



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 try to appreciate the beauty and wonder
in the world around me

Headteacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break filled with joy, relaxation, and memorable moments with loved ones. Now we have returned to school, we are excited to embark on the final term of the academic year. The Summer term promises to be filled with engaging activities, enriching lessons, and opportunities for growth and achievement. We welcome Mrs Churm to St Benet's who is teaching in Nursery this term. In addition, we welcome Harry and Tyler into Nursery and Kennedy into Year 3. Welcome to you all!

VE Day Celebrations

The 80th Anniversary of VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, shall be celebrated on Thursday 8th May to mark the end of World War II in Europe. To mark this occasion, the children are making some special bunting to display around school and we shall also be celebrating with a 'playground party' on the afternoon next Friday.

St Benet's Golden Jubilee

On Monday 2nd June 2025, we shall celebrate our 50th birthday where we will look back on the amazing history and achievements over the past 5 decades. We have a variety of celebrations planned to mark this occasion which shall be celebrated over the week:

Monday 2nd June – Special children's assembly and the day of the '50 challenge'

Tuesday 3rd June – 70's day! As our school opened in the 70's, we shall be immersing ourselves in the culture, fashion and music of the 1970's. Children are invited to come into school in 70's costumes and we shall be having a party in the afternoon.

Friday 6th June - Anniversary Mass in the school hall at 9:15am followed by refreshments in Caroline's Library afterwards.

In addition, we would like to create a memory book. As we have many parents and family members who previously attended St Benet's, if anyone has a memory that they would like to share, please email it to stbenets@stbo.bwcet.com before Friday 23rd May.

Rest in Peace, Pope Francis

I am sure that you were saddened to hear that Pope Francis had died on Easter Monday. His heavenly Father had called him home to be with him forever. Pope Francis has been an incredible leader and figure head for us all. He has been a great inspiration to all of us. May our dear Pope Francis now rest in peace. As the conclave begins next week, we pray that it is guided by the Holy Spirit, leading to the successful election of a new pope



Kindest regards,
Catherine Young

Year of Jubilee Competition



**YEAR OF JUBILEE
COMPETITION**

Signs of hope!

Whatever your sign of hope is - simply take a picture and share it with us using edu.entries@diocesehn.org.uk
Include your name, year group, school name and postcode.

Deadline: Friday 23 May 2025
Winners announced: Thursday 5 June 2025

There is one simple rule:
No people are allowed in your picture!

ONE DIOCESAN FAMILY
WELCOMING + WORSHIPING + SHARING + GROWING



During the Month of May, the Diocese are holding a photography competition. They are asking children to take a picture of something that they think represents HOPE. The only rule is that people are not allowed to be in the photographs. If any children are interested in participating, they can send their photos including the information mentioned above to edu.entries@diocesehn.org.uk The competition shall close on **Friday 23rd May.**

PE Days for Summer 1 reminder

Reception – Thursday

Year 1- Monday (Relax Kids) and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Monday (swimming) and Friday

Year 4 – Monday (Relax Kids) and Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday and Thursday

As it is the summer term, it is likely there will be additional PE sessions in school. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school on Monday and leaves it in school until Friday.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Easter raffle at the end of term. This raised **£230** for school funds. Well done to the winners too!



Staff News

After working in our school for over 20 years, **Mrs Tallentire** shall be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Tallentire shall be a huge miss to our school community, especially her ever so popular gardening club! She has promised to continue to come into school to look after our prayer garden so I am sure we will still see her around school 😊

School Ties

Please remember that a school tie is a **mandatory item of our school uniform**. We have some ties (clip on and elasticated) to purchase which sit nicely with a polo shirt.

Key Stage 2 SATS

Our Y6 children shall sit their KS2 SATS from Monday 12th May. Please keep them in your prayers as they have worked immensely hard this year and deserve much success!

Diary Dates – Summer Term

It is pretty busy in the coming months. Any new dates added since the Summer Term calendar was distributed have been identified.

