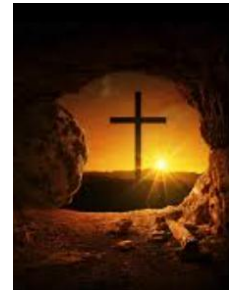




Summer term has arrived, bringing brighter, lighter days - what a difference that makes! The children have certainly returned refreshed and energised ready for the busy term ahead.

This week, we have been reflecting together on the joy and hope of the Resurrection. The message 'Christ is Risen' is one we hold dear, reminding us that hope is present in every aspect of our lives. As we discussed in school, the stone at the tomb was rolled away not for Jesus to leave, but so the disciples could enter and witness the miracle. Whilst we can not see the empty tomb ourselves, the Easter story offers us all renewed hope and an invitation into God's love. I hope that, during this Eastertide season, you and your families feel renewed energy to face daily challenges and receive the hope, joy and peace of Jesus.



On Wednesday, children in Years 2 and 3 took part in road safety workshops led by Medway Council. The children not only learnt important lessons in the classroom but also put their knowledge into practice by safely crossing local roads. Thank you to Medway Council for enabling these valuable sessions.

Following your feedback from our last SEND coffee morning, we were delighted to host a SEND Fayre on Thursday. Highlights included an educational psychologist talk on 'sleep' and opportunities to speak to Medway professionals from Early Help, MCH's School Nursing Team, Fortis Trust Outreach Agency and 'Understanding Me' (Autism support). We hope you found the event both informative and helpful. As always, your feedback helps us to shape future events—please let us know what you found useful or what you would like to see next time.

A huge thank you to the SBA for organising tonight's disco and to all our parent volunteers for their time and support. We look forward to seeing some great moves on the dance floor!

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs. McAlpine

Sunday 26th April

Good Shepherd Sunday



John 10: 1 - 10

'I have come so that they may have
life and have it to the full.'

**Prayer of the Month
April**

We pray for priests going through
times of crisis in their vocation;
may they receive the
accompaniment they need, and
may their communities support
them with understanding and
prayer.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th April

1st Swimming session for Year 5

Tuesday 5th May

1.30pm Crowning of Our Lady Mass

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May

KS2 SATS WEEK (school office closed mornings)

Tuesday 12th May

Year 5 Fort Amhurst Trip

Monday 18th May

6pm Year 6 PGL Meeting (Parents only)

3.30pm St. Benedict's V Twydale Football Match

Wednesday 20th May

Year R Vision/hearing Screening

Thursday 21st May

Mini Youth Games -Tag Rugby Event

Friday 22nd May

Last day of Term

Tuesday 2nd June

2pm Holy Spirit Mass

Wednesday 3rd June

6pm SBA Meeting (school)

Thursday 4th June

MYG Football

Friday 5th June

EYFS Creepy Claws Visit

Friday 12th June

Years 5 & 6 Careers Fayre

Tuesday 16th June

Year 3 trip Brogdale Farm

Wednesday 17th June

Group class Photos

Thursday 18th June

Year 4 Canterbury Museum

Friday 19th June

Father's Day Shop

24th June – 26th June

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Monday 29th June 2026

INSET Day (no children attend school)

30th June – 2nd July

Hong Kong Cultural Exchange

Wednesday 1st July

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Saturday 4th July

Summer Fayre

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



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.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



Showing we care
Solidarity

Value of the Week



We are determined to
always try our best.

House Point Winners Last Term

St David's House

218 points

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Louise for wonderful progress with writing super sentences independently- we are so proud of you!

Superstar: Josiah for completing all his class work independently this week and using the regulation station well - keep up the amazing work!

Year 1

Learner: Tommy- well done for being so focused on your work this week. You've tried super hard, keep it up!

Superstar: Isaac for having faith in your own abilities and always cracking on with your work.

Year 2

Learner: Rhyen has really impressed me this week with his enthusiasm in our English lessons. Well done, Rhyen!

Superstar: Reggie, as always, has worked so hard and always shown faith in his own abilities. Well done, superstar!

Year 3

Learner: Amelia always puts in maximum effort into all her learning at school and as a result her confidence is blossoming!

Superstar: Florence is such a kind, hard working girl who follows Jesus' teachings and her faith shines through in everything that she does.

Year 4

Learner: Well done Vanessa for great participation this week especially during English discussions and whole class reading.

Superstar: Thank you Noelle for always being such a positive influence on your peers, you are encouraging and supportive. You make the world a better place.

Year 5

Learner: Our learner of the week is Ella for her increased confidence in the classroom, resilience with her work and participation during lessons. Well done, Ella!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Rocco for always showing participation within lessons. Rocco has started this term with great determination and focus on his work. Well done Rocco, keep it up!

Year 6

Learner: Our Learner of the week is Luca for returning from the break with a refreshed and conscientious approach to learning. He has consistently worked hard, participated well and tackled all challenges with enthusiasm. Well done, Luca!

Superstar: Our Superstar of the week is William for his patience and kindness – living out his faith by demonstrating a caring and supportive attitude towards those around him. Thank you, Wills!

Road Safety Year 2 and Year 3



Year 2 and Year 3 learnt about how to stay safe whilst crossing and using the roads.



