



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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BE BLESSED

This week in school, our worship has focused on the theme of blessing and what it means to live a life that reflects God's love. As we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints, the children reflected on how we are all called to holiness — to follow the example of those who trusted completely in God and showed His love through their actions.

The children have been encouraged to ask for the help of the saints as guides and examples in their own lives, recognising that the saints were ordinary people who placed their trust in God and lived out their faith with courage and love. Through prayer and song, we have celebrated the blessings we receive each day and reflected on how we can share those blessings with others.

WHEN JESUS SAW THE
CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON
THE MOUNTAIN AND SAT
DOWN. HIS DISCIPLES
CAME TO HIM.
- MATTHEW 5:1

NURSERY CONSULTATION

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to complete our nursery consultation which is currently available. If you haven't already completed it, or have family/friends who might be interested in completing it, please share the link below with them. Many thanks for your support! LINK: <https://forms.office.com/e/es3Q1WskGT>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - REMINDER

The introductory session for the First Holy Communion programme is this Saturday, 8th November, from 10.30 to 11.30, in St Benet's hall. Children who are in Year 3 or above are able to take part. There will be a session for both children and parents. There are two forms to complete to join the programme, both are on the Parish website - <https://waveneyvalleycatholics.church/inscription-form-for-fhc/>

Please return the forms either to Fr Simon or electronically to:

fhcwaveneycatholicparish2026@gmail.com

STAY AND PRAY

Our 'Stay and Pray' sessions start on Monday next week with Beech Class at the later time of 2:45pm. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for a special time of quiet reflection which allows families to pause together and share in our school's prayer life.

"Stay and Pray" is a lovely way to strengthen the link between home, school, and parish, and to help our children see that prayer is part of our daily lives. We hope many of you will be able to join us and spend a few peaceful moments in prayer with your child.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week across school. This is an important opportunity for us to come together to celebrate kindness, friendship and the belief that everyone deserves to feel safe, valued and included. Throughout the week the children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them understand how their words and actions can make a positive difference.

As part of the national "Odd Socks Day" theme, on Wednesday we are inviting all children to come into school wearing odd or extra socks to celebrate how we are all different and unique. It's a fun way to show that our differences make us special and that everyone is welcome just as they are.



The Catholic Schools of
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Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

PUMPKIN PARADE CARVING COMPETITION

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Pumpkin Parade carving competition! Your creativity, imagination, and hard work truly shone through in every design. We loved seeing the incredible variety of pumpkins — from spooky to silly, intricate to bold — each one was a masterpiece in its own way. Thank you for sharing your talent and making this year's parade such a delight to see!



UNIFORM

We are in the process of finalising uniform arrangements for next year. As some of you may or may not know, there is currently legislation working its way through Parliament limiting the number of branded pieces of school uniform (i.e. pieces of uniform with a school's badge on) to 3. With this in mind, we are working with our uniform provider to identify which 3 pieces of uniform we want to have with our badge on.

As the end users of the uniform, I think it should be up to our parents to make the final decision on this matter. Early next week, I'll be sharing a link to a form where you can vote for the pieces of uniform you would like to be branded and share your thoughts on any other changes we should make to our school uniform.

CLASS MASS

A reminder that we are delighted to begin Class Masses this week. Each class will take it in turns to go into church on a rota basis to celebrate Mass with the parish community. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in the life of the parish, to share in worship with parishioners and to deepen their understanding of the Mass in a more personal way.

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for their child's Class Mass — it is always special for the children to see familiar faces from home and school together in church.

Mass will start at 11am and the dates are as follows:

Friday 7th November – Rowan Class

Friday 21st November – Oak Class

Friday 5th December – Beech Class

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 10th – 2:45pm – Stay and Pray for Beech Class

Wednesday 12th – Odd Socks Day

Monday 17th – Stay and Pray for Rowan Class – Time TBC

Monday 24th – Stay and Pray for Oak Class – Time TBC

Friday 21st – 11:00am – Oak Class Mass

Friday 28th – Hungate Christmas Tree Festival

DECEMBER

Friday 5th – 11:00am – Beech Class Mass

Friday 12th – Pantomime Trip – Marina Theatre, Lowestoft

Tuesday 16th – Christmas Carol Service and Nativity

Wednesday 17th – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 19th – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays