



As we step into the month of May, a time dedicated to honouring Our Mother Mary, we reflect on Mary's faith, love and trust in God. Throughout this month, please bring your rosary beads for our family morning prayer and all children are welcome to join our Mini Vinnies lunchtime Rosary Group, meeting in the 'Garden of Memories'. We would be extremely grateful for donations of flowers or petals (a bunch, flowers from your garden or even a single stem) to help decorate class prayer tables and our Forest School prayer area. Your contributions add beauty and reverence to our prayer spaces – thank you for your ongoing support.

On Wednesday, our Computing Squad led an engaging whole school assembly about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and online safety. Children were reminded of the importance of staying safe online by following these steps if they ever feel uncomfortable: 'Stop, Think and Speak Out'. The Computing Squad has set a challenge for the whole school to design a brand-new logo for the squad.

A passionate group of Year 4 children met with me this week to discuss healthy eating habits. They are now our official Healthy Eating Ambassadors and spoke in assembly today about their new campaign to encourage healthy choices at lunchtime.

Details for both pupil-led competitions can be found further on in the newsletter and we can't wait to see your creative ideas. It is wonderful to see our children leading initiatives and making a positive impact. This is exactly what our Personal Development Curriculum is all about.

Next week, we invite you to join us for the Crowning of Our Lady Mass on Tuesday 5th May at 1:30pm. This is always a beautiful and meaningful occasion in our school year and we hope to see many families there.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend,
Mrs McAlpine

Sunday 3rd May

**5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
YEAR A



John 14:1-12

"I am the way and the truth
and the life."

Prayer of the Month – May



In May, we pray with Pope Leo that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding food waste, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

Dates for your Diary

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

3.30pm St. Benedict's V Twydale Football Match

6pm Year 6 PGL Meeting (Parents only)

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 6th July

Year 1 and Year 2 Wingham Wildlife Park visit

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?**

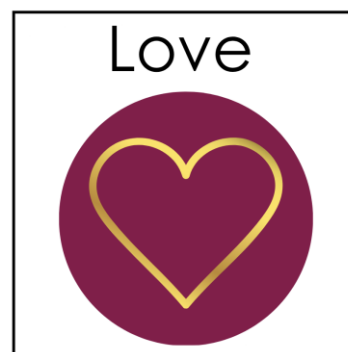
Please come and talk to us.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



**Being peacemakers
Promoting peace**

Value of the Week



**We love one another and
look after our school.**

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Amelia for always having a positive attitude to her learning, trying her best, producing wonderful work and always with a smile!

Learner: Kairo for wonderful imaginative work in Drawing Club, including lots of thoughtful and detailed annotations!

Year 1

Learner: Abigail- thank you for always being such a positive role model for St Michael's class.

Superstar: Aria- well done for continuing to try so hard with your sounds this week. Fantastic!

Year 2

Learner: Darcie has worked so hard this week in all subjects and has been an excellent role model to her peers!

Superstar: Parker has shown compassion, kindness and hope this week on the playground and in the classroom. Thank you, Parker.

Year 3

Learner: Reggie for being a positive role model to our class by giving 100% effort to his learning and showing kindness and hope to others.

Superstar: Tommy for working so hard in all of his learning especially Science this week. He also follows our school values and Jesus's example.

Year 4

Learner Well done Freddie – we knew you could do it. You worked so hard with your writing in R.E. this week. You truly put yourself into the disciple's shoes!

Superstar: Mrs Amos is so proud of you Zion – your published piece of writing was full of wonderful ideas and super word choices. Keep it up!

Year 5

Learner: Our learner of the week is Daniel for his increased confidence and participation in Maths lessons. Thank you for sharing your knowledge on angles!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Bethany for being a shining example of all our school values! She is resilient, determined and extremely considerate of others!

Year 6

Learner: Our Learner of the Week is Erin for producing a well-written and engaging hotel advert. Her use of persuasive techniques was highly effective—it certainly made me want to book my plane ticket! Erin carefully selected her language to create a vivid and convincing piece of writing. A fantastic effort, Erin—well done!

Superstar: Our Superstar of the Week is Heavenly for the quiet determination she has shown in her Maths learning. She has made super progress through consistent effort and a positive attitude, approaching her work with focus and resilience without any fuss. We are very proud of your improvement Heavenly, and hope to see this continue.

