

Future Events / Dates - Please check Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
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.
Thurs 9th January	9.10 am	St Benedict's Society - PTA meeting. Everyone welcome.
Tues 14th January	9.30-11.30 am	Open day for Nursery & Reception pupils - see poster
Wed 15th January		Deadline for applying for Primary School place for September 2020.



St Benedict's staff and pupils would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas



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**St Benedict's—A Catholic Voluntary Academy
Newsletter
Friday 20th December 2019**



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Dear Parents and Carers

What a final week of the term it has been!

On Monday, Classes 1 and 2 held two wonderful Nativity performances. As I said on the evening, I am always so impressed by how confident, expressive and talented our younger children are. Wednesday saw our Termly Achievement Assembly. It is nice for the staff to give the children awards and certificates and to be able to say such positive and heart-warming things about the children in front of their friends and parents. The smiles on their faces spoke volumes about how happy they are. It is good to be able to award the positive contribution they make to school life. This was then followed by our final Collective Worship session of the year. The children running these sessions have led us through the season of Advent wonderfully well so far. Yesterday afternoon we celebrated our 'Reflections on Advent' in Church. The children read and sang so beautifully.

One of the aspects that staff and children have particularly enjoyed this week is seeing all their family members come along to the events we have held. There was a lovely feeling in church yesterday as the school, families and parish came together.

Leading on from that, it only remains for me to say 'Thank you' for all the support you have given to the school this term. I hope you have a very happy, holy and fun-filled time over the Christmas period.

Mr Eddy

Stars of the week



Head teacher's award: - All pupils for a fantastic autumn term - well done everyone 😊

There have been no stars of the week awarded



Autumn Term - Achievement Assembly

On Wednesday afternoon the following awards were given out:

Ethos

	Headteacher	Ryan		
Class 1	Agnes	Class 3	Elijah	
Class 2	Orest	Class 4	Oscar B	

Dojo

Class 1	Constance	Class 3	Ryan
Class 2	Joey	Class 4	Daisy

TTRS

Class 2	Freya	Class 4	Dan
Class 3	Albert		

French - Effort / Pronunciation

Year 3	Tolly / Elijah	Year 5	Daisy / Oliver
Year 4	Amelia / Hanna	Year 6	Oscar E / Alfie

Sport

Basketball	Daisy	Cross Country	Isaac
Football Y3/4	Isobella	Football Y3/4	Carlos
Dodgeball	Kayah		

Attendance

Dan	Tristan	Evie	Eloise	Oliver
Kayah	Freya	Marianna	Florence	

Well done everyone!

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Well done to our EYFS and KS1 pupils who put on two fantastic performances of 'It's a Baby' plus the dress rehearsal on Monday!

The Gazette and Herald are running a feature on school Nativity plays, we are hoping this photo will be included.



St Benedict's Society (PTA)

We would like to thank the PTA members who served refreshments and sold crafts at our Nativity performances and after the carol service, thanks also go to everyone who made purchases and donations, the final total has yet to be calculated, however, the proceeds have been earmarked for a desperately needed laminator. Our old one was second hand when we got it over ten years ago!!

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th January**, everyone is welcome to attend.



Class 3 request

If any pupil in Class 3 has a copy of the Fantastic Mr Fox book could they please bring it to school after the Christmas break - thank you.

This week's letters

No letters this week

