



Last week, Mrs. King, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Stuart and I had a fantastic time with St. Francis class on their Year 6 residential! The trip was action-packed and full of first-time experiences for many children. We are incredibly proud of all they achieved – it was wonderful to see them challenging themselves, taking risks and building their confidence.

Congratulations to our Year 6 go-kart team who raced 'The PAX Bandicoots' at BorgWarner last Sunday. The team proved to be excellent drivers and we were thrilled to receive 'The Best Teamwork Award!' Thank you to everyone who supported and cheered us on.

On Tuesday, we welcomed eight students from our link school in Hong Kong, Baptist Lui Ming Choi Primary School, for a three-day cultural exchange. Our visitors enjoyed lessons across both the infants and juniors, and our children loved the workshops—learning calligraphy, a little Cantonese and sharing stories about interests, favourite foods and games. Year 6 also served as Forest School ambassadors, helping our guests explore the St. Benedict's woods and grounds.

The week continued to be full of activity, with Year 6 transition visits to secondary schools, transition events for our new starters in September, and each class spending time in their new classrooms. Road Safety workshops also took place for St. Joseph's and St. Francis, and our bands performed their final Rocksteady Concert of the year this afternoon.

Please continue to ensure sun cream is applied to your child before school, our school yellow caps are worn and your child has their water bottle each day.

We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Fayre tomorrow!

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs. McAlpine

Sunday 5th July

14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

Matthew 11: 25-30

'Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.'

Prayer of the Month – July

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th July

Summer Fayre

Monday 6th July

Year 1 and Year 2 Wingham Wildlife Park visit

Tuesday 7th July

MYG Athletics Tournament

Wednesday 8th July

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Thursday 9th July

Football Team Cup Fun Day at Watling Park

2:30pm Year 2 'Moving Up' Assembly

Friday 10th July

9.30 am St. Benedict's Feast Day Mass

Monday 13th July

School Football Team Match (Away)

Wednesday 15th July

6pm Leaver's Play

Thursday 16th July

Unwanted clothing collection

Biscuit & Books / Art Gallery

Friday 17th July

Prize Giving Assembly (Invited Families)

1pm EYFS – Animal Club Experience

Monday 20th July

11am Leaver's Mass

Tuesday 21st July

9:10 am Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 21st July

Last day of Term 2pm Finish

Summer Holidays



Tuesday 1st September 2026

INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September

Children return to school for the new academic year.

Year 6 Leavers Play

6 pm 15th July

Year 6 parents may book up to 3 seats per family for the Year 6 Leavers Play via ParentMail. If you would like more seats, please let the office know and if any seats are spare after the initial bookings, we can allocate them to families who require more.



St. Benedict's Catholic Primary



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Our school is committed to safeguarding all members of our community

We have a detailed Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and work hard to ensure that this is followed.

If you have a concern about a young person in school and believe that they may be suffering or are at risk of harm or abuse you should report it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead:

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Sarah McAlpine (Headteacher)



DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DDSL):

Becky Howell



Assistant
Headteacher

Claire Read



Assistant
Headteacher

Jayne Stuart



SENDCO



SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR:

Lisa Brett



**Worried about something you
have seen or heard?**

Not sure what to do?

Please come and talk to us.

Value of the Week

Next Week



We learn from our mistakes and
keep trying our best.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



Putting people most in need first
**Preferential Option
for the Poor**

Van Cols Group Photos

Remember to order your class photos **by 6th July** to receive free delivery to the school.

<https://www.getphotos.co.uk>

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R



Learner: Ada, for her wonderful contribution in phonics this week with beautiful reading and fabulous writing!



Superstar: Lawrence for fabulous focus this week, putting his hand up in class and trying hard to be the best he can be!

Year 1

Learner: Karina- Well done for trying your best to write super descriptive sentences this week! We were very impressed.

Superstar: Marley- For being an increasingly independent learner. We're very proud of you. Keep it up!

Year 2



Learner: Jack for writing an excellent information text all about honey bees.

Superstar: Amelia for always being a great friend and helping to keep her table tidy and organised.



Year 3

Learner: Joshua-for fantastic learning behaviour this week especially in English writing his own fairytale!

Superstar: Callum-For always going above and beyond with everything he does and always pushing himself outside of his comfort zone!



Year 4

Learner: Fantastic effort and determination this week from Jessie. When writing her letter she worked so hard to spell accurately and used all the punctuation that was needed.

Superstar: Thank you Jayson for being such a supportive friend during our computing sessions and helping anyone that needed it.