Term 4 - 100% Attendance

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	
Zion	Natasha	Parker	
Joe	Abigail	Darcie	
Kairo	Reuben	Adira	
Ada	Henry	Florence	
Amelia	Aria	William	
Gabriella	Karina	Oluwatobi	
Divine	Tamilore	Jack	
Araoluwa	Oscar	Aiden	
Louise	Tabitha	Muna	
Chester	Tonia	Luke	
Henry	Isaac	Ethan	
Molly	Kiara	Harry	
Skylar	Lucas	Rhyan	
Macey	Deborah	Amelia	
	Momore		
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teniayo	Elsie	Tise	George
Nokutenda	Grace A	Mason	Caitlyn
Ismael	Audrielle	Medeea	Willow
Isabella	Janet	Jasmine	Ellyas
Maison	Freddie	Cameron	Eva
Emilia	Elisha	Olly	Jacob
Sam	Neriah	Leontine	Euan
Stephanie	Elena	Lily	Roman
Florence	George	Lily	Nii Okai
Tommy	Isaiah	Carson	Somto
Olive	Malakai	Anabel	Tiara
Callum	Evie	Nife	Moyin
Lucrece	John	Oscar	Alice
Joshua	Jayson	Dylan	Sofia
Matthew	Zion	Yan	Nancy
Cleo	Noelle	Korede	Heavenly
Ralph	Bonnie	Adam	William
Rae			Kinga
Olivia			Jason

Attendance Winners Last Week

Year 1 - 100%

Year 3 - 100%

Year 4 - 97.2%



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



**WALKIN'
'N' WHEELIN'**
CHALLENGE
18-22 MAY 2026

Walkin' N Wheelin' Challenge

Mini Vinnies

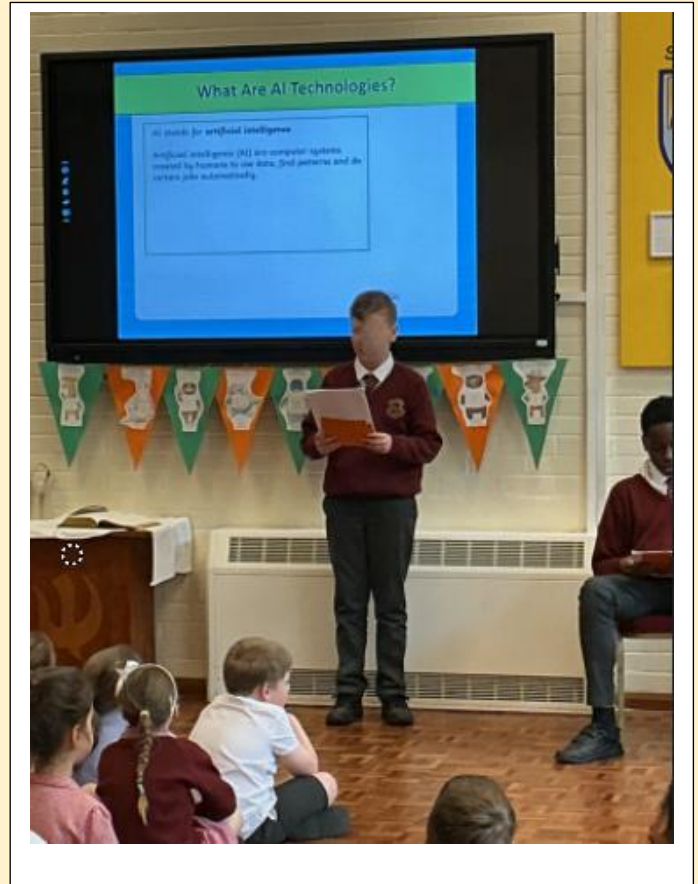
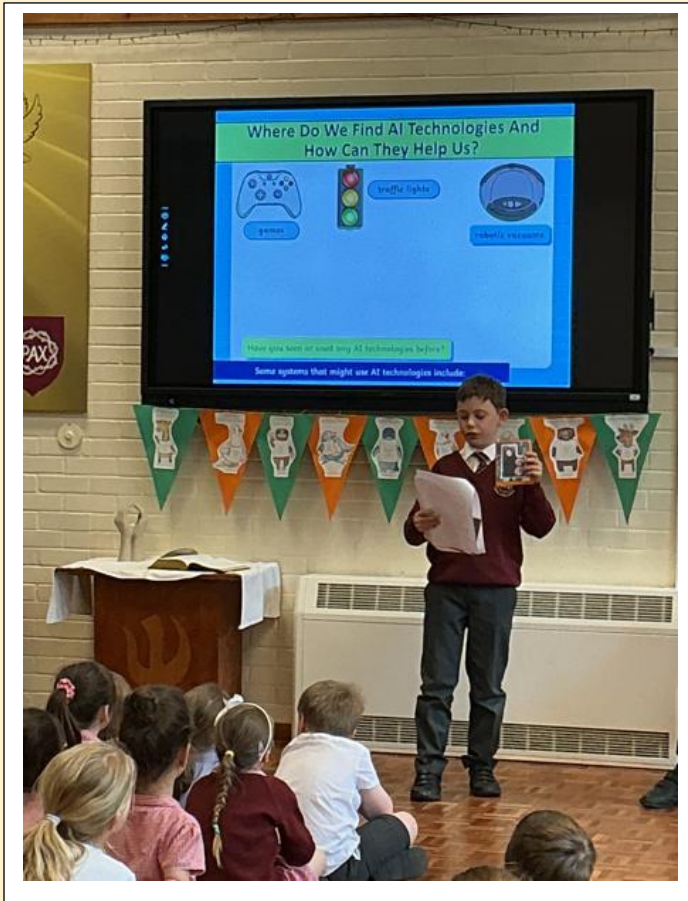


