

St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Advent Newsletter
26th November 2025

Learning and Challenge Rooted in Faith



This Advent season is a beautiful time for our school to celebrate the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus. As we begin our journey, we thank God for the blessings of our families and friends. It is also a time when we think of those less fortunate than ourselves. You are invited to join us in this time of prayer and reflection as we focus on the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

Advent Wreath Service



If you would like to join our Advent Wreath Service on **Monday 1st December at 2.30pm**, please complete the form on ParentMail.

Advent Prayer Boxes

These will be sent home to families throughout the Advent season. Please share some special prayer time with your families and return the prayer box the following day for another family to share.



Advent Preschooler Activities

Pre-school children are invited to come into school with their parents/carers on:

Thursday 18th December

9.10am to 10.10 am

for crafts, activities and refreshments.

Please book by contacting the school office via office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

This event will be organised by our Pupil Chaplains.

Advent Family Meditation



Advent family meditation will take place throughout this term for children in Key Stage 2. Please complete the ParentMail form if you are able to join your Junior child/ren on this spiritual journey (approx. twenty minutes) in the afternoon on the following dates. Time slots may need to be allocated depending on numbers e.g. 2:40pm – 3pm, 3 – 3:20pm.

Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 9th December
Monday 15th December

Christmas Parties

Children's Christmas parties will be held on **Thursday 18th December** in their classrooms. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again on this day with their school uniform.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children will be able to wear a Christmas Jumper (bought or handmade) with their normal uniform on **Thursday 11th December**.



If you have any Christmas jumpers which your children have outgrown and you are happy to donate to other families, please send in from Friday 28th November. We will put any donations out on a rail in the playground from Monday 1st December.

Pupil Chaplains



As part of a joint project with our Parish, our Chaplains are collecting gifts for the Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to donate a new toy or one that is in excellent condition, all gifts must be handed into school before **Friday 19th December**. They will be placed under our Christmas tree in the hall before bringing comfort to a child in crisis this Christmas. Please do not wrap the gifts.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is on **Thursday 18th December**. Please see the menu below.

You must pre-order your child's Christmas meal via Parentmail by 8am on Monday 8th December.

There will be no packed lunch/jacket potatoes from the school kitchen on this day.



Christmas Campfires

Hot chocolate around the campfire will take place on **Wednesday 17th December** for all classes. Please send your child in with a named mug for their hot chocolate.



Christmas Market

Our after-school Christmas Market will be held on **Wednesday 10th December** from **3.30pm – 4:30pm**.

Each class will have their own Christmas stall selling handmade crafts. Don't forget to bring your own mug to enjoy a hot chocolate by the campfire and your pennies for the stalls!

Tag Day

To raise gifts for the Christmas market, we will be holding a Tag Day (non-uniform day) on:

Tuesday 2nd December

Year R, 1 and 2 children to bring in donations of chocolates (please ensure they are nut-free).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to bring in bottles of wine or soft drinks.

Thank you for your support.

Decorate a Snow Globe

The Pupil Chaplains would like to invite each family to decorate a snow globe for our Christmas tree in the school hall.



This year, all KCSP schools are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle 'The Common Good' – thinking of everyone.

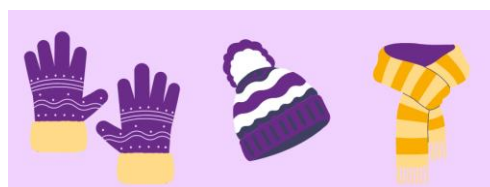
With this in mind, we would like each family to decorate the wooden globe that will be coming home with your family's Advent promise on how we can help others flourish. Please return the decorated globe to school.

Mini Vinnies Give the Gift of Warmth

As the weather gets colder, our Mini Vinnie team are asking for donations to help children facing financial struggles stay warm this winter.

Please send in donations of new:

**socks
hats
gloves
scarves**



#ItsAWrap



Grandparents Tea Party



Grandparents are invited to come into school for a Grandparents Tea Party on **Thursday 11th December**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis until all tickets go. There will be a charge of £2 per person to help with the cost of refreshments.

Please purchase a grandparent place on ParentMail under your eldest child's name.

Each class will pop in and sing a carol as entertainment. Children do not stay in the hall with their grandparent.

Bookable by purchasing in ParentMail in the 'shop' from Thursday 27th November at 6pm.

Nativity and Carol Concerts



All events will be ticketed.

1 seat per family per performance
for both the
Infant Nativity Play
and the
KS2 Carol Concert.

All performances will be held in the
school hall.

Monday 8th December

2pm Infant Nativity

Tuesday 9th December

10 am Infant Nativity

Tuesday 16th December

Junior Carol Concert

2 pm Performance

6 pm Performance

- You will receive one ticket for each performance per family.
- Morning, afternoon and evening tickets will be different colours.
- Tickets will be required for entrance.
- Please return tickets to the school office if you know you are unable to attend a performance so we know correct seating numbers.
- Please arrive on time.
- Children who are not performing are not permitted to attend the evening performance.

Unfortunately, there will be no space for buggies in the hall.



Christmas Dates



Wednesday 26th November

Donations of evergreen foliage

Monday 1st December

2.30pm Advent Wreath Service

Tuesday 2nd December

Tag Day

➤ KS1 Chocolate donations (Nut-free)

➤ KS2 Bottle donation

Advent Family Meditation Session

Thursday 4th December

Year 3 - Rochester Cathedral Carol Festival

Monday 8th December

2pm Infant Nativity

Tuesday 9th December

10am Infant Nativity

Advent Family Meditation Session

Wednesday 10th December

3:30pm Christmas Market

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

2pm Grandparents Tea Party

Monday 15th December

Advent Family Meditation session

Tuesday 16th December

2pm Junior Carol Concert

6pm Junior Carol Concert

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Reading Café

Campfires – please bring a named mug.

Pantomime for all (in school hall)

Thursday 18th December

9:10 – 10:10am Advent Pre-schooler Craft and Play

Christmas Dinner (Pre ordered)

Christmas Parties (Christmas jumpers can be worn with school uniform)

Friday 19th December

9:10am Celebration of Achievement
(for invited parents)

2pm finish for children

