



Our first Governors' meeting of the year took place this week. Our Governors play an important role in supporting the vision, mission and strategic development of our school community.

We are currently looking for additional Foundation Governors to join our Local Governance Committee. Foundation Governors should be practising members of the Catholic community who are committed to supporting and promoting the Catholic life and mission of our school, as well as playing an important strategic role in its management and development. If you feel you could contribute to our school in this way, please speak to me for more information. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who feels called to serve our school community in this important role.

All of our 'Meet the Teacher – Curriculum Afternoon' sessions have now taken place. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We are very grateful for the partnership between home and school as we work together to support each child to grow and develop. If you would like to revisit the information, or if you were unable to attend, the teachers' PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded to your child's class page on our school website. Please follow this link: [St Benedict's Catholic Primary School - Our Class Pages](#)

This week, all of our children completed a pupil survey to share their views and experiences of life at St Benedict's. Listening to the voice of every child is an important part of our school community. We want our children to know that they are valued, respected and heard, and that their views can help us to continue to grow as a loving and welcoming school family. We look forward to sharing the results with you shortly.

Today, St Joseph's (Year R) and St Therese (Year 4) enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic as part of our 'Mati Mentor' buddy scheme. The scheme supports our youngest members of our school family by giving them the opportunity to build positive relationships with older children. Our Year 4 children particularly enjoyed sharing and reading their favourite picture books with their buddies.

New Parent Tours start next week. If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, please contact the office to book a space.

Finally, a reminder to save the date for our St Benedict's Association AGM Bingo Evening, which will take place on Wednesday 14th October from 5:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

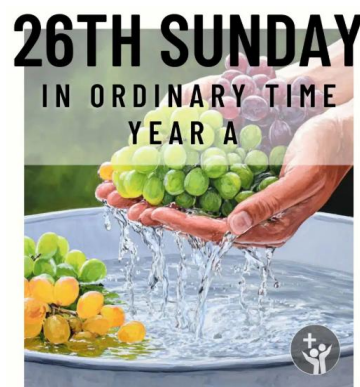
Have a blessed weekend,
Mrs McAlpine



25th September 2026

We thank all the amazing teaching assistants at St. Benedict's.

Sunday 27th September 2026



Matthew 21:28-32
"Which of the two did his father's will?"

**Prayer for the Month
September**



For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th September

9:10am Pupil Leadership Assembly
(Invited parents only)

Tuesday 29th September

KCSP Trust Mass (Year 4)

Thursday 1st October

Year 3 School Trip to Kent Life
Special Pirate Day Lunch (must be pre-booked)

Friday 2nd October

8:50am Year 4 Times Table Parent Meeting
followed by Year 4 Class Assembly (School Hall)

Friday 9th October

#Hello Yellow
(Children can wear something yellow with their school uniform)

Tuesday 13th October

2pm Harvest Mass

Wednesday 14th October

5:45pm SBA AGM Bingo Night

Thursday 15th October

Year R and Year 6 Height and Weight Check.

Wednesday 21st October

9:10 am Celebration of Achievement
(Invited parents only)
Parents/ Carers Evening

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY (No children attend school on this day)

Attendance Winners for Last Week

1st Year 4
2nd Year R
3rd Year 5



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



Please speak to us if you have any concerns.

Value of the Week Next Week



We are self-motivated.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principle of the Week



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity

Newsletters

Our Newsletters can be easily accessed on the homepage of the school website.

Learners and Superstars of the Week

Year R

Learner: Deborah- for an outstanding attitude to learning, completing beautiful writing and reading a sentence using the sounds she knows.

Superstar: Hope: for her wonderful increase in confidence, sharing thoughtful ideas in class discussion.

Year 1

Learner: Our learner is Olivia for being confident and brave like St. Michael when she's participating in lessons.

Superstar: Our superstar is Zion. Thank you for being a super role model in class and always following the rules. Keep it up!

Year 2

Learner: Rafferty- you have blown us away with your fantastic focus and super attitude towards learning. You are working so hard in Year 2 and we are very proud of you. Well done!

Superstar: Jaren for an entertaining portrayal of Noah during our RE lesson, when we were acting out the story of Noah and the Ark. Thank you for helping bring the story to life for us all and engaging the class.

Year 3

Learner: Harry, for always being ready to learn. He is such an amazing role model to others and his confidence is flourishing!

Superstar: Jack, for his increasing confidence this week in English and R.E. Jack contributes his ideas and participates in class discussions beautifully.

Year 4

Learner: Well done Reggie – you have been a superstar mathematician this week. You had so much confidence and great explanations of your answers.

