

Friday 8th December 2023

St. Benedict's News



'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Santa Dash

Children from Reception to Year 6 took part in the Santa Dash today. They all had lots of fun. The winners are:

Reception - Fletcher C and Reeve H

Year 1 - Leo A and Lois D

Year 2 - Harry R/Harry S and Luna E

Year 3 - Thomas Dav and Riley R

Year 4 - Christopher S/Ollie F and Esme B

Year 5 - Fynn C and Lottie J

Year 6 - Sid B and Bella H

Well done to all the children for participating.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas fayre is taking place today at 3.30pm in the school hall. All are welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale at our Christmas fayre and after the class plays. Some of the prizes are: 3 course meal for 2 at Ego, £30 Packet Steamer, voucher, admission for 3 children at Crazy Town, a luxury hamper containing gin, prosecco and chocolates, a Tesco Christmas hamper, various spirits, wines, gift sets and a £50 voucher for City tiles.

Festive meal

On **Friday 15th December** children can enjoy our annual festive meal. They may wear their uniform with a Christmas jumper, hats and accessories and bring in a cracker. They will have crispy chicken goujons, chipolata sausage, chips, seasonal veg and a Christmas donut for lunch. If your child usually has packed lunch they can opt to have the school meal instead. A letter has been sent out with further information.

Class parties

On **Tuesday 19th December** children will enjoy their class Christmas parties and will receive a special treat from Father Christmas. They can wear their own clothes.

Mission Christmas Charity

St Benedict's will once again be supporting the Radio City Mission Christmas Appeal this year. If you would like to help, we would greatly appreciate if you are able to donate a new and unwrapped gift for a boy or girl aged from 0-18 years by **Friday 15th December**. All gifts can be dropped off at school. Some gift suggestions include: soft toys, craft sets, footballs, stationery sets, makeup, toiletry gift sets, puzzles, books, rattles, cars, dolls, playdoh, jigsaws and lego.

Swimming

The last swimming session for Year 5 is **Monday 18th December**. After this, they will do PE on Thursdays instead. After the Christmas break it will be the turn of Year 4 starting **Monday 15th January 2024**. This will replace their current PE day. Please can they bring in an appropriate swimming kit, towel and cap. Jewellery of any kind is NOT permitted.

Drama and girls' football

Our afterschool Drama club on Wednesdays and girls' football on Fridays have now finished until January.

Absences and holidays

If your child will be absent can you please notify the office as soon as possible giving a specific reason for their absence. In addition, as always, we are unable to authorise any holidays during school time. If you are planning on taking your child on holiday, you must complete a holiday request form. Our attendance as a whole school is currently **94.3%**.



St Benet's
Mass Times

Sunday 9am
& 11am



Tue & Thur
10am

Mon, Wed, Fri,
Sat - No Mass

Attendance
& Punctuality

Whole School:
91.6%

Highest Class:
6M

 96.9% 
Well Done!!

Number of
Lates
12



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Festive Dates for your Diary In December



Tuesday 12th - Year 3 play at 11am
Nursery and Reception play at 2pm

Wednesday 13th - Year 5 play at 11am
Year 4 play at 2pm
Year 3 play at 7pm

Thursday 14th - Nursery and Reception play at 9:30am
Year 1 and 2 (KS1) play at 2pm
Year 4 play 6:30pm
Year 5 play 7:30pm

Friday 15th - Year 1 and 2 (KS1) play at 9:30am
Children's festive meal

Tuesday 19th - Class Parties

Friday 22nd - Whole School Carol Service led by Year 6 in Church at 9:30am
End of term, school finishes at 1:30pm

School Terms and Holidays 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 22nd December

Close for Christmas (finish at 1:30pm)

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January
Tuesday 9th January
Monday - Friday 12th - 16th February
Thursday 28th March

Inset Day
School re-opens for children
Half-Term Holiday
Close for Spring Break (finish at 1:30pm)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April
Tuesday 16th April
Monday 6th May
Monday - 27th to Friday 31st May
Monday 3rd June
Tuesday 4th June
Tuesday 23rd July

Inset Day
School re-opens for children
Bank Holiday
Half-Term Holiday
Inset Day
School re-opens for children
School closes for Summer Holiday (finish at 1:30pm)