

Future Events / Dates - Please check Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16th December	2.00 & 6.00 pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance—'It's A Baby' - Tickets available from School Office
Tues 17th December		Flu Vaccine
Tues 17th December		Christmas Lunch - Turkey & trimmings
Tues 17th December	pm	KS 2 Christmas Party
Wed 18th December	2.00 pm	Achievement Assembly - parents welcome
Thurs 19th December	am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party & Santa visit
Thurs 19th December	1.15 pm	Carols around the tree in Our Lady and St Benedict's church - everyone welcome
Fri 20th December	3.30 pm	School finishes for Christmas Break
Mon 6th January	All Day	School Closed - Staff Training
Tues 7th January	8.45 am	School re-opens for Spring Term
Wed 8th January	9.30 am	Celebration of Epiphany - Mass at Our Lady and St Benedict's Church.
Wed 15th January		Deadline for applying for Primary School place for September 2020.



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St Benedict's—A Catholic Voluntary Academy Newsletter Friday 13th December 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday we held our Christmas pantomime in school. The Pocket Panto group really were excellent and I would encourage families to go and see them over the Christmas time if you get the opportunity. The children really enjoyed the performance of Mother Goose and my ear drums have nearly recovered!

This coming Monday, the children in Class 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas production during the daytime and evening. The short snippets of rehearsals that I have seen have been excellent. For those of you coming to see it, if the children are half as good as they have been so far, you are in for a real treat. There is a lot of talent in Classes 1 and 2!

There are also two other events next week that you are all warmly invited to. This coming Wednesday afternoon at 2pm we will be holding our first Achievement Assembly for family members. We will be handing out awards and certificates and recognising a lot of the good work that the children have done in school this year. The following day, on Thursday afternoon at 1.15pm we will be holding a Carols Around The Tree service at church. The children have been practising a number of carols and would love to sing them to you all. It would be lovely to see you at either or both events. They promise to be a lovely way to round off our Christmas celebrations.

Have a happy and holy weekend

Mr Eddy

Stars of the week



Head teacher's award: - **Gracie** for her wonderful presence around the school, she is always polite and thoughtful 😊

- Class 1: Frankie** for super progress over the term and a fantastic attitude to learning
- Class 2: Sienna** for demonstrating confidence and character in Nativity practice
- Orest** for being consistently mature, sensible and friendly
- Class 3: Isobella** for the enthusiasm she puts into everything
- Isaac** for a super term, showing an increasing maturity
- Class 4: Maja** for consistent effort in class discussion
- Bertie** for consistent effort in class discussion





- Year 1 :** Lilly
- Year 2:** Kuba
- Year 3 :** Ignasi
- Year 4 :** Olivia
- Year 5 :** Maja
- Year 6 :** Bertie



- Class 1:** Constance & Frankie
- Class 2 :** Szymon & Joey
- Class 3 :** Taylor
- Class 4 :** n/a

Christmas Fair

We would like to say a **BIG thank you** to our PTA group who worked hard organising and setting up our Christmas Fair on Sunday.

Thanks also go to family, friends, parishioners who attended the fair, and the many businesses who donated prizes for the raffle, making it such a great success.

We made over £1640 - Well done everyone!



Online fundraising



It's **DOUBLE DONATION Week!**

You can raise **TWICE** as much for St. Benedict's RC School - Ampleforth when you shop with John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Disney, Boots, notonthehighstreet and many more **before Sunday 15th December**. Find us on easyfundraising using the following link:-

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbenedictampleforth>

'**BIG BOOK BOOST**' - if you're buying books for Christmas have a look at:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

Every time you place an online order over £10, The Book People donate £1.00 to school to spend on books.

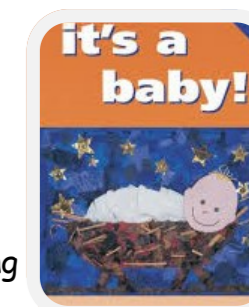


EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Monday 16th December (2pm & 6pm) - There are limited number of tickets still available for the 2.00 pm performance - price £2.00 each.

Refreshments will be served - so please bring some money!

Children need to be back in school for 5.00 pm for the evening performance.



Christmas Parties



Tuesday 17th December (1-3pm) - KS2 (Classes 3 & 4)

Children should bring 'party clothes' to change into after lunch.

We would also like the children to bring some 'party food' Class 3 - Savoury / Class 4 - Sweet.

Thursday 19th December (am) - EYFS/KS1 (Classes 1 & 2)

Children need to come to school in uniform and bring 'party clothes' with them.

No food required.

Advent Reflections

Parents and family are invited to join us for the following events:

* **Achievement assembly** at 2.00 pm on **Wednesday 18th December** in school.

* **Carols and Readings** in Our Lady and St Benedict's church at **1.15pm on Thursday 19th December** - please note slightly later time!



After School Clubs

Please note there will be **NO** after school sessions next week. All children must be collected by 3.30 pm. - Thank you.

This week's letters

Fri 13 KS2 Christmas Party information.

