



Our last term of the year has got off to a flying start!

We celebrated a beautiful Mass for the Holy Spirit. Together, we prayed for open hearts and asked the Holy Spirit to fill our lives with love, courage and joy.



A huge thank you to our SBA committee and all parents who attended this week's meeting. We have lots of exciting plans for our upcoming summer fayre and we need your help to make it a success! If you can volunteer in any way, please let your class rep know. Your support makes all the difference and is greatly appreciated.

Yesterday, members of Year 5 and Year 6 represented our school at the Mini Youth Games Football event at Anchorians. Our team won three games, drew two and lost three. Well done to all the pupils who took part – you represented our school brilliantly!

St. Joseph's Class had an exciting visit today! The children enjoyed a hands-on learning experience, meeting a variety of animals and insects, learning about their habitats, diets and behaviours, and bravely touching the creatures.

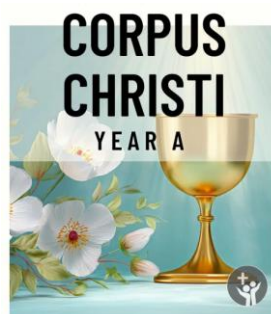
St. Francis have been busy building their go-kart with support from National Grid and Phinia. Every year, this engineering project really inspires the children and we can't wait to see their finished creation based on this year's theme, 'Gaming'.

The rest of this term promises to be just as busy and exciting. Please make sure you check the calendar section later in this newsletter for key dates and upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs McAlpine

Sunday 7th June



John 6: 51-58

'I am the living bread.'

Prayer of the Month – June



Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th June
6pm New Parents Meeting

Friday 12th June
Years 5 & 6 Careers Fayre

Monday 15th June
School Football Team Match (Away)

Tuesday 16th June
Year 3 Trip Brogdale Farm

Wednesday 17th June
Group Class Photos

Thursday 18th June
Year 4 Canterbury Museum

Friday 19th June
Tag Day – Colour Hamper Items
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 13th July
School Football Team Match (Away)

Thursday 16th July
Unwanted clothing collection

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



Saturday 4th July
12-4pm

SAVE THE DATE



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 believe in ourselves.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



**Taking part
Participation**

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Rosie, for always working hard and maintaining fabulous concentration during all of her learning, and proving to be particularly speedy on her Rekenrek this week in Maths!

Superstar: Olivia for being a kind friend, always helping others and fabulous progress with her writing!

Year 1

Learner: Well done Frank for being so focused and trying so hard with your phonics this week.

Superstar: Chloe F. Thank you for being a kind, caring and considerate member of St Michael's class. You are always ready to show understanding and forgiveness to your friends.

Year 3

Learner: Faith.CM. has focused very well on her learning this week and has been actively participating sharing her thoughts and ideas, especially in Maths and English. Keep it up!

Superstar: Lucrece for showing our school values of forgiveness as well as being kind and caring and being a super learner in class!

Year 2

Learner: Henry has worked exceptionally hard this week and has wowed me with his fantastic reading comprehension skills.

Superstar: Muna has been a wonderful friend to everyone, showing kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Thank you, Muna!

Year 4

Learner: Evie you have worked so hard this week to grasp our topic on time and the 24hour clock. We are so proud of you.

Superstar: Elisha you always work hard and enjoy sharing your knowledge and ideas. You are a supportive and encouraging friend too.

Year 5

Learner: Our learner of the week is Regan who has showed excellent resilience to his work this week. We are super proud of your hard work- keep it off!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Dylan for always showing our value of solidarity by encouraging others. He is always driven to work as a part of a team. Well done, Dylan!

Year 6

Learner: Our Learner of the Week is Malachi for writing an excellent suspense story that effectively incorporated the key features of the genre. He carefully built tension, engaged the reader's interest and used descriptive language to create a sense of anticipation throughout his writing. Well done, Malachi—keep up the fantastic work!

Superstar: Our Superstar of the Week is Isabelle for the outstanding attitude, leadership and problem-solving skills she demonstrated during our Maths Taskmaster activity. Whilst all of Year 6 worked brilliantly as part of their teams, Isabelle stood out for her ability to encourage others, think strategically and help tackle challenges effectively.

100% Attendance

September 2025 - May 2026

Year R

Zion
Louise
Chester

Year 1

Karina
Tami
Isaac
Reuben

Year 2

William
Jack
Zakai
Ethan

Year 3

Maison
Emilia
Stephanie
Joshua

Year 4

Elsie
Janet
Evie
John
Zion
Elisha
Bonnie
George
Anjola

Year 5

Medeea
Olly
Leontine
Lily
Carson
Anabel
Nife
Oscar
Togun
Jasmine

Year 6

Eva
Somto
Liam
George
Heavenly

Attendance Winners Last Week Before Half-term



1st Year 2 98.5%

2nd Year 3 97.1%

Times Table Rockstars



Fastest
Rocco Year 5

Highest Score
George Year 4

Most Improved
Nancy Year 4

Star
Lilah Year 5

No Cello or Guitar Lessons Next Week

There will be no cello or guitar lessons next week.

The lessons will resume the following week.



New Parent Meeting Wednesday 10th June at 6pm

Next Wednesday evening, we are looking forward to meeting the parents of our new intake for Reception Class starting with us in September 2026.

No children are permitted at this meeting.

Holy Spirit Mass



Lunchtime Clubs



Science Club explored the properties of solids and liquids this week.



