



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 co-operate with others in work
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Headteacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you all had a great half term break and are looking forward to the lighter nights and Springtime.

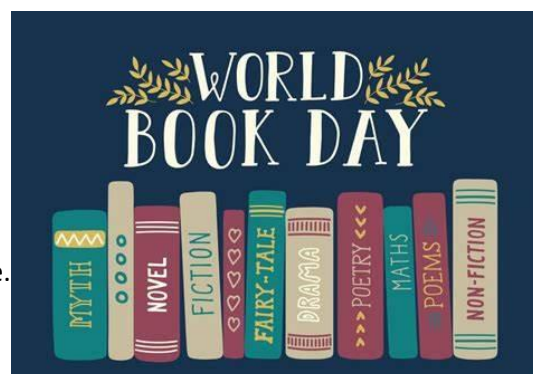
Today is Ash Wednesday - one of the most important days in the liturgical year. Today marks the beginning of Lent, a time in the Church that focuses on prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charitable giving). This year also brings the added invitation to explore and grow our friendship with God through the celebrations of the Year of Jubilee. The season brings an exciting opportunity to slow down, put the most important things first and experience the joy that God offers each one of us.



We have celebrated the start of Lent with a beautiful Ash Wednesday service in school this morning. During this time, our Mini Vinnies distributed ashes onto the foreheads of all children and staff. Children in Reception to Year 6 have also received their Lent journal today that they will bring home with them. These booklets, paid for by the SVP, are for children to use as an opportunity to reflect during this special time of Lent.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day tomorrow and we are looking forward to seeing the children's dressing up costumes! The day will be packed with fun book related activities and it is always a fantastic day to celebrate the amazing stories and authors of our world. Tomorrow, your child will come home with a £1 national book token which can be exchanged for a World Book Day slim book on offer in book shops or put towards a book of their choice. Let us celebrate all of the wonderful stories of our world that bring our children's imagination to life!



This newsletter has a reminder of the upcoming events already planned for this Spring term. As always, there may be additional events added as we move through the term.

Kind regards,
Catherine Young
Head teacher

Lenten Mass – Friday 7th March

We shall be celebrating the start of Lent with a whole school Mass on Friday in our school hall. As this is the Friday parish Mass and the first Friday of the month, the Novena to the sacred heart of Jesus will be said at the end of Mass. Mass begins at 9:15am and everyone is welcome to attend.



PE Days this Half Term – Spring 2

Please ensure that your child has their PE Kit in school everyday (as PE lessons can change depending on timetables and other events in school)

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

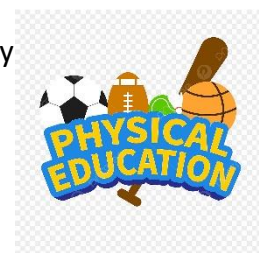
Year 2 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Monday (swimming) and Friday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday (Relax Kids) and Thursday



Nursery Places Available

Our recent nursery open morning was a huge success! We still have places available for April 2025 and September 2025. If you know of anyone who is looking for a nursery place for their child, please ask them to contact us for a visit. In addition, if you have a younger sibling, you can apply for a Nursery place from your child's first birthday.

Thank You Parents

A Huge Thank You to all parents for ensuring that Arbor payments are all up to date and in credit. We appreciate your support with this so thank you! If anyone is experiencing any difficulties with keeping up to date with payments, please contact us.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 7th March – Lenten Mass (Whole School) 9:15am

Wednesday 12th March – Y5 Singing Festival at Cardinal Hume

Thursday 13th March – Y1 Invasion Games Festival at New College, Durham (pm)

Friday 14th March – Y6 Celebration of the Word (9am)- Y6 classroom

Wednesday 19th March – Feast of St Joseph, our parish saint

Friday 28th March – Reception Celebration of the Word (9am) – Reception classroom

Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April – Well-being Week in school

Monday 31st March/ Wednesday 2nd April – Parents' Evenings 3:30pm – 6.00pm

Friday 4th April – Whole School Mass (9:15am)

Monday 7th April – CAFOD Lent Big Walk (pm) – information to follow

Tuesday 8th April – Y4, Y5, Y6 Educational Visit to Vindolanda

Tuesday 8th April – Y1/2 Palm Sunday Liturgy (9:15am)

Wednesday 9th April – Y3/4 Last Supper Liturgy (9:15am)

Thursday 10th April – Y5/6 Stations of the Cross Service (9:15am)

Thursday 10th April – Break up for Easter (school closed on Friday 11th April for Teacher INSET)

