



It has been lovely for Mrs. Pierce and I to individually meet our new families and children who will be joining us in September. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to work closely together to ensure the transition into school life as smooth as possible. If you have any follow-up queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our school football team played an away game at Maundene Primary School on Monday. Well done to Maundene who won 4:2. We have one more match to play in the Primary Medway Football League next month – best of luck to our players!

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful day at Brogdale Farm in Faversham, deepening their understanding of geography through hands-on learning. They learnt map reading, position and direction, geography of the orchards, tree growth, comparative measurement and data gathering.

Yesterday, Year 4 visited Canterbury Roman Museum, taking part in a Roman technology workshop, exploring Roman artefacts and enjoying the art gallery. It was a fantastic day bringing history to life.

Year 6 took part in a 'Restart the Heart' CPR training session, led by our governors (and paramedics), Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Brett. A big thank you to both of them for providing this important opportunity.

Our Year 6 engineering project is now complete with the go-kart built. Today was test-drive day in preparation for our race on 28th June. Thank you once again to National Grid and Phinia for their expertise and support in sparking children's interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

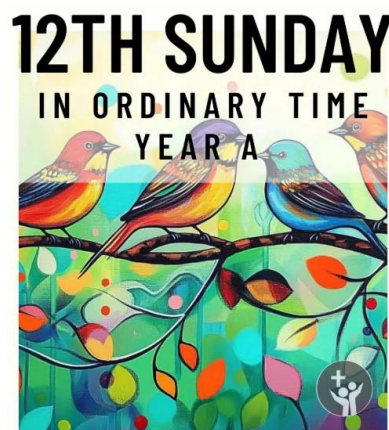
It is lovely to have the sun shining. Please ensure sun cream is applied before school, children wear their school yellow caps and your child brings a water bottle daily.

As we approach Father's Day this Sunday, we would like to celebrate and recognise all the wonderful dads, stepdads, grandads and father figures in our school community. On behalf of everyone at St Benedict's, I wish you a very happy Father's Day! We hope you enjoy your special day and feel appreciated for all that you do.

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs McAlpine

Sunday 21st June



Matthew 10: 26-33

'Do not be afraid.'

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

24th June – 26th June
Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Sunday 28th June
Go-Kart Race day Year 6

Monday 29th June 2026
INSET Day (no children attend school)

30th June – 2nd July
Hong Kong Cultural Exchange

Friday 3rd July
2.30 pm Rocksteady Concert

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 Fun Day

Friday 10th July
9.30 am St. Benedict's Feast Day Mass

Monday 13th July
School Football Team Match (Away)

Wednesday 15th July
6pm Leaver's Play

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



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SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR:

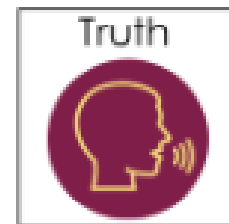
Lisa Brett



**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 always tell the truth.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



Sharing fairly
Distributive Justice

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R



Learner: Zion for independently recreating the Jack and the Beanstalk story around the classroom with lovely art work and captions.



Superstar: Molly for her wonderful enthusiasm in all of her learning this week from growing potatoes, learning about Van Gogh to the World cup!

Year 2



Learner: Zakai has worked exceptionally hard this week, never giving up when faced with a challenge.

Superstar: Jacob has been a compassionate member of the class this week, always checking in on his peers. Thank you, Jacob.



Year 4



Learner: Vanessa, I am so proud of your arithmetic work this week. You had confidence and determination to solve the calculations accurately.



Superstar: Well done George for sharing such excellent knowledge and understanding of the Roman Empire on our trip to Canterbury yesterday.



Year 6



Learner: Our Learner of the Week is Roman for the enthusiasm he has shown during our play rehearsals. He is working hard to develop his acting skills and has really taken on board the stage directions, demonstrating growing confidence and awareness of how to bring his character to life on stage.



Superstar: Our Superstar of the Week is Caitlyn for the resilience and positive attitude she has demonstrated throughout the week. She approached every challenge with perseverance, even when tasks required sustained focus and effort. We are proud of the way she has conducted herself and the strength of character she has shown.

Year 1

Learner: Lucas- well done for staying so focused this week. You've really tried hard to concentrate and get your work done straight away. Keep it up!

Superstar: Rafferty- thank you for being a kind, caring and compassionate member of St Michael's class. You really start our days off with a smile with your lovely 'Good Morning' when you come into school!

Year 3

Learner Sam for being a really focused and sensible learner all week and as a result has produced some fabulous work!

Superstar: Maryam for being a deeply compassionate and kind girl. Definitely a superstar!



Year 5

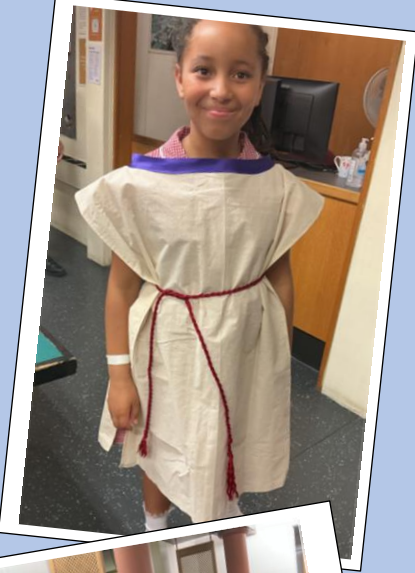
Learner: Our learner of the week is Mason for being resilient with his learning, especially in writing, where he redrafted a diary entry – resulting in an effective and coherent piece!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is April who always shows compassion towards others and acts as a peace maker whenever she can!