Year 5

Learner: Our learner of the week is Isabella for her increased confidence in Maths! She successfully counted through zero in multiples—well done!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Leontine for always being a fabulous member of Year 5! She shows that she is self-motivated by always putting 100% effort into everything that she does!



Year 6

Learner:

Our Learner of the Week is Euan for the commitment he has shown in preparing for our upcoming performance. He has worked hard to learn all of his lines and he delivers them with confidence, excellent expression and a wonderful sense of humour, bringing his character to life. Well done—we can't wait to see you shine on stage!

Superstar: Our Superstar of the Week is Tallulah for being a wonderful ambassador for our school when welcoming our visiting students from Hong Kong. She made a genuine effort to help them feel included, interacting with them confidently, warmly and respectfully throughout their visit. Well done, Tallulah—we are very proud of you!



Practical Maths Lesson

On Wednesday, Year 3 and the students from Hong Kong shared a practical Maths lesson outside. They investigated nets of 3D shapes and then created them.



Times Table Rockstars



Fastest

Rocco Y 5

Highest Score

Dylan Y5

Most Improved

Audrielle Y4

Star

Isabella Y5

Biscuits and Books

On Thursday 16th July, you are invited to attend our 'Biscuits and Books' event, where you get the opportunity to look at your child's learning and celebrate their hard work with them. Please see the chart below for the time of your child's class session. Please indicate if you will be attending this event by completing the form in the ParentMail 'forms' section.

9:10 – 9:30 am	Year 1
9:35 – 9:55 am	Year 5
10:00 -10:20 am	Year 4
10:50 – 11:10 am	Year 3
11:15 – 11:35 am	Year 2
11:35 – 11.55am	Year 6
2:40 – 3:00pm	Year R

From September, we will be using Arbor as our only communication system in school. We will no longer be using ParentMail.

If you have not seen any welcome e-mails from Arbor, please check your 'junk' or 'spam' emails and allow them, or you may miss important information regarding your child/ren. Please use the link below if you have deleted any Arbor messages:

<https://st-benedicts-catholic-primary-school-149979.uk.arbor.education/?/home-ui/index>

If you have a child in a secondary school that also uses Arbor, you will need to create a new password for the child at St. Benedict's School and log in with a different password for each child.

IMPORTANT

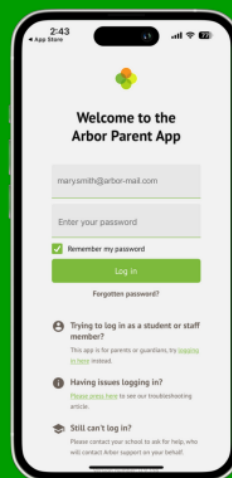
If you have any outstanding balances to pay in Parentmail account, you will be unable to order school meals through Arbor in September. Please clear any monies owed in Parentmail. All debts will be carried over to Arbor. Outstanding debts from year 6 pupils will be transferred to any other siblings at the school. **Please pay the correct amount in Parentmail to take you to the end of the summer term with a zero balance.**

Arbor



We're using the Arbor Parent App!

See and manage your child's day-to-day school information. Understand their progress, make payments and bookings, and receive in-app messages - all from one app



Log in in seconds with Face ID

Receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

See your child's progress, attendance, behaviour points, report cards and more

Check your child's calendar, it's always up-to-date

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in



Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill





Well Done Yan



Well-done to Yan in Year 5
His Gillingham Invicta Stampedo U12s
team won 1st place at the Coventry
Godiva Cross-Country Tournament on
28th June.

The week before that, the same team
also achieved 3rd place at the Sheffield
U12s Summer Junior Tournament,
competing against teams from the
strongest division.

Year 5



Year 5 created their Ancient Greek Theatre Mask Play Doh prototypes this week, and Mrs Stanton and Mrs Amos were absolutely blown away by the creativity and craftsmanship on display! We are so impressed with the fantastic designs and can't wait to see how their final air-dry clay masks turn out over the next few weeks. Watch this space for the finished masterpieces!



Year 6 Go-Kart Race Day

Year 6 had a fantastic time at this year's Go-Kart Race Day! We were incredibly lucky with the weather, as the sun shone throughout the day, making it a wonderful event for everyone involved.

The children represented the school brilliantly, driving with confidence, skill and determination in their individual races. We were also delighted to have such fantastic support from our parents, whose encouragement helped make the day even more special.

To top off a memorable day, the judges from the Medway Education Business Partnership awarded The PAX Bandicoots—and the rest of Year 6—the award for Best Teamwork. This special recognition celebrates the outstanding collaboration shown throughout the project, acknowledging every child's contribution to the design, build and driving elements of the go-kart.