SEND Fayre



THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS

Raised
£525

Target
£200

Achievements

Fundraising

Well done to St. Francis Class for their Cafod Big Lent Walk, which raised a massive £525.

Thank you to all the families who generously donated to this worthwhile charity.

**THE BIG LENT
WALK**

St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

CAREER FAIR

What will it look like?

On the afternoon of **Friday 12th June between 1 – 3:15pm**, our hall will be transformed into a Career Fair! The children will be visiting the different stands, talking to the adults from the various business and organisations on show. Some stands will have practical demonstrations, and even freebies! The children will have a careers passport, with the chance to fill their passport with stamps and stickers as they visit the stalls.

The careers fair will be a great opportunity for our children to talk with adults in the world of work and see how what we do in school prepares them for later on in life.

We need your help!

Would your business or organisation be able to run a stall at our career fair? Perhaps you work for a large company, run a business, work in the public sector, or are retired from a profession? We will supply a table, chairs and refreshments. You could bring along vertical banners, hands-on activities, leaflets and freebies, and can have one or more adults to help run the stall.

Remember, the purpose is to inspire our children at St. Benedict's and engage with them in thinking about their aspirations.

If you are able to help, have any questions or need to find out more, please email:

office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

LEAGUE 1	P	GD	PTS
PARKWOOD	6	26	13
WOODLANDS	4	12	10
MAUNDENE	4	20	9
SAXON WAY	4	6	6
ST BENEDICTS	4	1	6
ST MARGRET'S JUNIORS	5	-3	6
TWYDALL	3	-6	3
NAPIER	1	-6	0
BYRON	3	-28	0

MEDWAY PRIMARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE 2	P	GD	PTS
CLIFFE WOODS	6	25	16
HORSTED	4	10	7
SWINGATE	4	3	7
OAKLANDS	5	-1	7
HOO ST WERBURGH	4	-2	5
WARREN WOOD	5	-2	4
CEDAR	4	-4	4
LORDSWOOD	1	5	3
PENINSULA EAST	4	-27	0



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Medway Primary Football League



September 2026 -
July 2027



Across Medway

Join us in our second year of
Medway's biggest Primary
Football League for the chance to
become champions of Medway
Primary schools. Hosted by Hoo
Sport Academy!



Register before Friday
11th September 2026!

Register
Today!



Phone
07753693737



Email
info@hoosportacademy.co.uk

Open Day

14th Medway Towns (St Simon Stock) Scout Group
is holding an open day on Saturday 2nd May, 12
noon - 4 pm.

It will be on the field behind St. Simon Stock
Church, Bleakwood Road, ME5 0NF

An afternoon of free fun activities and an
opportunity to find out all about Squirrels (4 - 6
yrs), Beavers (6 - 8 yrs), Cubs (8 - 10.5 yrs), Scouts
(10.5 - 14 yrs) and Explorers (14 - 18 yrs). All
under 18s must be accompanied by an adult,
please.

Everyone welcome.

School Council Tag Day

Tag Day raised £199 which will be spent
on School Council's Buddy Bench Project.

Unwanted Clothing Collection

The winner of the most bags of unwanted
clothing collected is:

Year 1

They will receive an extra afternoon break.



Forest School Year 1

Forest School Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for all the beautiful flowers
growing in our woods. We loved all the new
things created in our Forest School today.

Amen

Henry and Isaac



Forest School Year 2



Lunchtime Clubs



COLOURING
CLUB



The
Recorder
Club



Running
Club



SCIENCE
CLUB



Coding Club



Parish News



COMMUNITY
FUND

Parish Of St Simon Stock



19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter A

Today's Gospel is about 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus, who only recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread. This was not in itself a Eucharist, but this is one of the passages in the scriptures from which the Church's understanding of the Eucharist is derived. Like the 2 disciples, we too recognise the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass.

At our Parish Feastday celebrations on Sunday 17th May after 10am Mass we will be holding our usual sponsored walk, **and forms are available from this weekend so please take one and get your family and friends to sponsor you to raise much needed funds for the parish.** There will be a barbeque catering for meat eaters, vegetarians and vegans, but you can also bring your own picnic or savoury food to share. As is usual at this event, we also request people to bring cakes/desserts to share. There will also be a plant stall and hopefully there will be lots of plants to buy to stock up your gardens/greenhouses. We will need people to volunteer to help with the running of this and a sign up form is now at the back of the church on the disabled toilet door. *Fr Joseph*

Medway Foodbank would like our parish to become a **Spreads Champion** because the warehouse shelves of spreads are very depleted at the moment. They would like us to donate jars of jam, marmalade, peanut butter and chocolate spread etc. in the next few months. They thank us for our continued support and generosity.

Could red Missio box holders please bring them to Mass next weekend 25th/26th April and give to Adrian or Catherine Hockney outside the church. Please do not leave any full boxes in the porch. Empty boxes will on the bookcase to be collected 3rd/4th May.

Submission of entries for the Knights of St Columba Youth competitions:

The deadline has been extended to Monday 20th April 2026. All Painting entries are to be returned to your respective Parish offices or Head Teacher Photography entries are to be emailed to Brother Titus at: t.keyamo@sky.com Well done to all participants and their families.

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

Deacon Martin Smith: martinsmith@rcaos.org.uk.

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