



## *Learning and Challenge Rooted in Faith*

The children have been fantastic in the heat this week. We are so proud of how sensible they have been keeping hydrated and staying cool.

St. Therese's Class were wonderful ambassadors for our school on Thursday, when they attended a celebration day at Aylesford Priory. The children participated in a liturgy about children shining brightly in our world and were gifted a special candle. They also had a brilliant time playing lawn games, joining in with a silent drama performance, and reminiscing about the joys of the parachute.

On Wednesday, St. Francis Class left for their residential trip to Marchants Hill. They all arrived safely and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return this afternoon. A special mention to Lucca G, who has stayed with us this week. He has really impressed all the staff with his coding skills and being such a superb help in the classrooms. Thank you, Lucca.

This Sunday, Year 6 are racing the go-kart that they have designed as part of their Young Eco Engineers project. We wish all the drivers, good luck!

The SBA have been working extremely hard over the last few months preparing for St. Benedict's Summer Fayre, which is held next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to getting everything ready. As a school community, we really appreciate it and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Have a blessed weekend,

Miss Howell

### **Sunday 28th June**



*May our words and actions make  
us shine like the stars for all to see.*

*(Aylesford Priory  
Celebration Day 25/06/2026)*

### **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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Go-Kart Race-day Year 6

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

INSET Day (no children attend school)

**30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Hong Kong Cultural Exchange

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

2.30 pm Rocksteady Concert

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Fayre

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 and Year 2 Wingham Wildlife Park visit

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

\*Sports Day weather permitting (Change of Date)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Football Team Cup Fun Day

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30 am St. Benedict's Feast Day Mass

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

School Football Team Match (Away)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

6pm Leaver's Play

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Unwanted clothing collection

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

11am Leaver's Mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

9.10 am Leaver's Assembly

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Last day of Term 2pm Finish



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 self-motivated

## Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



Everyone should have a say  
**Subsidiarity**

# Superstars and Learners of the Week

## Year R

**Learner:** Winnie for writing a beautiful version of Jack and the beanstalk independently with lots of exciting vocabulary!

**Superstar:** Rory for looking after his friends and ensuring everyone keeps cool in the heat by making fans!

## Year 1

**Learner:** Elizabeth for being an enthusiastic learner in St Michael's class. You love to participate in lessons and share your great ideas. Keep it up! We're so pleased you joined our class.

**Superstar:** Abigail, you are such a great role model for the class! You always work so hard, support others and are always honest, truthful and trustworthy. Thank you.

## Year 2

**Learner:** Rhyan has worked very hard this week. His listening skills have been fantastic and he has been very forthcoming sharing his wonderful ideas. Well done, Rhyan!

**Superstar:** Marco has really impressed me this week with his excellent attitude, positivity and organisational skills. Well done, Marco!

## Year 3

**Learner:** Olivia for writing a super fairytale using brilliant vocabulary and punctuation! Well done Olivia!

**Superstar:** Matthew for working extremely hard with his learning, offering lots of ideas and having a wonderful positive attitude. We are very proud!

## Year 4

**Learner:** Zion, you were excellent at interpreting charts and answering questions about them this week. Great job in maths sessions.

**Superstar:** Francis, you were so helpful at Aylesford on Thursday. Thank you for always being so keen to help out

## Year 5

**Learner:** Our superstar this week is Carson for always being a lovely friend for everyone. He is kind and compassionate with a good humour which makes him an incredible member of St Clare's.

**Learner:** Our learner of the week is Korede for his increased confidence participation in class discussions.

## Year 6

**Learner:** Well done to Lucca who has been a huge support around our school this week, whilst the rest of the class are away. We thank him for his reliability.

**Superstars:** To all the children who are attending the PGL residential trip.

# Year 4 Pupil Celebration Day Aylesford



## Times Table Rockstars



**Fastest**  
**Rocco Y5**  
**Highest Score**  
**Audrielle Y4**  
**Most Improved**  
**Nancy Y4**  
**Star**  
**Myles Y5**

## Attendance Winners Last Week



**1<sup>st</sup> Year 3 - 99%**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 - 98.8%**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 - 98.4%**

### Hats and Water Bottles



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



### Go-Kart Race Day

Good luck to the Year 6 children who are taking part in the go-kart race on Sunday.



