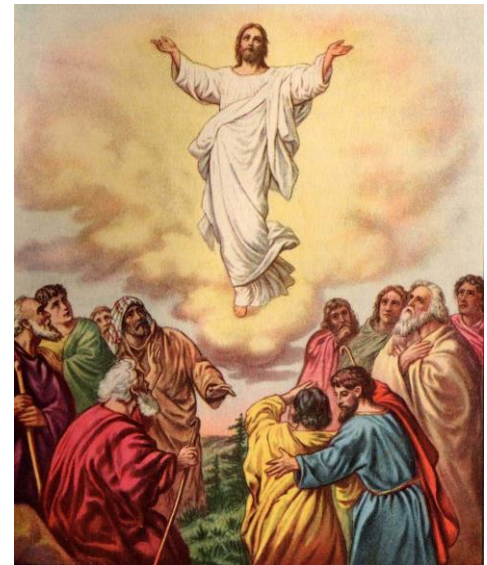
Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

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## Gold Book Winners (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May)

Miss Harper- **Alfie Lauder**  
 Miss Caulfield- **Jayden Doherty**  
 Mrs Lauder- **Tierney Rogers**  
 Miss Loughlin – **Jack Balfour**  
 Miss Williamson – **Amelia Wall**  
 Mrs Rowley – **Ellen Simcox**  
 Mrs McNally – **Olivia Kettle**  
 Mrs Brown – **Zack Blondrage**  
 Mrs Donaghy- **Sebastian Forster-Bowater**  
 Miss O'Sullivan – **Joe Sizeland**  
 Mrs Calvert- **Olivia Kind**

Mr Kent – **Sophie Hazon**  
 Mrs Stone- **Zack Blondrage**  
 Mrs Bissell- **Amelia Kelly**  
 Mr McQueen- **Cecelia Nichol**  
 Mrs Hanley- **Tierney Rogers**  
 Mrs Wealleans- **Kain Bilton**  
 Mr Rooney- **Year 6 footballers**  
 Mrs Finley- **Charlie Elkington**  
 Mrs Tallentire- **Poppy Bainbridge**  
 Mrs Readman- **Brianna Mulcahy**



Year 4 are  
 the attendance  
 winners this week



## A Prayer for our St Benet's children on their First Holy Communion Day

Dear Jesus, at the Last Supper you gave yourself to your friends.  
 Now you have given yourself to me.  
 I feel you are really close to me.  
 I know now that I am safe with you.  
 You love me, Jesus. You know me very well.  
 You know how much I love you and want to love you even more.  
 Come to me, Lord Jesus, and stay with me,  
 and make me always yours.



Amen

## WALK FOR WATER WOW!!!

We raised **£950.00** in Sponsor Money for the WE foundation when the children walked for water on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. That is absolutely fantastic! Thank you to everyone who donated to such a worthy cause!

## A Prayer for the Feast of the Ascension

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

God our Father,  
 make us joyful  
 in the ascension of your Son  
 Jesus Christ.  
 May we follow him into the  
 new creation,  
 for his ascension is our glory  
 and our hope.  
 We ask this through our Lord  
 Jesus Christ,  
 your Son  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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