Superstar: Arlo-well done for always being ready to learn and fully prepared for each lesson. You have made an excellent start to year 4.

Year 5

Learner: Our superstar this week is George for showing confidence in our Math lessons. He believes in himself and strives for every challenge!

Superstar: Our superstar this week is Elena for showing our value of human dignity. She has used compassionate words to ensure that everyone knows they are special.

Year 6

Learner: Our Learner of the Week is Bethany for showing increased confidence and understanding in Maths. You have worked hard to develop your knowledge of prime numbers, factors and multiples, and your daily arithmetic scores have improved. Keep believing in yourself, Bethany — you are making fantastic progress!

Superstar: Our Superstar this week is Korede for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour and always having the right attitude to learning. You remain focused and show excellent self-discipline and maturity. You are a fantastic role model for the class, Korede — well done!

Times Table Rockstars

Fastest	Rocco Y6
Highest Score	Audrielle Y5
Most Improved	Elsie Y5
Star of the Week	Aiva-Rose Y6



Cycle to School Week 5th – 9th October

With the cost of the school run continuing to rise for many families — from fuel and parking to the time spent in traffic — cycling to school offers a simple, healthier and more affordable way to travel. It also helps children build confidence, independence and positive lifelong travel habits. We would like to invite all children to take part in Cycle to School Week 2026 by cycling or scooting to school.



Harvest Mass Donations

Please send in donations of the items below for our Harvest Mass. After the Mass, the food items will be donated to Medway Foodbank. The donations can be brought in week beginning 5th October. A table will be available on the playground for your donations.

Thank you in advance.



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

Harvest Shopping list 2026

- Long-life milk
- Pasta sauce
- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned custard
- Tinned ham
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Cup-a-Soup
- Pot Noodles/Packet noodles
- Jelly
- Angel Delight
- Savoury snacks

TOILETRIES & HOUSEHOLD:

- Shampoo
- Washing-up liquid
- Deodorant – male and female
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

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

medway.foodbank.org.uk; 01634 757057

Registered Charity No: 1166505

Please book seats for the Harvest Mass in the Arbor shop.
Just enter the quantity required for the seats.

FRESH FRUIT AT BREAKTIME

Healthy Snacks for Healthy Learners!

☒ **Please bring FRESH FRUIT ONLY for breaktime**

 Apples •  Bananas •  Pears •  Oranges
 Grapes •  Strawberries •  Kiwi Fruit •  Peaches

 **Please do not bring:**

 Chocolate •  Sweets •  Biscuits •  Cakes •  Crisps

Fruit for Infant Pupils

 **Children in the infant classes are provided with fresh fruit every day.** 

 **Any unwanted fruit from the infant classes will be
offered to junior pupils.** 

 **Eat Well • Learn Well • Feel Great!** 

Healthy snacks help us to: ☒ Stay focused in class
☒ Have energy for learning and play
☒ Develop healthy habits for life

 **Thank you for supporting our Healthy School!** 



Healthy Bodies • Healthy Minds • Happy Learners 

Special Lunch Day- Next Thursday

Next week, there will be a change to the menu on Thursday.
Please see below.

Pirate Day Lunch

Don't forget to pre-book your child's meal in Arbor!



Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

Crispy Coated Chicken
or Veggie Dippers
Chips, Baked Beans, Peas
& Tomato Ketchup
Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available: Jacket Potato with Fillings,
Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt

Used Clothing Collections

Well done to Year 2 who are the winners of the used clothing collection with a total of 25 bags! £172.80 was raised for the school.

They will receive an extra playtime.



EYFS Parent Phonic Workshops



Mrs Pierce will be hosting a series of phonics workshops where parents and carers are invited to see the teaching in action. The workshops will be held on one of the following dates:

Tuesday 29th September
Wednesday 30th September
Tuesday 6th October
Wednesday 7th October
Thursday 8th October

We have allocated 5 slots on each date. If you haven't already booked a space, please see Mrs. Pierce.

The sessions will run from 9.05 - 9.30 am.

After dropping your child off, please sign in at the school office for your chosen session.

Year R and Year 4's Teddy Bears Picnic



Annual School Fund Donation

Help us make a difference
for our school!

Just
£20
per family

Your donation will go towards
important things like:



Resources
for our children



Improving
our facilities



Technology
and equipment



Enriching
school activities



Arbor

Please pay through the
Arbor shop.



Thank you for your support!





St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Learning and Challenge Rooted in Faith.

2026/2027

School Tours for September 2027

for children born between 1st September
2022 and 31st August 2023.