Year 4 Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a great trip to Canterbury on Thursday. They punched their own roman coin, tested out catapults and became archaeologists trying to identify Roman remains. They even entertained the coach driver with their singing!



Times Table Rockstars



Fastest

Rocco Year 5

Highest Score

Audrielle Year 4

Most Improved

Francis Year 5

Star

Regan Year 5

Attendance Winners Last Week



1st	Year 4	99.4%
2nd	Year 3	99.3%
3rd	Year 6	98.8%

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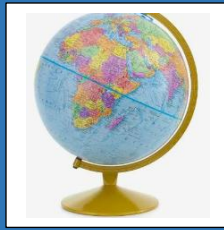
Please ensure that your child has a school cap and water bottle with them at school every day please.

Father's Day Shop

Thank you to our SBA volunteers who organised, wrapped and set up today's Father's Day Shop.



Lunchtime Clubs



Geography Club

We learnt about the history of Cuban music and dance and then learnt some moves! We finished with a French food crossword.

Mrs Franklin



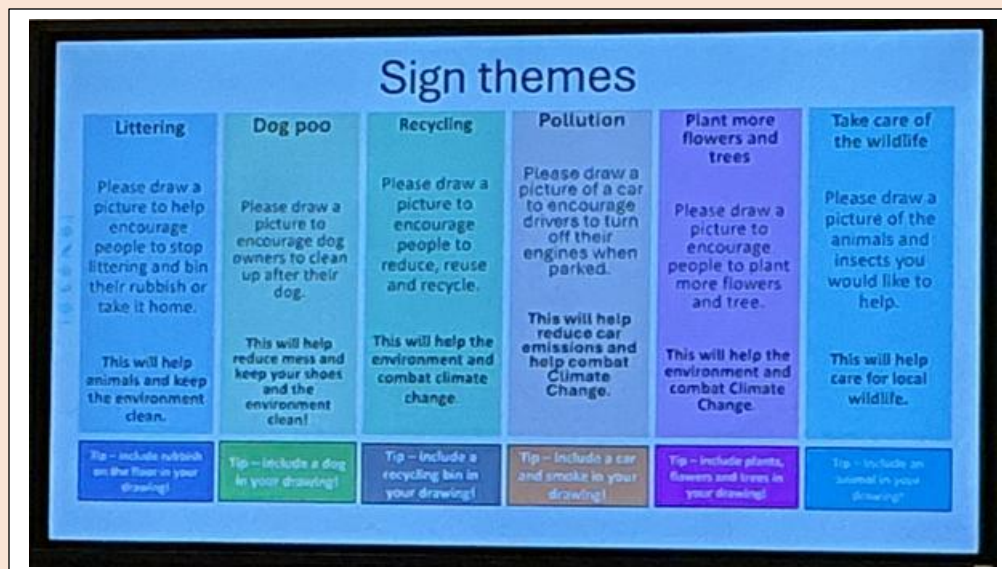
Year 3 Trip to Brogdale Farm

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Brogdale Farm! They used compasses and maps and especially enjoyed cherry picking and tasting! They measured the circumference of trees and enjoyed the musical garden and trim trail.



Signs of Youth Project

Today, Angela Taylor from Child Friendly Medway came in to deliver a 'Signs of Youth' project Assembly. The children have the opportunity to design a colourful poster promoting how to keep our local area clean and safe. Ideas could include dog owners picking up their dogs mess, not throwing litter or keeping our air clean by turning off car engines when parked. All entries are to be handed to Mrs Franklin by Friday 17th July and if any of our posters are selected, they will be made into real signs to be displayed around the local area. Good luck and we look forward to seeing your creations!



Year 3 Science

As part of Year 3's Science topic on plants, we planted our own seeds today to take home. We also planted some tomato seeds in the allotment and did some weeding using different gardening tools.





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

07753693737

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 2



FOREST SCHOOL



St Benedict's Association
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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



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Parish Of St Simon Stock

14th June 2026



11th Sunday of 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 (please insert your card in this one) and the hall, or just by putting money in the offertory bag.

"And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. You received without charge, give without charge". Wherever we are and whatever we do we are invited to bear witness to Christ and not be afraid to do so! We do not live in the world of heroes, and most of us will never have to face death and imprisonment for what we believe. The free gift of Christ is available for all. We must not exclude anyone from our hearts and close our friendships before them.

Some of our Altar Servers will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend about the "Altar Servers Summer Break".

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, could you please consider (if you are able) to review your contribution, particularly if your direct debit has been in place for some time. Once again thanks to all of you for your continued generosity.

Finally, many congratulations to Liz and Richard Simmons who will be renewing their marriage vows at the 11am Mass this weekend to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Fr Joseph

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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