



A huge thank you to St. Therese's Class for leading our collective worship on Tuesday. It was wonderful to hear Year 4 share the 'Little Ways' inspired by St. Thérèse, showing how they are making a difference at home and at school. We all enjoyed their beautiful singing and signing – well done, Year 4!

I hope Year 4 parents found this week's times table workshop informative. If you were unable to join us, the PowerPoint and information sheet are available on St. Thérèse's Class Page on our website for you to view at your leisure.

This week, we were delighted to host a Teach Computing training event here at St Benedict's. We welcomed Computing Leads from other local schools, who joined us for a full day of professional development. The training focused on equipping teachers with the skills and ideas needed to deliver engaging and effective computing lessons.

Our junior children took part in online, interactive fire safety sessions, helping them learn vital safety information in a fun way.

Our Eco team have launched their first project of the year – watch this space for more updates on their fantastic work!

We were delighted to receive positive feedback on our Early Years provision during this week's Early Excellence visit.

Today, we were joined by a team of NatWest employees who volunteered their time to improve our school site. From clearing the old picket fence to treating sheds, fences, and helping in the garden, their efforts have made a real difference. Special thanks to Mrs. Gleadall for organising this wonderful day of community spirit!

Thank you for all the generous Harvest donations we have received so far. Medway Foodbank will collect your contributions after our Mass on **Thursday 16th October**. If you wish to donate, please send items in with your child before this date. Donation boxes will be available on the playground each morning.

Parent/carer appointments for our Open Evening on **Wednesday 29th October** will be available to book from **8pm tonight**. Please use the 'parents evening' tab on ParentMail to book your slot. If you have any problems booking, please email the school office at office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

Have a blessed weekend,
Mrs. McAlpine

Sunday 12th October 2025



Luke 17: 11-19

"Stand up and go on your way.
Your faith has saved you."

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

Wednesday 15th October

9am Year R New Parents Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th October

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

3.30pm-7.15pm Parents and Carers Evening
(We kindly ask that children do not attend)

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

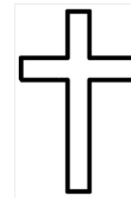


Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship

Value of the Week Next Week



We follow the teachings of Jesus



Parent/Carers Open Evening Wednesday 29th October 3.30pm -7.15pm

Please book your Parent/Carer meeting on ParentMail from 8pm tonight.

This 5-minute appointment will take place in the school hall.

We kindly ask that you do not bring children with you to your appointment. Thank you.



Bookings Open 8pm tonight

Times Tables Rock Stars



Fastest	Frankie Year 5
Highest Earner	Neriah Year 4
Most Improved	Joshua Year 4
Star of the Week	Aiva-Rose Year 5

Superstars and Learners of the Week

Year R

Learner: Rosie for super 'Fred talking' in phonics, blending tricky words and completing some wonderful writing!

Superstar: Amelia for a fabulous attitude to learning as well as being a wonderfully kind friend!

Year 1

Learner: Reuben- Well Done Reuben for working super hard and trying your best in all your subjects this week! Keep up the good work.

Superstar: Tonia- Thank you for showing compassion to your friends by checking they are ok and looking after them.

Year 2

Learner: Harry has worked particularly hard this week in English and produced a fantastic diary entry writing in role as Bob, the Man on the Moon.

Superstar: Darcie has shown compassion and kindness to all of her peers this week and is generally an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom.

Year 3

Learner: Ezekiel always works hard in class in all of his lessons and this week I was particularly impressed with his English work on verbs and adverbs! Keep it up!

Superstar: Ashley is a very kind and compassionate member of year 3 and extends this to all around her. Thank you!

Year 4

Learner: Honor, you worked so hard in Maths this week and tried your best to be independent. You made great improvements across the week, well done.

Superstar: Thank you Bonnie for being so helpful during Science, when you organised all the electrical wires and components. You always carry out jobs sensibly and reliably.

Year 5

Learner: Our learner of the week is Isabella. She has showed compassion by staying in at break to support her friend with their work. She has been an excellent 'mini teacher' by demonstrating written addition in Maths.

Superstar: Our superstar is Tise for always being a proactive and engaged learner. Tise is a compassionate member of the class who looks out for everyone and gives a helping hand whenever she can.

