



Well done to all the children who have completed their Phonics Screening Check or Multiplication Tables Check this week. Your hard work and determination are fantastic to see. Over the next couple of weeks, other assessments will be taking place across the school. These help us to understand how children are progressing in different areas of the curriculum, and assist us in identifying where further support or challenge may be needed.

We were delighted to welcome back former St. Benedict's pupils Kavidu and Nathan for their work experience this week. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed quizzing them about life at secondary school and both boys enjoyed another taster of Forest School!

It was lovely to meet and welcome so many of our new reception class parents at this week's new parent meeting. A huge thank you to our Year 6 School Councillors, who kindly returned to school that evening to deliver a fantastic PowerPoint presentation sharing a pupil's perspective of life at St. Benedict's. Many parents praised their confidence at public speaking, with one parent commenting that it brought a tear to her eye.

We are also very grateful to the St. Benedict's Association (SBA) committee for serving refreshments and selling second hand uniform, along with representatives joining us from our uniform shop and catering company.

For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation is available on St. Joseph's Class Page <https://www.st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk/St-Josephs-s-Class-Year-R/> We look forward to meeting each new family individually over the coming weeks. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to get to know you and your child, answer any questions, and help make the transition into school life as smooth as possible.

Yesterday, we welcomed Steff Young from *The Economist*, who came to see our Topical Talk in action. Year 6 debated news stories and had to pitch their case as to why their story should be printed by the Senior Editor—just as Steff explained happens every Monday at *The Economist*.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who attended our Careers Fair! Children in Years 5 and 6 explored a range of careers in Health, Fire Service, the Police, Property Management, Engineering, Finance, Education, small business ownership, and apprenticeships. The buzz in the hall was fantastic, and your time and expertise truly inspired our pupils.

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs McAlpine

Sunday 14th June

11TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

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

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 are kind and listen to others.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



**Being peacemakers
Promoting peace**

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Garbriella for fabulous independent writing and including a range of punctuation.

Superstar: Ara for being a kind friend and being a wonderful role model.

Year 1

Learner: Deborah for having confidence in her own abilities and tackling new challenges with enthusiasm.

Superstar: Well done Nellie for being so focused on your learning this week. Keep up the good work!

Year 2

Learner: Roseanna for fantastic phonics.

Superstar: Zayne for being an excellent friend.

Year 3

Learner: Isabella for working so hard on her spellings each week and also for her growing confidence answering questions in class.

Superstar: Ismael for being a super focused, confident learner this week and always being ready to learn. I have particularly been impressed with his times tables over recent weeks!

Year 4

Learner: Excellent learning this week Freddie- learning to count in 25's and achieving full marks in your first 25 times tables test.

Superstar: Janet you are always prepared and ready for each task during our busy day. Well done for your great organisational skills

Year 5

Learner: Our Learner of the week is Segun for always showing our CST value of participation. Segun approaches every lesson with eagerness to take part and share his ideas with others.

Superstar: Our superstar of the week is Olly for always shining with pride and confidence! He is always confident to give a question a go, volunteer for a task or act in front of the class!

Year 6

Learner: Our Learner of the Week is William for his thoughtful contributions during our Topical Talk lesson. He articulated his viewpoint clearly and confidently, supporting his ideas with mature reasoning, and participated positively throughout the session. Well done, William!

Superstar: Our Superstar of the Week is Tiara for the confidence and courage she demonstrated during our Topical Talk session. Tiara showed great determination by volunteering her ideas and answering questions thoughtfully. Her responses were clear, accurate and reflected careful thinking. You truly embodied this week's CST principle. Great job!

Careers Fair



Times Table Rockstars



Fastest

Rocco Year 5

Highest Score

Grace L. Year 4

Most Improved

Grace A. Year 4

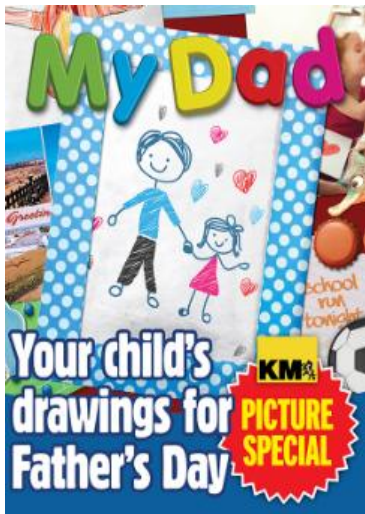
Star

Regan Year 5

Hats and Water Bottles



Next week, the weather is due to be warmer. Please ensure that your child has a school cap and water bottle with them at school every day please.



A reminder that Kent Messenger will be printing all of the pictures your infant pupils have lovingly drawn in a special supplement to be carried in your local KM Media Group newspaper **next week on June 18, 2026.**

New Parents Information

On Wednesday night, it was lovely to speak to parents whose children will be starting school and joining St. Joseph's Class in September. We look forward to welcoming the children to their new classroom on Thursday 2nd July so they can familiarise themselves with the environment, staff and begin to make new friends. There will be two time slots with groupings noted on the front of your welcome pack:

13:00 - 14:00	14:10 - 15:10
Group 1	Group 2

Parents, you are invited to stay during this time in our ICT Suite to have refreshments whilst getting to know one another as well as accessing some helpful information regarding the start of your child's learning journey at St. Benedict's.

Lunchtime Clubs



What I love about
Science Club are
the fun
experiments.
Tiara



Running
Club

Coding Club

The Recorder
Club

Science Club
enjoyed Oobleck so
much that we made it
again! Looks like
liquid, feels like a
solid!



