

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

**October 30**

Back to School

**October 31**

Year 3 Stone Age Day

**November 1**

Whole School Mass- Feast of All Saints,  
9.15am

**November 2**

**Friends of St Benet's Autumn Disco-**  
please note that this is not a fancy  
dress disco but as it is just after  
Halloween, children can dress up if  
they choose to.

**November 3**

Road Safety Assembly for children in  
Nursery to Year 2 (am)

**November 3**

Y5 Quicksticks Hockey Festival at  
Maiden Castle (pm). Children will need  
to bring warm PE clothing (jogging  
bottoms, trainers, hoody, coat) and a  
bottle of water for this event.

**November 6 & 7**

Parents' Evenings

**November 8**

Year 4 Class Trip to Segedunum

**November 10**

Year 6 Worship 9.15am followed by  
Year 6 joining in a Remembrance  
Service at Ouston Community Centre  
at 11am

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and  
Children,

Firstly, sincere thanks to everyone for the  
very generous donations to The People's  
Kitchen for The Harvest Appeal. The Mini  
Vinnies helped The People's Kitchen to load  
everything into the van yesterday and we  
were all overwhelmed by your generosity.  
Our Harvest Mass was lovely this morning,  
celebrated in church with our Parish schools,  
St Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools.



## Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 children shall be partaking in a themed Stone Age day in school on  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please ensure that they come to school in warm  
clothes (non-uniform- tracksuit bottoms, sweaters, scarves, suitable  
footwear etc) as this will be occurring outside in the school grounds.

## Mobile Phone/Internet Safety

We are asking parents of children with mobile phones to be vigilant of the material that they  
are watching on mobile phones. This includes YouTube clips, videos and the use of any apps  
which are too young for children of school age.

## Year 6 Netball Superstars

And finally...our Year 6 Netball team have won the Chester-le-Street small schools' netball  
league! They have won every single game this season against larger schools than St Benet's and  
we are extremely proud of their effort, determination and teamwork! Enjoy the success  
ladies, you deserve it!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday!

**Catherine Harper**  
Head teacher

## Talk Homework

After the break, we shall be introducing 'Talk Homework' with the children which will be a small piece of paper which comes home the night before a piece of 'Big Writing.'

Using the information on the Talk Homework sheet we would kindly ask parents to talk with their child about their task for the Big Writing the following day. It may be the genre of writing, it may be about some of the features that they can use in their writing etc. It is not a lengthy task, but simply a great way to enthuse your child with their writing!

## Holiday Dates

A copy of the 2018-19 Holiday Dates has been sent home with your child today and an electronic copy is also attached to this newsletter/available on the school website.



## Secondary School Places

If your child is in Year 6, please remember to complete your child's secondary school application by the end of October.

## Parking Issues

Once again, we have received complaints about people parking close or over resident's driveways. Please can we be considerate of the residents that live close to the school.

## Shoebox Reminder

If anyone would like to follow in the footsteps of The Good Samaritan and pack a shoebox as part of the Operation Christmas Child appeal, please note that shoeboxes are to be returned to school by **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you ☺

## Choir Singing at Beamish

Our school choir shall be carol singing at Beamish on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 11am** in the chapel. Please come along and join us!

## NSPCC Workshop for Parents

NSPCC came to school to deliver an assembly to children in Reception to Year 6 back in September and our Year 5/6 children have also participated in NSPCC workshops. We shall now be holding an NSPCC workshop for parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**. The aim of this workshop is to support children particularly with any mental health issues. We will provide you with tea, coffee and an afternoon cake so please come along and join in!

## Remembrance Service at Ouston Community Centre

Our Year 6 children shall be joining other Year 6 children from local schools in a Remembrance service on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. This shall be held at Ouston Community Centre at **11am**. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

## Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **George Stewart**  
Miss Caulfield – **Ethan Dent**  
Mrs Rowley – **George Stewart**  
Miss Williamson – **Maisie Kelly**  
Mr Rooney – **Lilly Hartley**  
Mrs McNally – **Olivia Burgess**  
Mr McQueen – **Izaak Jackson**  
Mrs Bissell – **Niamh White**  
Mrs Wealleans – **Mason Hewitt**  
Miss O'Sullivan – **Emily Thompson**  
Mrs Calvert – **Emily Wilson**

Mrs Hanley – **Finlay Pritchard**  
Mrs Readman – **Austin Lauder**  
Mrs O'Neill – **Owen Baker**  
Mrs Brown – **Joseph Hogarth**  
Mrs Donaghy – **Max Morton**  
Mrs Tallentire – **Freya Monaghan**  
Mrs Finley – **Alfie Lauder**  
Mrs Malpass – **Lola Wardle**  
Mr Kent – **Hannah Wilson**  
Miss Loughlin – **Sophie Davison**  
Mrs Stone – **Leah Hill**

