



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: (Repeated)

'I can work, rest, play and pray each day'

Headteacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Harvest Display

This week, we shall be collecting any items of non-perishable food items for our Harvest collection.. We shall be displaying all items in our main entrance this week and have already started our display. Some of our older Mini Vinnies shall help to deliver them to our local foodbank depot this Friday.

Harvest Mass

Please join us on **Thursday 24th October in the school hall at 9:15am** where Fr Martin shall be celebrating our Harvest Mass with the whole school.

Black History Month Assembly

October is the time that we celebrate Black History Month in the UK providing an opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Black people to the economy, culture and history. Please join us in our school hall on Friday 25th October where we shall present what we have learnt during Black History Month. The assembly shall start at 2:30pm.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October, we have held a lunchtime rosary club once a week. Initially, this was for children in Y4-6, but younger children have also expressed an interest and they have enjoyed this prayerful time. As October comes to a close and the holidays draw near, if anyone wishes to continue this time of prayer with your child, the link to the resources can be found at [The Mark 10 Mission - The Rosary Challenge](#)

Ullswater Link for Parents

If you have a child going to Ullswater in November, some useful information for parents and carers can be accessed on the Outward Bound Trust website at [Information for parents](#) Please join us at 3:30pm on Thursday for a meeting in the Y6 classroom about the upcoming trip.

The half term is almost here... I hope you all have a wonderful break and don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday!

Kind regards,

Catherine Young
Head teacher



October Half Term Activities

There are a wealth of activities happening this half term around County Durham and beyond. Check them out at:

[October Half Term Events | What's on in Durham this half term?](#)



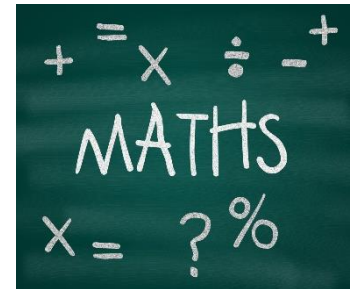
Halloween Disco Change of Clothes

Just a reminder that the Halloween Disco is happening this Wednesday after school. Children can bring their Halloween costumes or a change of clothes into school and they will get changed after school.



Y5/6 Family Learning Session

Y5/6 parents, you should have been sent an email asking if you would like to attend the Maths session that is happening on Wednesday morning. There shall be a session purely for parents and then we will invite your child to come and join you. Please sign up before lunchtime tomorrow to help us with planning. The session should be finished by 10:45am.



Personal Development Committee

Personal Development is an area of school life that focuses on well-being, relationships, online safety, PSHE, British Values and many more. If any parent is interested in joining a new committee that we are setting up in school along with staff and governor representatives, please email is at stbenets@stbo.bwcet.com

Upcoming Diary Dates for Autumn 2

Monday 4th November – Back to School

Wednesday 6th November – Y4 Trip to Ushaw College – *details to follow later this week*

Wednesday 6th November – SEND Coffee Morning (am)

Thursday 7th November – Y3/4 Family Maths morning

Friday 8th November – Y5 Celebration of the Word (9am)

Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November – Ullswater Y5/6 Residential and Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12th November – Online Safety Workshop for Parents (2pm)

Friday 15th November – Remembrance Mass (9:15am)

Wednesday 20th November – Y1/2 Maths Family morning (9:15am)

Friday 22nd November – Y1 Celebration of the Word (9am)

Monday 25th November – NSPCC Workshops (am)

Monday 25th / Wednesday 27th November – Parents' Evenings

Friday 29th November – Y6 Advent Celebration of the Word (9am)

Sunday 1st December – First Day of Advent