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

Dates and Times of Tours:

Thursday 1st October 2026	9:30am
Thursday 15 th October 2026	9:30am
Thursday 22nd October 2026	9:30am
Thursday 5 th November 2026	9:30am
Thursday 12 th November 2026	9:30am
Thursday 26 th November 2026	1:15pm

Please book via the office:

01634 669700

office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk



Application dates:
Tue, 1 Sept
2026 to Fri, 15
Jan 2027

Admission to primary school **September 2027**

apply online

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?
If the answer is yes, then now is the time to apply for a school place.

School applications for Medway residents

Apply online for your primary school place at
Medway.gov.uk/Admissions

You will get an email to confirm your application
has been submitted.



Scan the QR code
to complete
the survey

After you've applied
Complete the school readiness
questionnaire to let our partners at
Medway Community Healthcare
know whether you need any support
or have concerns about your child
starting school.

Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



Admission to primary school **September 2027**

- You must apply to your home local authority (ie if you pay your council tax to Medway Council you must apply to Medway). If you pay your council tax to one of the district councils of Kent (for example, Swale or Maidstone) then you must apply to Kent County Council.
- You can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.
- Medway residents can apply from **9am on Tuesday, 1 September 2026**.
- Please make sure that you have submitted your application by **5pm on Friday, 15 January 2027**.
- If you do not want to apply online and would prefer to complete a paper application form, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team. **Please note:** Medway Council do not acknowledge receipt of paper applications in writing or over the phone.
- Please read primary admissions 2027 information available at **Medway.gov.uk/PrimaryAdmissions** to find out more about the admission process and Medway's primary schools.

If you would like any further advice you can speak to School Admissions and Transport Team, who will be happy to assist you.

Medway Council School Admissions and Transport Team

Phone: **01634 331110**

Email: **admissions@medway.gov.uk**

Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



Application dates:
Tue, 1 Sept
2026 to Sat, 31
Oct 2026

Admission to secondary school **September 2027**

apply

Online admissions for Medway residents

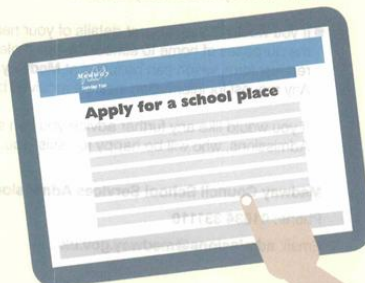
Was your child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?

The quickest, easiest and safest way to apply for your secondary school place.

Last year 99 per cent of applications were made online.

If you give us your email address when
applying you will:

- receive confirmation your application
has been received;
- receive details of the school offered
on the offer day by email without
having to wait for an offer letter.



Admission to secondary school **September 2027**

- You must apply to your home local authority (ie if you pay your council tax to Medway Council you must apply to Medway). If you pay your council tax to one of the district councils of Kent (for example, Swale or Maidstone) then you must apply to Kent County Council.
- You can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.
- Medway residents can apply from **Tuesday, 1 September 2026**.
- Please make sure that you have submitted your application by **Saturday, 31 October 2026**.
- If you do not want to apply online and would prefer to complete a paper application form, please contact the School Services Admissions Team. **Please note:** Medway Council do not acknowledge receipt of paper applications in writing or over the phone.
- Please read the secondary admissions 2027 information available at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions** to find out more about the process and Medway's secondary schools.
- If you would like to request details of your nearest qualifying school(s) for the purposes of home to school transport please complete and submit the request form, which can be found at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions**. Any request for information must be received by **Thursday, 1 October 2026**.

If you would like any further advice you can speak to School Services Admissions, who will be happy to assist you.

Medway Council School Services Admissions

Phone: **01634 331110**

Email: **admissions@medway.gov.uk**

Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



SBA AGM Bingo Night

The SBA's AGM will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 14th October** from 5:45pm. There will be free Bingo, a free welcome drink and nibbles, alongside sharing all the successes from last year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Same School Brighter Future ♥

AGM

BINGO

Information • Ideas • Involvement • Impact ♥

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
5.45 - 8PM
SCHOOL HALL

7

9

18

24

FREE WELCOME DRINK AND NIBBLES

FREE BINGO GAME

AGM VOTES

KIDS FEEDBACK

ROUND UP 25/26 (BINGO STYLE)

26/27 EVENT BRAINSTORMING

Bring your dabbler/pen and your friends! ♥

PEOPLE • IDEAS • COMMUNITY • BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Together We Can

Forest school Year 2



Forest school Year R



Forest School Year 1