Well done to all of Year 6 on a superb achievement—we are incredibly proud of you! Mrs. King



Year R Road Safety



Rocksteady Concert



**St. Benedict's Feast
Day Mass
9.30 am Friday 10th July**

If you would like a seat for the Mass, please complete the ParentMail form.

We will be collecting food items for the food bank on this day.
A box for donations will be available on the playground for you to donate any of the following food items below:

- Coffee
- Cup-a-soup
- Hot tinned meat
- Instant mashed potato
- Long-life juice
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Tea bags
- Tinned custard
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned ham
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Toilet roll
- Washing up liquid

HOO SPORT ACADEMY

PRESENTS

SUMMER CAMP

AGES
5-11



**MONDAY 27TH JULY
TO
FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST**



**VARIOUS VENUES
ACROSS MEDWAY**



9AM TO 3PM



£19.95 A DAY

**FIVE DAY DISCOUNT
FOR £89.95**

ACTIVITIES:

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| ✓ Range of Sports | ✓ Bouncy Castles |
| ✓ Arts and Crafts | ✓ Go-Karts |
| ✓ Dance and Drama | ✓ Animal Handling |
| ✓ Nerf Wars | ✓ Sweet Treats |
| ✓ Water Fights | ✓ Trampolining |



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WEEK 2: MONDAY 3RD AUGUST - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

9AM - 3PM

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Forest School Year 6



Forest School Year R



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School Year 1



FOREST SCHOOL

Year 2 Forest School





SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

16 JULY
THURSDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



BEGINNER
SUMMER
MUSIC COURSE

28th July 2026

09:45 – 15:00

Rainham Mark Grammar School

COST £12.50

No experience needed to **Grade 1 standard** for **Years 3 – 9**

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3 DAY
INSTRUMENTAL
SUMMER
MUSIC COURSE

25th – 27th July 2026

09:45 – 15:00

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For those **Grade 2 – 8 standard** in **Years 4 – 13**

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SUMMER
MUSIC COURSE

26th July 2026

09:45 – 11:45

Rainham Mark Grammar School

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Parish News



Holy Communion Programme



St. Simon Stock at Walderslade will be starting the next preparation in September for those children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and above in September 2026.

Parents should pick up an application form from the church from Fr Joseph or Deacon Martin at any weekend Mass. Each application is numbered and it is one per child, and parents must not take an application for any other family but their own.

The Meeting for parents to hand in the applications forms personally to Fr Joseph is Tuesday 14th July at 7pm and IS THE ONLY TIME APPLICATIONS CAN BE HANDED IN.

St Simon Stock

Summer Fayre 2026

Saturday 18th July 11am-3pm

Refreshments Ping Pong in a Jar

BBQ Cake Stall Teddy Tombola

Toy Stall Bottle Tombola Water & Wine

Do You Feel Lucky? Hook A Duck Chinese Cooking Demo

Lordswood Dance Group Coconut Shy Face Painting

Soft Axe Throwing Soft Archery Parachute Game

Football Target Bouncy Castles Golden Bucket

See You There!

Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, ME5 0NF



28th June 2026



St Peter & St Paul A



This is the QR Code for First Collections for your convenience and flexibility. Please scan to donate. You can still donate using the gift aid envelopes or the contactless machines in the church lobby (please insert your card in this one) and the hall, or just by putting money in the offertory bag.

We have generated a QR code for our altar servers summer camp which will be held at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre in Pinner in August.



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two apostles who were the founders of the Church of Rome, of which we in Walderslade in the Archdiocese of Southwark, are a part. Their life-stories and dramatic conversion, their personal-passionate love for Jesus Christ, their commitment to mission, their holiness of life and their glorious martyrdom continue to be an inspiration to us all. They give us an example of how to become a saint.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE 2026/2027

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME AVAILABLE NOW

We will be starting the next preparation in September for those children who are baptised Catholic and our parishioners, in Year 3 and above in September 2026. Please ask for an application form after weekend Masses. Each application is numbered and it is one per child. Please do not take an application for any other family but your own. **The Meeting for parents to hand in the applications forms personally to Fr Joseph is Tuesday 14th July at 7pm and is the only time your application can be handed in.**

Fr Joseph

Fr Joseph Donkor, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent, ME5 0NF. Email: josephdonkor@rcaos.org.uk
Deacon Martin Smith: martinsmith@rcaos.org.uk

Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension

Tel: 01634 862910. Mob: 07305 831925, Website: www.stsimonwalderslade.co.uk

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Primary schools: St Benedict's Mrs. S. L. McAlpine 01634 669700
St Thomas More Mrs. P. Le Breton 01634 864701