



Congratulations again to all the children who were awarded a certificate today in our end of term 'Gifts from God' celebration assembly. We are incredibly proud of you—your compassion, effort and commitment truly make our school a better place.

This week, our governors all gathered for their termly meeting. I would like to thank all of our volunteer governors for their dedication and invaluable support in helping the school on a strategic level. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes by this group of committee members which makes a huge difference to our school community.

Years 4 and 5 took part in Road Safety workshops. Year 4 children have come home with a special bookmark that provides important information about the height at which a booster seat is still required. Please check your child's bag for this resource and take a moment to review it together. Year 5 pupils learnt about safe travel, the importance of being alert near roads and practical tips for walking and cycling safely. Thank you to our local Road Safety Team for delivering these valuable sessions.

Well done to the Year 6 children who represented St Benedict's at the Mini Youth Games Tag Rugby tournament at Medway Rugby Club. The team showed fantastic spirit. They were praised by our governors, who attended, for their teamwork and determination.

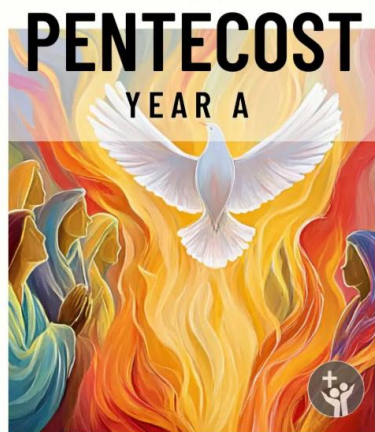
We were excited to receive postcards from Hong Kong this week! It's wonderful to learn about the students from Baptist Lui Ming Choi who will be visiting us in July as part of our cultural exchange programme. We look forward to welcoming them to our school family.

The term has certainly flown by! I wish you all an enjoyable half-term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely half-term,

Mrs McAlpine

Sunday 24th May



John 20: 19 - 23
"Peace be with you."

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

Monday 1st June
Tag Day – Bottles for Summer Fayre

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

Wednesday 10th June
6pm New Parents Meeting

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

Saturday 4th July
Summer Fayre

Monday 6th July
Year 1 and Year 2 Wingham Wildlife Park visit

Wednesday 8th July
*Sports Day weather permitting (Change of Date)

Thursday 9th July
Football Team Cup tournament

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.

Tag Day

Monday 1st June



Please bring in a bottle to support our
Summer Fayre bottle tombola.

Thank you.

SBA Meeting



St Benedict's Association
Our Schools Family

There will be an SBA meeting held at the school at 6pm on **Wednesday 3rd June.**

Gifts from God Assembly



Year 3

Science lesson

Year 3 enjoyed the beautiful weather this week and took their science learning outside! They worked in groups to explore lily flowers and identified all the internal and external parts including the anthers, style, stigma and filaments.



First Holy Communions



Attendance Winners Last Week

1st - Year 1 98.9%
2nd - Year 6 98.8%
3rd - Year 5 98.4%



Times Table Rockstars



Fastest
Rocco Year 5
Highest Score
George Year 4
Most Improved
Nancy Year 4
Star
Lilah Year 5

Missio Boxes



Thank you to all who sent in filled Missio boxes. Over £100 was raised. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Active Travel to School

It has been fantastic to see so many children walking, cycling and scooting to school as part of National Walk to School Week. We truly appreciate your efforts to support healthy, active lifestyles and to help reduce congestion around our school.



A little reminder

Once your child enters the school gates, please remember all bikes and scooters must be walked along the pathways and across the playground.

PGL Year 6 Residential Trip

It was lovely to see parents at the PGL residential trip meeting on Monday night.

If you were unable to attend, a pack has been sent home with your child to complete and you can view the PowerPoint presentation on the school website on the Year 6 Class page.

<https://www.st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk/St-Francis-Class-Year-6/>



Road Safety Year 4 and Year 5



Tag Rugby



St Francis Scarecrow



Our St. Francis scarecrow is off to Detling for the Kent Garden Show this weekend. Children from Forest School and a few other interested groups from across the school worked on various parts, learning new skills such as finger knitting and lashing. Year 2 wrote prayers and drew pictures of God's animals and plants on pieces of paper which helped to stuff the scarecrow.

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

Year R Shadows



Forest School Year R



Forest School Year 1



Forest School Year 2



Creative Drop-in Session

Free for Children aged 5-10 in Medway

A relaxed, fun, space for children to enjoy creative activities that support emotional wellbeing.

Children can join in at their own pace in a calm, friendly setting, supported by trained practitioners.

When?

Friday 29th May
11am - 12pm

Where?

