

St. Benedict's News



'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will take place next **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March**. Sign up sheets have been on classroom doors earlier this week for parents to sign up to a time slot.

Big Lent Walk

We are taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk next **Wednesday 19th March** (weather permitting). Children took home a sponsor form earlier this week. We always appreciate your generosity to help those less fortunate.

World Down Syndrome Day #LotsOfSocks

Friday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day with the theme '*All about support*' - everyone needs support sometimes. The support that we may need will be different for every person. We are celebrating the day in various ways including asking everybody to wear different coloured socks on the day to highlight the triplicate number of the 21st chromosome in people with Down Syndrome. The specific Down Syndrome colours are blue and yellow but children can wear other colours if they would like to. We will be raising awareness in class with a number of activities and will also have a special assembly.

Red Nose Day

On **Friday 21st March** it is also Red Nose Day. As this falls on the same day as World Down Syndrome Day children are asked to wear their uniform with different coloured socks and bring in a £1.00 donation for the charity. Children will also tell jokes in assembly.

Nursery and Reception trip

On **Friday 21st March** Nursery and Reception class will be visiting The Atkinson Theatre in Southport to see a production of "The Hungry Caterpillar". This is based on a bestselling book that the children have read in school and they loved it! The children will leave school at 12.30 by coach and will return to school at approx. 3.15pm. The cost of the trip is £13.00, payable via our schoolgateway app. Uniform must be worn.

Year 2 trip to Peel Ports and The Albert Dock

On **Friday 24th March** Year 2 are going on a trip to Peel Ports and The Albert Dock as part of their topic on the Liverpool Docks. Children should wear uniform and suitable footwear and bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag with their name on it. The cost of the trip is £10.00, payable via our schoolgateway app.

Y4 Reconciliation

Fr. Bruce will be in school on **Thursday 27th March** to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our Year 4 children. Please pray for them as they continue their sacramental journey.

School photographer

On **Friday 28th March** the school photographer is coming in. Please can children arrive on time wearing full uniform.

Children's University credits

Please can Children's University passports be sent into school no later than **Friday 28th March** so that we can collect the credits children have earned from going to external clubs.

Attendance

Please note, if your child is absent from school and their attendance is below **90%** you may receive a visit from the Education Welfare Officer.

	St Benet's Mass Times
Wed, Sat	No Mass
Sunday	10am
Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri	10am

	Attendance & Punctuality
Whole School:	88.5%
Highest Class:	5CN
93.7%	



School Terms and Holidays 2024/25

Spring Term 2025	
Friday 4th April	Close for Spring Break (finish at 1:30pm)
Summer Term 2024	
Tuesday 22nd April	Inset Day
Wednesday 23rd April	School re-opens for children
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Monday - 26th to Friday 30th May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd June	School re-opens for children
Tuesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer Holiday (finish at 1:30pm)

Attendance

★ We will provide a regular update on the weekly attendance figures and attendance to date for each class.

★ The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

- ★ • Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.
- ★ • 95%: 10 days absence a year. These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.
- ★ • 90%: 19 days absence a year. The Government classes young people in this group as "persistent absentees", and will be almost impossible to keep up with work.



	Weekly Attendance	Attendance to date
5CN	93.7%	95.4%
4CL	92.3%	94.8%
6M	91.4%	95.2%
3E	91%	94.1%
2C	90.7%	91.8%
1GN	88%	89.7%
Rec	72.1%	91.6%
Whole School	88.5%	93.2%

