



Today, we proudly celebrated some of our new pupil leaders for the year. Children who wished to take on pupil leadership roles nominated themselves, and, following the British Value of democracy, were voted in by their classmates. In a special leadership assembly, our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Upton, presented the following groups with their badges or certificates: School Council, Eco Stewards, House Saints' Captains and Vice Captains, our Librarians and Junior Road Safety Officers. These leadership opportunities are vital in helping our children develop key skills such as responsibility, communication, and teamwork. They also help to build the confidence that will serve them well in the future. A big thank you to Mrs Upton for her support, and to all the families who were able to join us and celebrate this special moment with the children.

Thank you to everyone who attended our SBA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night. I am pleased to announce the Committee for this school year are:



Chair – Natalie Pastore
Vice Chair – Lauren Kondowe
Treasurer – Michaela Doyle
Secretary – Cat Beatty



We would like to extend a big thank you to our amazing Committee and all the parent volunteers for the brilliant events and fundraising that took place last year. Your energy and commitment made a real difference to our school community and helped support the education of our children. All parents are warmly invited to join this friendly group of parents and teachers, working together towards a common goal: supporting the children and strengthening our school community. Plans are already underway for the forthcoming year and we would love to welcome new faces! The next SBA meeting is on Monday 27th October at 6:30pm at Lordswood Social Club.

St. Simon Stock Class enjoyed a fantastic day out at Kent Life for their Stone Age Theme Day, which linked directly to their history topic. During the day, pupils ground their own grain, learnt how Stone Age weapons were made, debated the pros and cons of Hunter Gatherers versus Early Farmers and explored how religious practices changed over time.

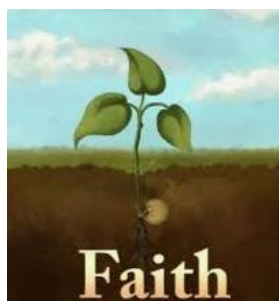
As we approach Harvest, we will once again be supporting Medway Foodbank. Our Harvest Mass will be held on Wednesday 15th October and we would be grateful for any donations you feel able to offer. The shopping list will be in next week's newsletter for the food items most needed by the Foodbank. A donation box will be available on the playground for your contributions. Your generosity helps support families in need within our local community – thank you in advance for your support.

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs McAlpine



Sunday 4th October 2025



Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Prayer of the Month – October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 7th October

8:50am Year 4 Times Tables Parent Workshop

9:10am Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 10th October

#HelloYellow-Young Minds

Wednesday 15th October

9am Year R New Parents Coffee Morning

2pm Harvest Mass

Friday 17th October

INSET DAY (No children to attend school)

Monday 20th October- Friday 25th
Half-Term

Monday 27th October

Children return to school.

Wednesday 29th October

Parents and Carers Evening

Thursday 30th October

Used Clothes Collection

Friday 14th November

Nasal Flu Immunisation YR-Y6

Please do not book holidays in term time.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week

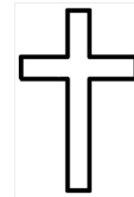


Showing we care
Solidarity

Value of the Week Next Week



We are kind and listen to others.



Safeguarding



Our Safeguarding Team are:

Mrs McAlpine – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Howell - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Read – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Stuart - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

Times Tables Rock Stars



Fastest

Frankie Y5

Audrielle Y4

Highest Earner

Audrielle Y4

Most Improved

Isaiah Y4

Star of the Week

Adam Y5

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Henry for fabulous Maths work; super subitizing and speedy calculations as well as working super hard in phonics to blend!

Superstar: Ada for amazing attitude to learning; always putting her hand up to share her knowledge with the class and being a little ray of sunshine!

Year 1

Learner: Julian, well done for working so hard in phonics this week. Keep up the good work!

Superstar: Nellie, thank you for being honest and truthful. We know we can always rely on you in St Michael's Class!

Year 2

Learner: Reggie has amazed me this week with his independent work in maths when counting in 2s and his excellent knowledge of food chains in science. Well done, Reggie!

Superstar: Ali is such a star! He is such a trustworthy and honest member of class and a kind and considerate friend.

Year 3

Learner: Sonny, for really engaging in his learning this week with enthusiasm and super participation in all lessons. Keep it up!

Superstar: Faith C, for demonstrating our school value of Truth by being a trustworthy, kind and wonderful member of Year 3!

Year 4

Learner: Noelle wrote an amazing persuasive speech; it was full of emotive language and included all the taught features. She also performed it brilliantly in class.

Superstar: John, you really exhibited our CST principle of the Common Good this week. You always think about everyone, including your teachers. Thank you.

Year 5

Learner: Adam for his excellent participation in class. Adam, your eagerness and passion to answer questions makes you a wonderful member of St. Clare's.