Mini Vinnies preparing Mary prayer boxes - to go home to families during the month of May.

School Disco



Computing Squad Assembly





WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are creating a brand-new logo for our
COMPUTING SQUAD – and
we'd love **YOUR** ideas!



YOUR LOGO SHOULD:

- ★ Include the name 'Computing Squad'
- ★ Be linked to **COMPUTING** and/or **ONLINE SAFETY**
- ★ Be creative and eye-catching!



YOU CAN...



Draw your logo by hand
or use technology to design it.
You might even want to ask a grown-up
to help you create one using AI!



PLEASE BRING YOUR
FINISHED DESIGN TO:



Mrs Stanton (Year 1)

OR



Any member of the
Computing Squad in Year 6



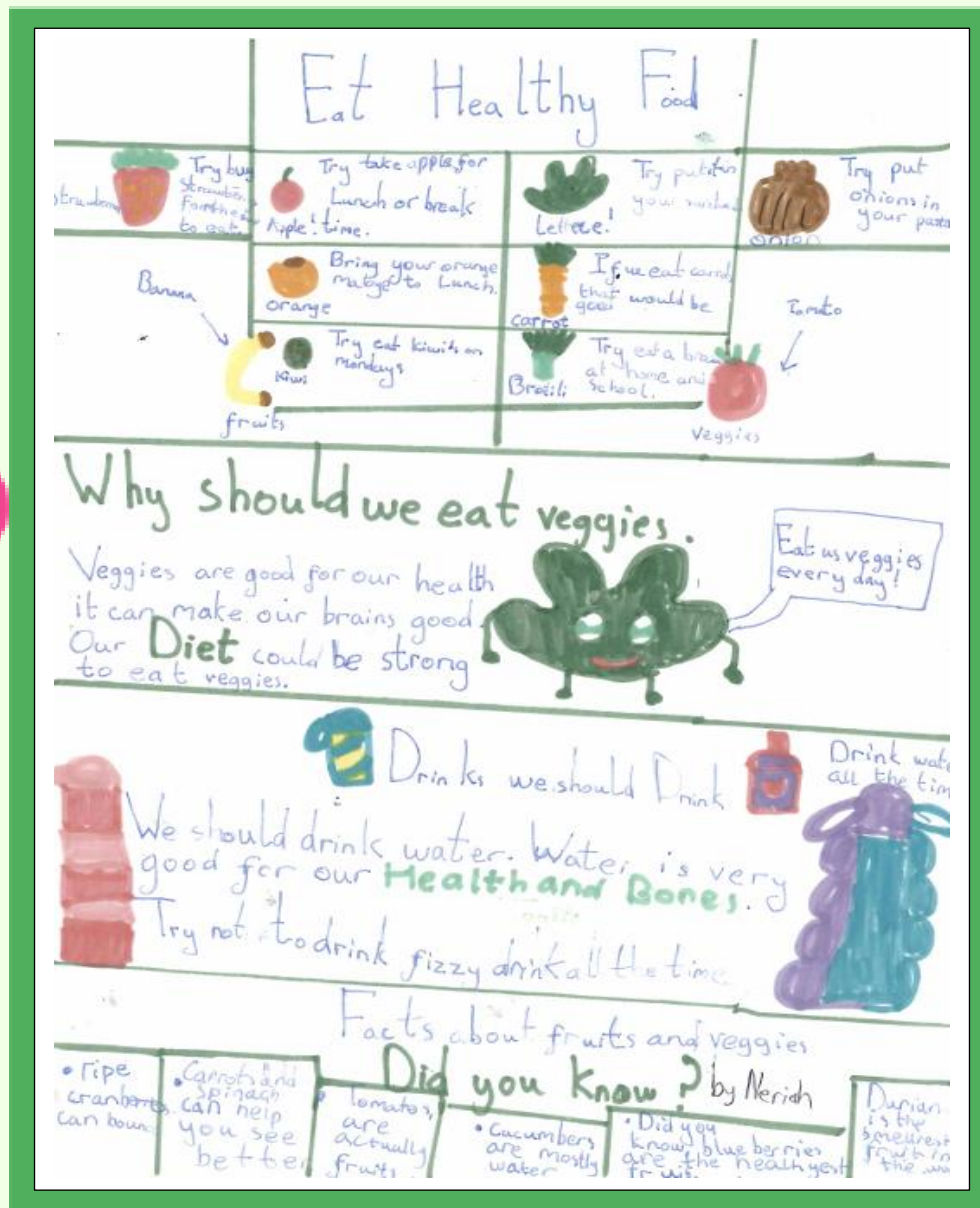
We can't wait to see your
amazing ideas –

