



St Benet's Catholic Primary School

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

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I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope

Headteacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

January is almost over and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather and lighter nights, as we settle further into the Spring term.

Captain Chemistry, a familiar face at St Benet's, is joining us this term on a Tuesday and so far, Years 6, 5 and 4 have enjoyed an afternoon of practical science.

This week, Reception children are visiting Pelton Library by foot on Wednesday morning and Year 1 and 2 shall celebrate Mass in school on Friday at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome to attend even though Year 1 and 2 children shall be there.

There are a couple of important messages from school below about upcoming events and information for parents.

Kind regards,

Catherine Young

Head teacher



Parking Reminders

We received a phone call this morning from a resident who lives in Penhill, to say that one of our parents had parked across their drive and became quite aggressive towards them. I appreciate that parking is limited around our school site, but please can we remind all parents to respect the local residents and find an appropriate place to park. Thank you.

Teacher Appointments

Please can we ask that if you would like to speak to a staff member or your child's class teacher, that you make a telephone appointment with them or email at teachers@stbo.bwcet.com as opposed to speaking to a staff member on the infant or junior doors on a morning or an afternoon. It will also provide a level of privacy if you need to discuss a sensitive issue and provides staff with an opportunity to ensure that children enter the school building without disruption.

Paying for School Meals and Clubs from March 2025

We kindly request that any outstanding balances for your child's School Meals, Breakfast Club, Wraparound Care, or Afterschool Clubs be cleared and brought to a zero balance **by Friday, 21st February 2025.**

From **Monday, 3rd March 2025**, all payments must be made in advance, as instructed by BWCET. We ask that you top up each payment item weekly, based on the number of meals or wraparound care sessions your child is expected to take in the upcoming week. Any unused funds for sessions or meals will roll over as a credit into the following week or month.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide quality care and meals for your child.

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

Written in
collaboration with Missia.



Year of Jubilee

This morning, we launched the Year of Jubilee in our Celebration of the Word. As the theme of the year is 'Pilgrims of Hope', children were asked to think about something that they hope for; for their own future and God's beautiful world. As we move through the year, we shall have many special celebrations within our school and parish community that we shall share with you. Bishop Stephen's visit to St Benet's on Thursday 20th February shall mark the opening of our holy door at St Benet's.

Today, your child (Year 1-6) shall come home with an additional piece of homework where we are asking them to design a poster for the Jubilee. There shall be a winning poster for each class and the school council shall vote for the winners next Monday.

Guide us all on our journey as pilgrims of hope!



Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th February – Other Faiths Week (Islam)

Thursday 6 February – Y3/4 Fairy Queen performance 6pm at Consett Empire

Friday 7th February – Number Day – children can come to school wearing items of clothing with numbers on

Tuesday 11th February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 12th February – Reception/Year 1 Family Learning Session (am)

Thursday 13th February – Dance Festival Y1/3 (am) at The Gala Theatre

Friday 14th February – Y3/4 Mass (9:15am)

Tuesday 18th February – Y3 Multi Sports Festival (am)

Wednesday 19th February – Nursery Coffee Morning (10-11:30am)

Thursday 20th February – Bishop Stephen's Visit to St Benet's

Friday 21st February – Break up for Half Term