## National School Attendance Award

2025/26 Spring Term



*St Benedict's Catholic Primary School*

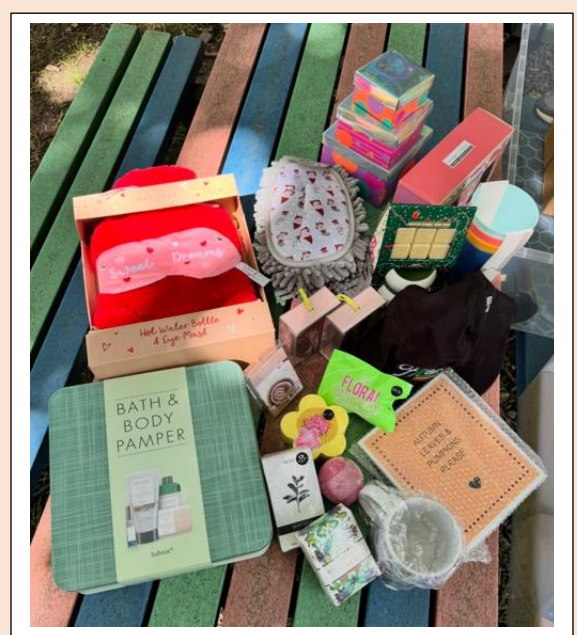
*Top 25% of all FFT Primary Schools in England*

## Reading Buddies

Year 3 and Year1 enjoyed some reading buddy time under the cool trees this afternoon.



## Trash or Treasure



# FAMILY FUN DAY!

A DAY FULL OF LAUGHTER, GAMES & MEMORIES!



**SATURDAY**  
27<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**FREE**

## GET IN TOUCH

For more information:  
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# 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



**BEGINNER**  
**SUMMER**  
**MUSIC COURSE**

**28th July 2026**

**09:45 – 15:00**

**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

**COST £12.50**

No experience needed to **Grade 1 standard** for **Years 3 – 9**

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**3 DAY**  
**INSTRUMENTAL**  
**SUMMER**  
**MUSIC COURSE**

**25th – 27th July 2026**

**09:45 – 15:00**

**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

For those **Grade 2 – 8 standard** in **Years 4 – 13**

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**KS1**  
**SUMMER**  
**MUSIC COURSE**

**26th July 2026**

**09:45 – 11:45**

**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

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# Parish News



## Holy Communion Programme



St. Simon Stock at Walderslade will be starting the next preparation in September for those children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and above in September 2026.

Parents should pick up an application form from the church from Fr Joseph or Deacon Martin at any weekend Mass. Each application is numbered and it is one per child, and parents must not take an application for any other family but their own.

**The Meeting for parents to hand in the applications forms personally to Fr Joseph is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm and IS THE ONLY TIME APPLICATIONS CAN BE HANDED IN.**



Parish Of St Simon Stock

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026



12<sup>th</sup> 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.

To all fathers, congratulations! Enjoy your day and have fun. A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop on the Dignity of Every Person, entitled *There is no Place for Racism* will be read at all Masses this Sunday. You can also read the full letter online at: [www.tinyurl.com/5y2n2u5c](http://www.tinyurl.com/5y2n2u5c)

Members of the Youth Service Team will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about the formation of the Parish Youth Service. We have generated a QR code for our altar servers summer camp which will be held at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre in Pinner in August.



### APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE 2026/2027

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME AVAILABLE NOW

We will be starting the next preparation in September for those children who are baptised Catholic and our parishioners, in Year 3 and above in September 2026. Please ask for an application form after weekend Masses. Each application is numbered and it is one per child. Please do not take an application for any other family but your own. **The Meeting for parents to hand in the applications forms personally to Fr Joseph is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm and is the only time your application can be handed in.**

Fr Joseph

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