

St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Learning and Challenge Rooted in Faith



Lenten Newsletter 2026

Dear Families,

Last week, we began our Lenten Journey. As families and as a school community, let us take this time to reflect on our lives ... *how is Christ present to others through our words and actions?*

Pope Leo asks us to use this time of Lent to listen, to fast and to walk together in community. May we open our hearts and minds to being the "Body of Christ" to others this time of Lent.



MISSIO BOXES

Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission.

As the children's branch of Missio, Mission Together invites children to help children around the world by fundraising and giving to the Little Red Box – our very own Red Box for children.

The Red Box



is a symbol of Faith



We teach our children to live their lives in the footsteps of Jesus – to be humble, to feed the poor, clothe the naked, help the sick. Lent is not as much about 'giving up', but about 'giving'.

Family Lenten Prayer Boxes

Our family Lenten prayer boxes will start to come home this week. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains for organising them.

Here is a lovely Lenten prayer to pray together as a family:

Open our hearts to your word,
O Lord, that we may be renewed.
Open our hands to receive and to give,
that we may be replenished.
Open our minds
to the silence of Your presence,
that we may be refreshed.
Amen



How are we giving at St. Benedict's this Lent?

St. Joseph's SOLIDARITY

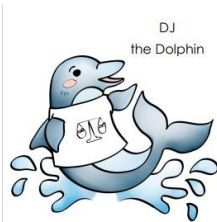


Showing we care

Year R

Planting and nurturing an insect garden.

St. Bernadette's DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE

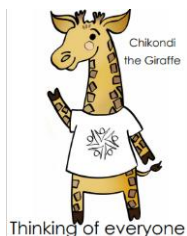


Sharing fairly

Year 2

Collecting items for 'One Big Family'.

St. Therese COMMON GOOD



Year 4

Designing, making and delivering Easter cards for our local neighbours



St. Simon Stock STEWARDSHIP



Caring for God's gifts

Year 3

A Litter Pick around our school and the local area.

St. Clare PARTICIPATION



Taking part

Year 5

Collection of pennies and small coins to display:

'A Penny Plant'

All monies will be added to our Missio Collection.

St. Michael's HUMAN DIGNITY



Everyone is special

Year 1

Collection of items for Medway Food Bank: tinned fruit, jams and spreads.

St. Francis SOLIDARITY



God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.

Solidarity



Year 6 are going to challenge themselves to walk 200Km in Lent to help fight global poverty! On Wednesday 18th March, Year 6 will take a pilgrimage walk to St. Simon Stock Church walking with Fr. Joseph, St. Benedict's staff and their family.

Our CAFOD The Big Lent Walk fundraising page can be found here:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-francis-class-big-lent-walk>

Family Morning Prayer

During Lent, join me on the playground at 8:35am for Family Morning Prayer which will focus on the Stations of the Cross.



Years 3 and 4 Passion Play

Each family will receive two tickets for the evening performance. If you are unable to attend in the evening, please return your ticket/s to the school office so they can be redistributed to people on the waiting list. If you would like an extra ticket, you may add your name to a waiting list by contacting the school office. We will let you know if one becomes available.

Wednesday 1st April

Years 3 and 4 Passion Play Performance

2pm Whole School Performance (limited seats – please ring up to book a seat for this performance)

6pm Performance: **2 seats per family**



Tickets will be required for entrance.

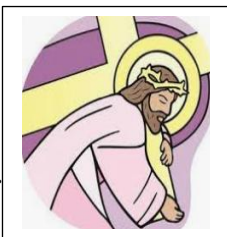
No children under secondary school age may attend the 6pm performance.

Year 6 Stations of the Cross

Year 6 will lead the whole school and their family through the Stations of the Cross.

9:10am Monday 30th March

Please book a seat via ParentMail.



Family Lenten Meditation



Lenten 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 child/grandchild 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.

Thursday 26th March

Monday 30th March

Tuesday 31st March

Tag Days

There will be a tag day (non-uniform day) held to raise donations for the Easter Fayre.

Friday 27th February

Years R, 1 and 2 children to bring in donations of chocolates (nut-free please).

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

Lenten Pre-Schooler Craft and Play

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

Thursday 2nd April

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 or 01634 669700

This event will be organised by our Pupil Chaplains.

