



St Benet's Catholic Primary School

'A happy and holy place of learning and the centre of a thriving community'

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Statement to Live By:

'I know it is ok for me to make mistakes'

Headteacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Three weeks into the school year and already, we have seen progress and growth from our children across the school. A special mention must go to our Nursery and Reception children, who have settled so well into the daily routines of school life. We are very proud of our children in the Early Years!

Thank you to the parents who attended Year 4's Celebration of the Word on Friday where children had planned and considered how we can be the very best that we can be. Hopefully, our Year 4 children delivered their prayer cards to you on Friday at the end of the school day.

We have such young leaders here at St Benet's and what we love about our children's desire to lead is that they do it with such determination and energy and that they bring their own fantastic ideas to life. This year, we have selected a new group of prefects who have already taken their role of corridor monitoring and rule reinforcements very seriously. Our school council met for the first time last week to discuss their views on the school so far and to plan for an upcoming readathon so watch this space! Our famous choir are also back with their musical cheer and we have a new team of Mini Vinnies too with children putting faith into action from Y2 to Y6. We have also introduced a new leadership group this year, Picture News Pioneers, who are planning to discuss our weekly Picture News content and then revisit this with the children later in the week.

And finally, a huge well done to our new Y6 football team who played their first football matches last week. They played exceptionally well and it was wonderful to be back as a football centre again.

Best wishes,
Catherine Young
Head teacher



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday 27th September

Cakes, cakes and more cakes! We shall once again be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on **Friday 27th September** and this year, we shall be opening our hall doors again for parents to come along and enjoy a coffee and cake. Due to the size of the space in the hall, although children will come into the hall, it will be to promptly choose a cake then leave. We would love it though if parents would come along to our coffee afternoon, ran by our older Mini Vinnies. The coffee afternoon starts at 2pm so please come along, grab a seat and enjoy a coffee and cake before the school pick up.



In addition, we would really appreciate donations of cakes in order for this event to go ahead. If anyone would like to bake or purchase some cakes for us to sell, please bring them to school next Friday morning. Thank you in advance for your very generous support!

Punctuality Reminder

Please remember that your child should be in school by 8:55am at the very latest. We would encourage you to have your child in school during our flexible opening time of 8:45 - 8:55am where a selection of starter activities is available to ease your child into the school day. It is very important that your child is in school on time every day as missing even a few minutes can cause disruption to their school day and their overall learning. In addition, it could also account for a 'late' mark in a register which may be classed as an unauthorised absence. Please visit the school's attendance policy on our website for further information.



No Dogs Allowed

As much as we love our four-legged friends, dogs are not allowed on our school premises. This includes the school playground. If you are walking your dog to collect your children, please leave your dog at the gate. Thank you!



Halloween/ Autumn Disco

Save the Date! Our Friends of St Benet's shall be holding a Halloween/ Autumn Disco on **Wednesday 23rd October** after school in our hall. Further details about times and prices shall be sent out in due course.



After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs start from **Tuesday 24th September**. If your child has signed up to a club, you should have received some communication about it. Please remember that the wraparound club is also available from 3:30-5.30pm (4:30pm on a Friday).



Reception Open Morning – Thursday 17th October

Please spread the word...



Reception Open Morning

Thursday 17th
October 2024
10.00am

St. Benet's Catholic Primary School

We warmly invite prospective parents and children to our Reception Open Morning on Thursday 17th October 2024. Starting at 10am, visitors can come along to our drop in session to see our wonderful provision, meet our teachers and some of our Reception children.

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Find us on:



Our school can offer a fantastic Early Years setting, high quality teaching, a nurturing and supportive environment and community, behaviour of a high standard, breakfast and after school clubs, and extremely happy children!

Please come along and find out how we can help your child flourish and offer them the best start to education!

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New School Building

As you all know, in years to come St Benet's shall benefit from a new building under the DfE's school rebuilding programme. At the current time there are no discussions or planning meetings about the next steps. However, it is anticipated that the initial planning stages shall commence later in the spring/summer term 2025.

There are no accurate timescales yet about when the new school shall open.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and this year, each class shall be focusing on a different influential person. If you would like some additional information about Black History Month and a brief summary of what it is please visit <https://youtu.be/hx-tPbcgNOE>

We also have our Black History Month assembly where we shall share our learning on **Friday 25th October at 2pm.** All parents are invited to attend.