You get to do
different
activities each
week.
Lily



It has made me
look forward to
Science even
more. Lilah

CHess CLUB



COLOURING
CLUB



Work Experience



Kavidu and Nathan returned to St. Benedict's School to complete their work experience this week. It is always lovely to see former pupils returning.



🌟 Special Mention 🌟

A huge congratulations to Audrielle, who has become the first pupil at St. Benedict's to achieve Mythic Legend status in Mathletics!

This is an outstanding accomplishment and reflects an exceptional level of commitment, perseverance and dedication to home learning.

Audrielle, your hard work and enthusiasm for Maths have truly paid off, and you should be incredibly proud of this achievement. We are certainly very impressed by your determination and the example you set for others.

Well done, Audrielle —you are a Mathletics legend in every sense of the word!

Mrs. King - Maths Subject Lead

Healthy Eating

We started a competition for the whole school to design a poster about eating healthily. We chose a winner from Year R, KS1 and KS2. The winners posters were bright, bold and had lots of information. We will display the winning posters around the school.

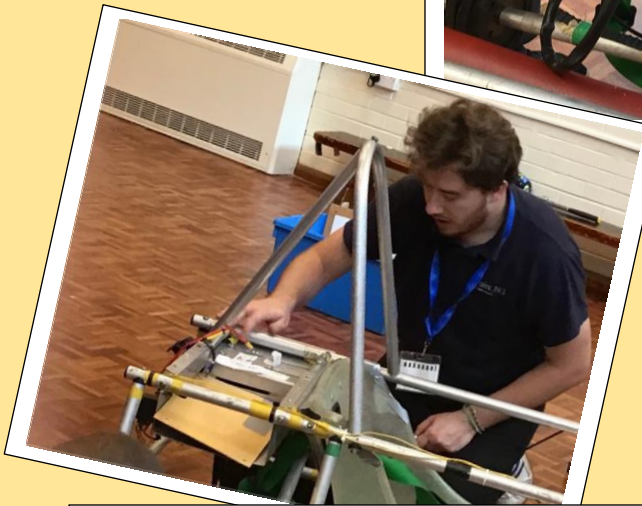
Bonnie, Neriah, Elsie, Vanessa, Amirah and Anjola (Year 4)



St Benedict's was delighted to take part in a variety of football-themed activities as part of the nationwide **Monster Kickabout** initiative, which aims to inspire more children to get involved in football. The photographs show our Year 1 pupils having great fun participating in a dribbling challenge and using their creativity to design their own football kits. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills, teamwork and enthusiasm for the game!



Go Kart



This week, we have completed the frame of our go-kart and attached the electrical components in readiness for test-driving. We will now be concentrating on the body work to fit with our gaming theme and our chosen team name "The PAX Bananabrooks."

Ngjin, Year 6

Topical Talk



This week we completed our second Topical Talk session. We have been developing our critical thinking, communication and media literacy skills. We have applied these to real-life news stories and have been deciding whether, as news editors, the story should be published with considerations to who owns the news organisation and whether neutrality is possible.

Willow Yr 6



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.

FAMILY FUN DAY!

A DAY FULL OF LAUGHTER, GAMES & MEMORIES!



SATURDAY
27TH JUNE 2026



11:30AM – 4:30PM



VICTORY ACADEMY
ON MAGPIE HALL ROAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



BOUNCY CASTLES & INFLATABLES



FACE PAINTING



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



GAMES & COMPETITIONS



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



VARIETY OF STALLS



FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Whether you're young or just young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Relax, play and make unforgettable memories together!

ENTRY DETAILS

FREE TO ENTER!

Each stall will charge for the activity/stall.



GET IN TOUCH

For more information:

info@familyfunday.co.uk

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Follow us on Facebook: @FamilyFunDay



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Are you caring for someone else's child?

Financial support is available



Visit:
Medway.gov.uk/Kinship



Medway
Serving You



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 our God,
Thank you for the red
roses that we used for
Hapa-zome to make
England flags. We
pray for all the
countries who are
playing football in our
World Cup. We hope
they have a good time
and do well.
Lord in Your mercy.
Hear our prayer.



SBA NEWS



St Benedict's Association
Our Schools Family

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]

LGBTQ+ PARENTS AND CARERS WE NEED YOU!

SCAN
ME!

As part of the Best Start in Life programme, Medway Council wants to improve the support available to LGBTQ+ parents/carers of children under the age of 5.

Scan the QR code to complete a short anonymous survey to share your feedback.

Text 'family' to 07597 266708 or email voice@tonic.org.uk to sign up to have a confidential conversation with a researcher.



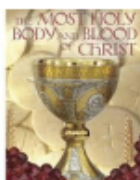
Parish News



COMMUNITY
FUND

Parish Of St Simon Stock

7th June 2026



Corpus Christi 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.

This Sunday's Gospel comes after the Feeding of the Five Thousand, portrays Jesus explicitly talking about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is all about unity; the whole community gathered round a common table drawing life from Jesus who makes himself present to us in Word and Sacrament. At 11am Mass on Sunday, we will have a procession around the church and children will scatter petals before the Blessed Sacrament **so would everyone please bring all the petals you can from your gardens.** Those children who made their First Communions last month are invited to come to this Mass in their First Communion clothes. **PLEASE NOTE CAR PARKING SPACE WILL BE LIMITED. PLEASE LEAVE A CLEAR CORRIDOR IN THE CENTRE OF THE MAIN CAR PARK.**

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**

Can all sponsor monies please be in by next Sunday 14th June. Thank you.

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

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