Year 6

Learner: Our learner of the week is Jason for demonstrating exceptional mathematical thinking. His impressive depth of knowledge, careful consideration of strategies, and determination to persevere until he reaches the correct solution reflect a mature and focused approach to learning. Well done, Jason—an excellent effort!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Sienna, who has shown great personal growth this week - demonstrating how focused, considerate, and capable she can be. Her positive attitude towards learning and her compassion in supporting her friends have made a noticeable difference in our classroom. Well done, Sienna—keep it up!



Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people left without enough money to live on.

Harvest Shopping list 2025

FOOD & DRINK:

- Pasta sauce
- Instant mash
- Tinned ham or corned beef
- Tinned fruit
- Fruit juice – long-life
- Squash
- Tinned potatoes
- Cup-a-Soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Milk – long-life
- Super noodles
- Long grain rice
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam/Marmalade/Meat pastes
- Tinned fish
- Coffee – small jar
- Cereal
- Ketchup
- Hot chocolate

TOILETRIES & HOUSEHOLD:

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Deodorant for men and women
- Washing-up liquid
- Razors

THANK YOU! for joining us to help stop UK hunger!

medway.foodbank.org.uk; 01634 757057

Registered Charity No: 1166505

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/>

Attendance Winners for Last Week

1 st	Year R	100%
2 nd	Year 4	98.75 %
3 rd	Year 6	97.4%



St Joseph's Parent Coffee Morning

We invite our new parents from St. Joseph's Class to join us for a hot drink and a catch up on the transition so far. Afterwards, your child is welcome to pop in and join us for a story-time session as part of their first reading café experience.

This will take place in the hall at 9am on Wednesday 15th October. Please complete the ParentMail form if you wish to attend.



Monday 13th – Friday 17th October 2025

Cycle to School Week is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many benefits of an active school run — from boosting children’s health and wellbeing to improving local air quality and reducing carbon emissions.

This October, all schools in Medway are being encouraged to take part in the Cycle to School Week campaign. It’s a fun, week-long celebration designed to encourage pupils, families and staff to saddle up and give **cycling** or **scooting** to school a go.

Thank you to all the children and families who already participate in active travel and I look forward to seeing more of you taking part next week.

Best wishes,
Mrs Edwards

Be Bright and Be Seen

On Sunday 26th October the clocks go back, bringing the inevitable darker evenings and adverse weather conditions. As such, Medway Council are continuing to encourage cyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists, and other road users to practice road safety by remembering to: **‘Be Bright and Be Seen’**.

Year 6 Pupils have all been given a reflective badge to help keep them safe.



The Facts:

The smallest amount of reflective wear will make a difference to a pedestrian’s visibility, whether it be a key ring, bag tag, sticker, bike reflector or spoke. Research shows that children in this ‘transition year’, as child pedestrians are the most vulnerable group of young people.

- *At night you become visible at up to 150 meters sooner when a car headlight shines on you, giving drivers up to five times more distance to notice you*
- *In the daytime, wear something brightly coloured or fluorescent as it will make you up to 15 times more visible. Remember, fluorescent clothing does not work after dark.*

Year 4 Assembly



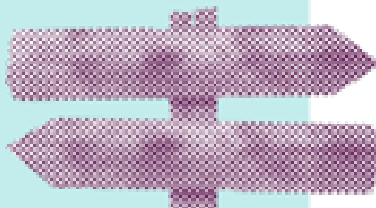


During October, we will be asking children to develop their oracy skills at home by taking part in an optional homework challenge. This is to help children develop their speaking, listening and communication skills which will help develop them into strong communicator's that can adapt to different situations easily.

This week we are focusing on **'Talk to Instruct'**. Talking to instruct might mean giving directions to a visitor in school, guiding a friend through a tricky problem, or even explaining how to make something step by step. Using one's voice to give instructions can be challenging - instructions need to be clear, encouraging, and easy to understand! Even so, talking to instruct is an important life skill.

THE CHALLENGE

Help someone out by giving them directions to a place.



We look forward to hearing the children's instructions next week during 'Show and Tell'.

Thank you everyone!

Mrs Edwards



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NatWest

Nat West Employee Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers for their help today in improving our outside school environment.



Eco Team

The Eco Team have been busy working on their first project! They cleared up the play area of leaves, chestnuts and spikey chestnut burrs. They filled so many bags and bins! Now we are ready for the laying of our new rubber chippings this week.