- Wednesday 7th May** – Y4/Y5 Parent Meeting -Youth Mission Team Residential 3:30pm (hall)
Thursday 8th May – VE Day 80th Anniversary
Friday 9th May – Y5 Class Mass at 9:15am – everyone welcome to attend (hall)
Friday 9th May – VE Day Party (pm) – **NEW DATE**
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May – KS2 SATS
Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th May – Y4/Y5 Youth Mission Team Residential
Monday 19th May – Well-being session for parents (see information below) -pm – **NEW DATE**
Tuesday 20th May – Y2 Striking and Fielding PE Festival at Sherburn Primary School (pm) – **NEW DATE**
Tuesday 20th May – Y6 London Meeting for children and parents 3:30pm – **NEW DATE**
Friday 23rd May – Whole School Mass for Mary at 9.15am (hall)
Friday 23rd May – Break up for Half Term
Monday 2nd June – Return to School
Monday 2nd June – St Benet's 50th Birthday
Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June – Y4 Multiplication Test Checks shall take place during these 2 weeks
Tuesday 3rd June – 70's Day in school -**NEW DATE**
Friday 6th June – 50th Anniversary Mass at 9.15am (hall)
Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Checks shall take place this week
Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th June – Y6 London Trip
Thursday 12th June – Y5 Taster Day trip to St Leonard's – **NEW DATE**
Friday 13th June – Y3 Celebration of the Word 9.00am in the Y3 classroom
Tuesday 17th June – Y5 Quidditch PE Festival at Maiden Castle (am) – **NEW DATE**
Tuesday 17th June – New Reception Welcome Meeting for children starting in September 2025 (5pm)
Wednesday 18th June – Reception's Class Trip to Tynemouth Aquarium – **NEW DATE**
Friday 20th June – Y4's Going Forth Mass at 9.15am (hall)
Monday 23rd June – Y6 at the Youth Mission Village – Primary Festival Day – **NEW DATE**
Wednesday 25th June – Adam Bushnell, local author, working with Y3 and Y5 classes
Wednesday 25th June – Nursery class trip to Hall Hill Farm – **NEW DATE**
Thursday 26th June – Y1 and Y2's class trip to Gibside – **NEW DATE**
Friday 27th June – School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 1st July – Changeover Afternoon – children shall move into their new classes for the afternoon
Wednesday 2nd July – Book Fair comes to school – **NEW DATE**
Thursday 3rd July – Y5 BWCE Celebration of Sport Event – **NEW DATE**
Friday 4th July – Y1/2 Class Mass at 9.15am (hall)
Tuesday 8th July – Choir Concert, 5pm
Wednesday 9th July – Nursery and Reception's Sports Day (10am)
Friday 11th July – Y1-6 Sports Day and Summer Stalls (1.30pm)
Friday 11th July – Annual reports sent home to parents
Monday 14th July – Y6 Shakespeare performance (5pm)
Tuesday 15th July – Changeover Day – children move into their new classes for the day
Wednesday 16th July – Y6 Leaver's Mass (9.00am)
Wednesday 16th July – Nursery Graduation Ceremony (2pm)
Friday 18th July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for lunch – children will either bring a packed lunch or can be provided with one from school and we will all congregate on the school field for our final lunch together
Friday 18th July – Fond Farewell to Y6 (3pm)
Friday 18th July – Break up for summer



Y6 parents – we have received the dates of when children shall be visiting their secondary schools in June/July. If anyone has not received this information, please contact us.

Healthy Eating and Wellbeing Session for Parents

How can Healthy Eating improve your Mental Wellbeing?



- Increase food familiarity - widen the taste experiences of healthy foods
- Increase fibre intake - more wholegrains and fruits and vegetables, healthy snack swaps
- Increase 5 a day portions - snack swaps, healthy food access and including fruits and vegetables throughout the day
- How do foods affect behaviour / mood / energy levels / sleep
- Healthy weights / exercise

Come along to St Benet's
Catholic Primary School
on
Monday 19th May 2025
from
13:00 till 15:00



Durham **LEARN**

Live Well North East May Holiday Club



Holiday Club! May Half Term

Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May

9am - 3pm

Additional charge for 830am drop off or 4pm collection

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You will need to provide a packed lunch and water bottle.