North Kent Mind,
Community Hub,
5a New Road,
Chatham, ME4
6BB (Buzzer 11)

To attend, please contact:

hello@medwaytherapeuticalliance.co.uk



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 **WORLD CUP
THEME DAY
MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP**

**SWINGATE PRIMARY
WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2026**

**BOOK ONLINE
TODAY VIA OUR
WEBSITE**

PRICES START AT £25

WHAT'S INCLUDED

AFTERNOON:

WORLD CUP GOODIE BAG (ENGLAND FLAG,
MINI CHOC BALLS, BUBBLES, WHISTLES &
STICKER TATTOO)

THEMED ACTIVITIES:
PENALTY SHOOTOUT
WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT PM
ARTS & CRAFTS (ENGLAND FLAG
DECORATING, MAKING A WORLD CUP)

**OPTIONAL... NATIONS FOOTBALL
SHIRT OR BRIGHT COLOURS**

MORNING:

A RANGE OF SPORT ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE
(MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

BENCHBALL TARGET GAMES DANCING
DODGEBALL TAG GAMES BASKETBALL

KEEP YOUR CHILD ACTIVE, SAFE & SMILING THIS HALF TERM

 **STRIVE'S
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**SWINGATE PRIMARY
THURSDAY 28th MAY 2026**

**BOOK ONLINE
TODAY VIA OUR
WEBSITE**

8:30AM-4PM

PRICES START AT £25

WHAT'S INCLUDED

• TEACHER LED
• DBS CHECKED
• SEND SPECIALISTS

**OPTIONAL... FANCY DRESS
(RODEO THEMED)**

WOODY AS SPECIAL GUEST - MASCOT

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WILD WEST LASER SHOOT OUT
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SBA NEWS



St Benedict's Association
Our Schools Family

Father's Day Shop available now on PTA events. [Fathers day shop](#)

SBA meeting Wednesday 3rd June. All welcome

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 4th JULY

12-4pm

HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers for Set up, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, Tidy up! (Sign up [here!](#))

LOCAL BUSINESSES & STALLS!

External Stall Holders:
Book a pitch from £20! |
Stall Sponsors: Sponsor
a school stall for just £20!
Contact PTA to book.

CALLING LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAMS!

We need a team to run
our "Beat the Goalie"
game! (Adults & Children)
Contact us!

DONATIONS WANTED!

Trash to Treasure:
Unused, unwanted NEW
items! | **Gift Bags:** Good
condition used bags! |
Main Raffle Prizes
always welcome!

NEW RAFFLE PRIZE QUEST!

Do you have links with:
Cinema, Theatre, Zoo, Bowling,
Football Club, Rugby Clubs?
We are looking for 5x
Family-Friendly Days Out /
Ticket Prizes! Tell us!

TAG DAYS & COLLECTIONS

Monday 1st June:
Bottle Donations (for Tombola) -
Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic!
19th June: COLOUR HAMPERS!
(Each year group donates a colored
item for hampers. See poster!)
Year R: Rainbow | **Year 1:** Orange
Year 2: Yellow | **Year 3:** Green
Year 4: Blue | **Year 5:** Purple | **Year 6:** Red

ESTATE AGENT BOARDS!

Looking for 20 Families to display a
board outside their home to
advertise our Fayre!
Sign up now!

PTA Contact: [Email/Phone/Social Media]

Parish News



Parish Of St Simon Stock



17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter A

I begin by offering sincere congratulations to the 11 children who received Jesus for the first time this weekend – Oluwatise & Oluwateniayo Adigun, Maison Doyle, Callum McCarthy, Ralph Sceats, Rayelle St. Ange, Milena Bryla, Julia Gostkowska, Nicholas Fryca, Bridget Tongola and Nicole Ezenwa. We thank their parents and their catechists for helping them on their journey to Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Also, very many thanks to the organisers (Joe and Martin Smith) of our very successful and enjoyable pilgrimage to Aylesford with holy hour and evening prayer in the Relic Chapel.

In his high-priestly prayer, we hear the good news that our self-giving becomes one with the self-giving of Jesus. In the joy of this undreamed-of communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we offer our prayer of thanks and praise. It is our privilege to celebrate the Feast of St Simon Stock. In that sign of hope, we place all our trust that Easter's victory is love.

Please join us for our Parish Feast day celebrations after Sunday Mass this weekend. We will be holding our usual sponsored walk from 11.15am and we have barbeques catering for **meat eaters, vegetarians and vegans, but you can also bring your own picnic or savoury food to share.** There will also be **cakes/desserts and bring some money to buy plants for your gardens/greenhouses**

Finally, you are invited to join the **Pentecost Novena** for 9 special nights of talks and prayer for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life, finishing on 23rd May in the church. Details are displayed on the church main door. **Fr Joseph**

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