#HelloYellow
YOUNGmINDS





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

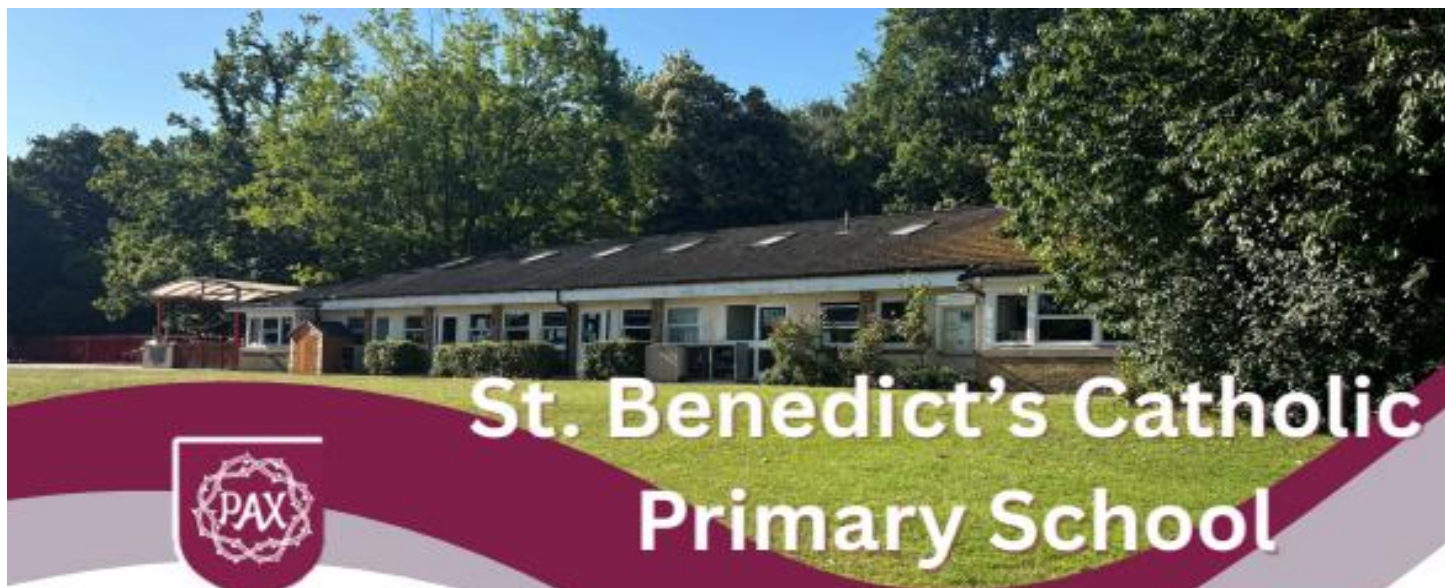
- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

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:

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office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk



Year R Forest School



Year 2 Forest School



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HOO SPORT ACADEMY PRESENTS OCTOBER CAMP

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER TO
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

VARIOUS VENUES
ACROSS MEDWAY

9AM TO 3PM

£19.95 A DAY
FIVE DAY DISCOUNT
FOR £89.95

ACTIVITIES:

RANGE OF SPORTS	BOUNCY CASTLES
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Parish News



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Parish Of St Simon Stock



5th October 2025

Have faith

27th Sunday of the Year C

Newsletter

Parish notices:

The 2nd collection this weekend is for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes. You will find an envelope at the back of church for your offering.

FOODBANK HARVEST COLLECTION.

Please put your donations in the Collecting Boxes this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to help others in Medway.

The Ladies of UCM are celebrating their Anniversary Mass this Sunday 5th Oct at 11am. We will also be enrolling our latest new members.

After Mass there will be refreshments in the Hall to which all parishioners are invited.

Sunday Collection 28, 9.25 – With grateful thanks for the generosity of our parishioners and visitors:

1st Coll: £57 gift aided, £255.35 non-gift aided. 2nd Coll: £71.16 (Home Missions).
September Standing Orders £107 non gift aided, £2969.10 gift aided.
September Card payments: 1st Coll non gift aided - £270, 1st coll gift aided £180
Development Fund £125. MacMillan Cancer £55. Home Missions £10

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Parish Secretary: Mrs Josie Ryder

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St Benedict's
St Thomas More

Mrs. S. L. McAlpine 01634 669700
Mrs. P Le Breton 01634 864701



WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option One	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	NEW Curried Chicken With Rice (Chicken Biryani)	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Potato & Courgette Layer Bake	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Swede	Sweetcorn & Pepper Mix	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge With Custard	Jelly With Mandarins

WEEK TWO

Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Peas	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread

WEEK THREE

Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Peas & Green Beans	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart

MENU KEY



Added Plant Protein

Vegan

Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.