Football

Callum and Maison were selected by Little Ballers to represent them in a tournament in Barcelona last weekend. They were very proud as Maison was selected as Captain and Callum as Vice-Captain.

The competition was fierce and some teams that they played against had children that were 3 years older than them! Callum scored 4 goals with Maison scoring 6 in the overall tournament. In the final, their team were 2-0 down and in the 2nd half Callum scored to bring the score to 2-1 and then in the last minute Maison scored to equalise at 2-2 which then meant they were onto penalties! These were very tense and even went into sudden death penalties and in the end, they won!

It was an experience of a lifetime and they are both so happy they were able to share this together and have such an impact on their team winning! They even wrote a speech together the night before the final to read out to their team just before they went on to play to encourage everyone!



Well-done to Chloe in Year 1!

Chloe attends a dance school for ballet, tap and modern dance and has been dancing since she was 18 months old. She has just completed her primary ISTD exam for modern dance.



EBSA Friendly School

In recognition of the whole-school commitment to supporting pupils experiencing emotional barriers to school attendance

This is to certify that

St Benedict's

has achieved EBSA Friendly status by:

- Training 75% of staff to EBSA Horizons Level 1
- Having at least one staff member complete EBSA Horizons Level 3

Dr Jerricah Holder

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[2026]



EdPsychEd

Earlier this year, St. Benedict's staff have all successfully completed the EBSA Horizons training programme, developed by EdPsychEd in partnership with Medway Council. The programme, grounded in evidence-based practice and current educational psychology research, equips school staff to effectively support pupils experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). This showcases our commitment to inclusive education.

This week, our Year 6 pupils have taken on a special Taskmaster-inspired challenge that combines mathematical thinking with creativity and performance. The hands-on task encourages children to explore maths in a playful and exciting way, using imagination alongside problem-solving skills. Just like a true Taskmaster challenge, there were no limits, no "wrong" answers, and plenty of opportunities for inventive thinking. It has been wonderful to see the children experimenting with numbers, embracing creativity, and discovering that maths can be both fun and inspiring.

Kate King
UKS2 Lead, Maths Lead and Year 6 Teacher



A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Johnson for coming in at short notice with their animals to St. Joseph's Class.





St Benedict's Association
Our Schools Family



[St Benedict's Association Summer Fayre](#)

It's that time of year again, the busy period arranging our school summer Fayre. Did I hear you say how can I help?

We have several opportunities to get involved:

Use the above link to sign up to volunteer for our event.

Do you run a business? Are you interested in sponsoring a stall for just £20? click the link above to find out more.

Does your company/employer offer raffle prizes for charity events? We are seeking prizes for our main raffle and prize stalls - please contact hellosbassociation@gmail.com to arrange donations.

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



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

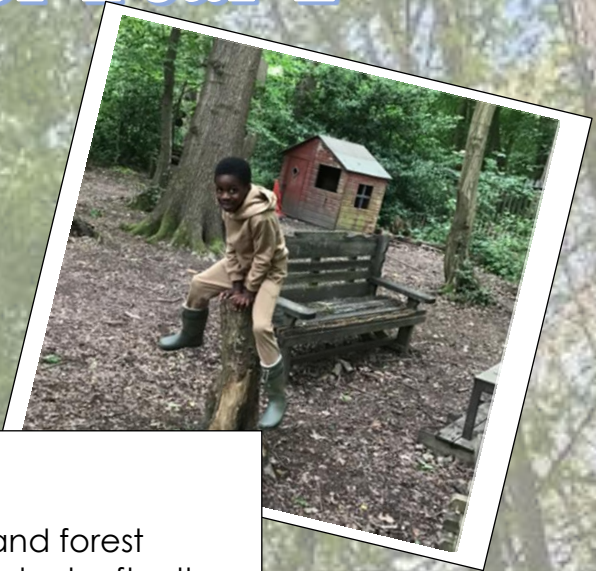
Forest School Year R



Forest School Year 1



Forest School Year 2



Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray for the stewards and forest school guardians who help look after the forest school. Thank you for the plants that give us oxygen to help us breath. We pray for the bees that collect the nectar and pollen and help make honey.

Amen.





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

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



COMMUNITY
FUND

Parish Of St Simon Stock

31st May 2026



Trinity Sunday Year 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 and the hall, or just by putting money in the offertory bag.

The Church is now back in **Ordinary Time** with the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. As Paul says: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In times in which there is so much fascination with success, power, possessions, and celebrity, we need to take a moment to reflect on what is deepest in our lives and what values we wish to embrace. We have many lessons to learn from the Holy Trinity.

Many congratulations to Blake Barry, Kieran and Tomas Craven, Thaïs Hales, Phoebe Ifeajuna, Daniella Ikwueze, Deborah Ojediran, Patricia Mozuraite, Udoka Ofoha, Layla Owen and Niall Stubbs who all received Jesus for the first time at our second First Holy Communion Mass this weekend.

As a follow-up from the talks given by Lynn Pearson at Mass over the weekend of the 26th & 27th of April concerning those of you who contribute to our collection on a weekly basis by direct debit. I firstly want to thank those among you who have increased their collection contribution following Lynn's talk, it really is greatly appreciated. I would ask those of you who were not able to attend mass over that weekend, or are still considering if they are able to review their contribution, to do so, particularly if your direct debit has been in place for some time. Once again thanks to all of you for your continued generosity. **Fr Joseph**

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

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