Superstar: Regan for his wonderful resilience and determination this week. He has been a wonderful helper in the class and has been determined to get onto gold! Keep it up!

Year 6

Learner: Heavenly has shown growing confidence in her mathematical understanding and active participation in lessons this week. Her perseverance and determination when tackling challenging reasoning questions are truly commendable. Well done, Heavenly!

Superstar: Erin consistently demonstrates honesty and integrity in everything she does. She can always be relied upon to make the right choices and to act with maturity and sincerity — a true role model for others.



Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on **Friday 10th October** (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters.

Children can take part by wearing something yellow with their school uniform.

If you wish to donate, please use the link below:

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/nataliepastore>

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/

Parking

Despite several requests, cars are still being parked on the yellow lines outside the school. Please report any cars that are parked illegally or dangerously to Medway Council using the link below.

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/NuisanceVehicle>

Report a nuisance vehicle

The types of nuisance vehicles we deal with are:

- abandoned vehicles on roads and land in the open air, including on private land and private roads
- vehicles being sold or repaired on the public highway or other public places without appropriate council consent
- illegally parked vehicles:
 - on single and double yellow lines
 - on school keep clear markings
 - in a [controlled parking zones](#) without a permit or voucher
 - in a disabled bay without displaying a Blue Badge
 - across a driveway or dropped kerb for pedestrians
 - for longer than is allowed.





During October, we will be asking children to develop their oracy skills at home by taking part in an optional homework challenge. This is to help children develop their speaking, listening and communication skills which will help develop them into strong communicators that can adapt to different situations easily. This week we are focusing on **'Talking to Entertain'**. We would love the children to practice telling a funny story or a joke at home with their family. Children can also share this with the class during 'Show and Tell'. We can't wait to have a giggle with the children next week.

Thank you everyone!

Mrs Edwards



The total raised by the Mini Vinnies for the cake sale:

£224.54

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased the cakes and we are grateful to the SBA, who helped sell the remaining cakes after school.

Data Sheets

It is imperative that we have up-to-date information and contact numbers in school.

Please ensure that you send in your completed forms to the office as soon as possible. If there are no changes, please return the signed form.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET
 Confirm the following details are correct and enter any missing information. Return the completed form to the School Office

Legal Name(s)	Home Address	St. Basil's RCP School
Mobile Number(s)		
Legal Name(s)		
Preferred Name		
DOB		
Gender		
Year Group	Ethnicity	
Registration Group	First Language	
Notes	Religion	
Living Currently in School	Living Out	If he has any siblings entering school their name and class below
Telephone Number	Emergency Needs	Please write any additional information/observations here
Medical Condition	Summary	Notes
Contact Name and Relationship	Home Tel.	Mobile Tel.
Contact	Address Line	Notes

Please print name in full and confirm these details are correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Data Protection Act 2018: The school is registered under the Data Protection Act for holding personal data. The school has a duty to protect this information and keep it up to date. The data is being collected, controlled and processed in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The school is required to store some of the data with the local authority and with the Department for Education.

Stone Age Workshop

Year 3's Stone Age Day at Kent Life.

We met a tribe member, learnt about burials and beliefs and the children took part in some cave art.

Year 3 learnt about trading, weapons, hunters, farming and even ground our own grain to make real flour!

We also enjoyed having a tractor ride and visited the play area too!



Leadership Assembly



Eco Stewards



Junior JRSO



Sports Captains/ Vice Captains



Librarians



School Council



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ABOUT US

We are a large Catholic Trust of over 30 Primary and Secondary schools located across Kent.

We work together in a partnership which thrives on sharing outstanding expertise, provides support and challenge when needed and supports wellbeing effectively: by doing so we enable our children, young people and communities to flourish.

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- ▶ Maths
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- ▶ Religious Education
- ▶ Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)



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WHAT WE OFFER

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Medway Foodbank

Today Lordswood Under 5's Playschool came to the school with donations from their parents and carers for the Medway Foodbank.

Our Mini Vinnies were delighted and will be sorting out all the donations ready for our Harvest Mass.

Rocksteady has Begun!



Teddy Bear's Picnic

Year R enjoyed their Teddy bear's picnic today with their Year 4 mentors.
They shared a book with their buddies and had a biscuit.





SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

30 OCTOBER

THURSDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

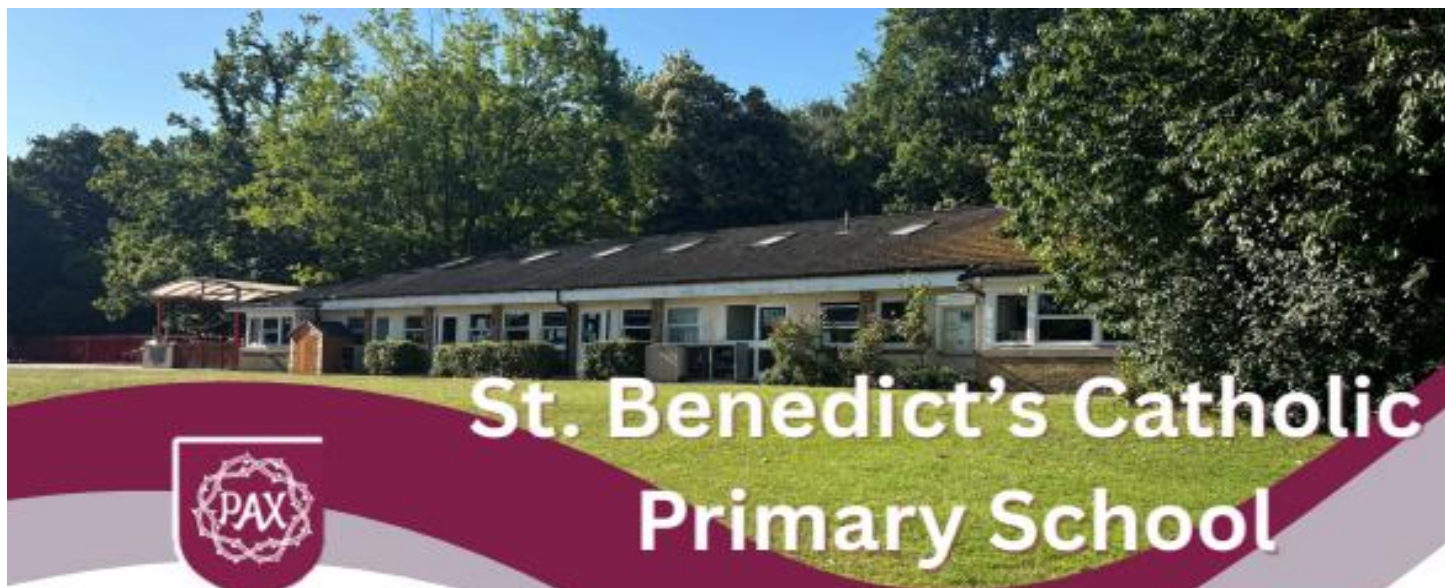
- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

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



St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Learning and Challenge Rooted in Faith.

2025/2026



School Tours for September 2026

for children born between 1st September
2021 and 31st August 2022

Parents of children of all faiths are invited
to visit the school for a tour with the
headteacher.



Dates and Times of Tours:

Thurs	FULL	yr 2025	9:30am
Friday	FULL	2025	2:15pm
Thursday 16 th October 2025			9:30am
Thursday 6 th November 2025			9:30am
Thursday 13 th November 2025			9:30am
Thursday 4 th December 2025			9:30am

Please book via the office:

01634 669700

office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk



Year 1 Forest School

ST BENEDICT'S WOOD



Chestnut Bugs



The Heart of the Community
Space
The Pentagon
(Old Wilko Unit)

**fun
palaces**

FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE (0-90yrs)

Come and Play at Medway Fun Palace

Saturday 4th October

10am - 4pm

What' On

Digital Play with The Docking Station and Electric Medway

Soft Play and Book Nook with Child Friendly Medway

Lego® Activities with The Historic Dockyard Chatham

Polly's Play Labs with Ideas Test/Polly Chromatic

Improvised Theatre Games with Medway Little Theatre

**Introduce a music track using production equipment with
Medway Pride Radio**

Science Shows with Dr David Stokes

Creative Play with Nucleus Arts



  @nucleusarts
nucleusarts.com/fun-palace



'For it is in giving that we receive...'

HAPPY ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DAY

04.10.25

By Isabelle



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AGES
5-11

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER TO
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

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ACROSS MEDWAY

9AM TO 3PM

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FIVE DAY DISCOUNT
FOR £89.95

ACTIVITIES:

RANGE OF SPORTS	BOUNCY CASTLES
ARTS AND CRAFTS	GO-KARTS
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NERF WARS	SWEET TREATS



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Adoration at St Simon Stock Church every Wednesday
2pm - 10pm

We have 30 Adorers who have committed to come to Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday for a specific hour. What's the problem? We need at least 1 more person to commit to the following hours: 3- 4 pm; 4 - 5 pm and 5 - 6 pm. Could that be you? If not an hour every week, could you spare 30 minutes? or even just 15 minutes? You will be giving up that time but the benefit will be great because you will be with the Lord, safe in his presence and feeling the power of prayer during that time. Think about it. Can you find some time in your day on a Wednesday for the Lord?