THANK YOU!



HEALTHY EATING AMBASSADORS

We want to encourage healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.



**CAN YOU DESIGN A
HEALTHY EATING POSTER?
CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 5TH JUNE**

We hope you enjoyed listening to us in assembly today and we look forward to seeing your healthy lunches in action!

Neriah, Elsie, Bonnie, Amirah, Anjola and Vanessa.

St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School



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

Information

Applications for a Primary Place at St. Benedict's Catholic School September 2026

Please ensure that you return your acceptance form to the school by 14th May to secure your child's place in September 2026.

KS2 SATS Week 11th -14th May

The office will be closed after 9am every morning of week commencing 11th May.

No parents will be permitted to come into school with forgotten items. Please ensure your child has everything they need each day. Children who have medical appointments on any of these mornings must contact the school office for instruction.

Forgotten Items

We have an increasing flow of parents coming into school with forgotten items during the school day.

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day.

Thank you.

Mass- Crowning of Mary 1.30pm Tuesday 5th May

Please book your seats in ParentMail via the form (form closes 04/05/2026).

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.

Forest School Year R



Forest School Year 1



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School Year 2



Dear Lord,

We are grateful for our wonderful world.
Thank you for all the seasons - for the hot,
bright sun that help our flowers bloom in
the spring.

Amen.



Lunchtime Clubs



Yesterday, in Geography Club, we got our dancing shoes on and danced different multi-culture dances. These included dances from Africa, India, Spain, China and France!



Geography Club



Running Club



SCIENCE CLUB

COLOURING CLUB

Coding Club



CHESS CLUB

The Recorder Club



Parish News



St Simon Stock

5 Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF



*Rooted in
Scripture.
Alive in Faith.*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Grow in the Word. Deepen your Faith.



HIGHLIGHT
KEY VERSES



NOTE
INSIGHTS



CONNECT
WITH GOD



APPLY
TO LIFE

**Learn how to
mark up your Bible**

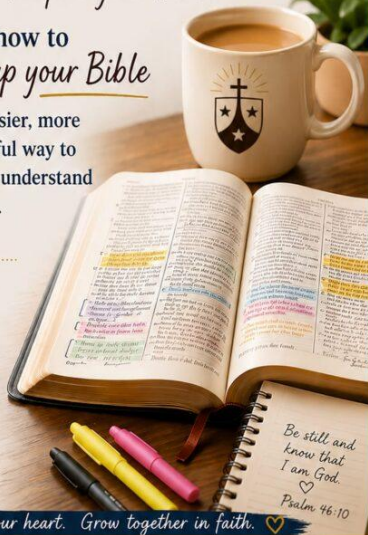
for an easier, more
meaningful way to
read and understand
the Bible.

We are exploring the possibility of starting a Bible study group within the parish and would love to hear what interest there might be. We are also interested in what format would suit people best—whether a daytime, in-person gathering or an evening session held online via Zoom. Sessions would be weekly, about 1–1.5hrs long. Your feedback will help shape how this group develops, so please do let us know your preference.

All are welcome!

Contact
SANDRA ROCCO
07720772089

Open your Bible. Open your heart. Grow together in faith.



The Medway Singers Spring Concert

*With All Saints Singers
&
Guest Performance*



All Saints Church, Frindsbury
Saturday 9th May 7:30pm

Tickets: Adult £10 / Children £5

Interval Refreshments – Prize Raffle

Call **01634 721160** for tickets

All Saints Church, Frindsbury
Church Green, Strood, ME2 4HE

Tickets also available on the door

