

Friday 12th January 2024

St. Benedict's News



'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

Our first newsletter of the New Year! We would like to wish you all the best for 2024 and let's hope a great year lies ahead.

Attendance

New Year, Fresh Start, it is not too late to improve attendance. Our current attendance is 93.9%, this is below our target of 96% and we need your help. If your child is ill and you are unsure whether to keep them off school, please follow the NHS guidelines. You can find out more details by visiting the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. If school can support in any way to help your child achieve the target of 96%, please contact to arrange an appointment.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holy Communion preparation meeting

The next Holy Communion Preparation meeting for Year 4 parents and children will take place in the Fr. O'Reilly room at St Benet's Church next **Thursday 18th January** at 6:30pm. It will last approximately 1 hour.

Class Newsletters

In the coming weeks you will receive a class newsletter from your child's teacher. The letter will give you a flavour of the topics the children will learn this term as well as giving important information about the homework routines and PE days.

PE Kits

Please can we remind you that children must come in wearing the correct PE kit i.e. a plain white t-shirt or school t-shirt, black shorts, plain black tracksuit or leggings for games and trainers on their designated days which are as follows:

- Monday: Year 4 swimming
- Tuesday: Reception and Year 3
- Wednesday: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
- Thursday: Year 5

School Meals

Please can you let the school office know if your child has changed from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa giving us at least 1 weeks' notice. School Meals are charged at £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week for children in the juniors. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. Please ensure payment is made on a Friday for the week or in advance on Monday, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Recycling of Electronic Devices

Did Father Christmas bring any new electronic devices to your house? Do you have any old devices to be recycled? We have a collection box in our front entrance for mobile phones, electronic devices and old jewellery. This also raises money for CAFOD. Just drop anything in next time you are passing.



**St Benet's
Mass Times**

Sat 6:30pm

Sunday 9am
& 11am

Tue & Thur
10am

Mon, Wed, Fri,
No Mass

**Attendance
& Punctuality**

**Whole School:
95.9%**

**Highest Class:
3E**

 **97.6%** 
Well Done!!

**Number of
Lates
9**



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Champions of the Week



	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
Rec	Vincent VB	Lola A	Arna C
1GN	Leo A	Emily R	Amelia K
2C	Isla P	Robyn H	Harry P
3E	Thomas W	Philippa C	Jack W
4CL	Oscar H	Faye V	Jack B
5CN	Jack O	Jacob S	Millie W
6Mc	Sam S	Ben G	Dylan P

Spring Term Clubs

Monday

Football: **Year 3 & 4**

Tuesday

Gymnastics Club: **Year 1 & 2**

Wednesday

Drama: **Year 6**
Football: **Year 5 & 6**

Thursday

Choir: **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6** (starting Thursday 25th January)
Football: **Year 1 & 2**

Friday

Gymnastics: **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**
Dance: **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**
Girls' football

After school clubs start again next week with the exception of Choir which is the following week. Please note some changes. Parents must sign up directly for football with Community Coaching or dance and gymnastics with LEAP via the letter or link which were sent out in December. Children must come in to school wearing their **school uniform**. They can bring in a change of clothing such as football kit/gym wear which they will change into at the end of the school day.

School Terms and Holidays 2023/24

Spring Term 2024

Monday - Friday 12th - 16th February
Thursday 28th March

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)