

Parents' Meeting
September 2025

St. Benedict's Primary School



“Enjoying our rights, fulfilling our dreams.”

Welcome Meeting



What does it mean to be part of St. Benedict's Primary?



Parent Partners



Our offer



Parental support

Why Choose St. Benedict's?

St. Benedict's is a successful school, which has achieved many awards:



Rights Respecting Gold Award 2025
School of Sanctuary Award 2025
Gold Excellence in Safeguarding Award 2025
SEND Co-collaboration Bronze Award 2025
RE Quality Mark Silver 2025
School Games Award Silver 2025
Gold Eco School Award
Green Flag Award
RHS Gardening Award



What does it mean to belong to St. Benedict's?

Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

We are enjoying our rights and fulfilling our dreams.

We are ambitious.

We take pride in our learning, make progress and achieve.

We are resilient.

We face challenges with perseverance and determination.

We are respectful.

We are inclusive, enjoy our rights and respect the rights of others.





Our Mission 2025-2030



1 Become a leading school in sustainable **curriculum** innovation and development.

2 Develop a strong sense of **identity, purpose and belonging.**

3 Develop **outstanding inclusive provision**: all pupils make good progress and achieve.



Parent Partners Passport



 **Welcome meetings - essential**

 **Parent meetings - essential**

 **Curriculum presentations - recommended**

 **Performances – highly recommended**

 **Family celebrations - essential**

Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Autumn Events	level
10.09.25	8:50am or 2:30pm	Welcome meetings	Essential
18.09.26	08:50am	Behaviour presentation	Recommended
02.10.25	08:50am	Healthy eating presentation	Recommended
08.10.25 09.10.25	Various times	Parents meetings (school closes 1pm on 08.10.25)	Essential

Summer Term Events

Date	Time	Summer Events	Level
22.05.26	1pm	Eid Mela	Essential
04.06.26	08:50am	History and geography presentation	Recommended
05.06.26	08:50	Y3 Assembly Performance	Highly Recommended

Spring Term Events

Date	Time	Spring Events	Level
08.01.26	08:50am	Oracy presentation	Recommended
15.01.26	08:50am	Behaviour presentation	Recommended
22.01.26	08:50am	Rights and RE presentation	Recommended
29.01.26	08:50am	Health (PSHE and PE) presentation	Recommended
03.02.26 (To be confirmed)	2:15pm	Year 4 and 5 Sampad Dance performance	Highly Recommended
11.02.26 12.02.26	Various times	Parents meetings (school closes 1pm on 11.02.26)	Essential



Join the St Benedict's Parent Partner Council!



Are you passionate about supporting your child's education and making a difference in our school community?

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our Parent Council!



How can you support your
child?

Attendance and Punctuality

Our school has continued to give high priority to maintaining and improving children's attendance.

School Times: 8:45 A.M. – 3:15 P.M (Breakfast Club is open from 8am)

If your child is unable to attend school, please telephone the school office on 0121 464 6420 with the reason for the absence and the expected date of return.



How much are the fines for unauthorised absence from school?

Please be aware that we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Therefore, taking a holiday during term time may lead to the issuing of a fixed penalty notice and legal action being taken. **In Birmingham, you may be fined if your child has an unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 school days) or more within a rolling 10-week period.**

Fine Amounts:

- First Offence: £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid between days 22 and 28.
 - Second Offence: A flat rate of £160 within 28 days. The reduced payment option is not available for repeat offenders.
 - Third Offence: The local authority cannot issue further penalty notices. Instead, the case is referred to court for potential prosecution.
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The Safeguarding Team

At St. Benedict's Primary School, we are fully committed to ensuring that consistent and effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school. All concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as 'Designated Safeguarding Leaders' in school in compliance with statutory requirements.



"Hello, I take the lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. It is my role to support and train staff members to carry out their safeguarding duties and to work closely with children's social care and other services. I can also help and signpost parents and children to support when they are experiencing difficulties. "

Mrs. Nott (Headteacher)
I'm a Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Mr. Annetts
(Assistant Headteacher)**
I'm a Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs. Geraghty
(Pastoral Officer)**
I'm a Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs. Thompson
(SENCO)**
I'm a Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead





School Uniform
Active Uniform

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to offer a free Breakfast Club for all children from Reception to Year 6. Our club opens its doors at 8am, and we provide a warm and welcoming environment to start the day.

Children can enjoy a variety of healthy breakfast choices such as porridge, bagels and cereals. In addition to breakfast, we offer engaging activities designed to stimulate young minds and create a sense of community.

If you wish to sign up, please visit the school office. Remember! Its free!

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Free!

Breakfast club
opens everyday
From 8am
Sign up at the office.

Equipment

Please send your child in with a **labelled water bottle filled with plain water.**

No pencil cases, stationery, or other personal items should be brought to school.

Electronic or smart watches and mobile phones are not allowed in school.

No backpacks or large bags, just their school book bag.

Children also have a **Home Learning Journal**, which should be brought to school **every Thursday**. Each week, your child can **choose one piece of homework** they'd like to complete from the journal.



School Dinners

All school meals provided are healthy and nutritious options with a number of different choices provided everyday.

In reception and in Key Stage 1, your child will receive a free school meal.

In Key Stage 2 your child will have the option of a paid school meal or a packed lunch which must be a healthy choice.

Healthy choices according to the NHS include:

- Carbohydrate foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta.
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

Children must not bring in fizzy, sugary drinks or snacks.



Medical Care

- School staff will inform you via an email from Medical Tracker if your child has had an injury or illness during the school day. If this is more serious staff will telephone to inform you.
- Parents must inform school of any medical issues your child may have e.g. food allergies, epilepsy, or if your child is attending hospital for a medical condition.
- Staff can only administer medication to children that has been prescribed by a doctor. Parents will need to sign a form so that we can administer this medication.



medicaltracker

Paying for trips

- Annual Big Trip: Every child participates in one major trip per year, travelling outside our local area.
- Local Trips: Each year group also enjoys more frequent local trips, such as bus or train rides, local walks, and visits to nearby places of interest.
- Trip Contributions: Parents are asked to contribute £6.50 per trip, three times a year (totalling £19.50). These contributions are made via Squid and are scheduled for October, February, and May to help with budgeting.
- School Subsidy: The school subsidises the remaining costs of the trips. We always inform you of the exact costs for the big trips. If the total cost is less than £19.50, we will adjust the May contribution accordingly.

School Trips

We believe in enriching our curriculum with wonderful trips that provide hands-on learning experiences. Here are some of the exciting destinations.

We visit:

Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Centre

Black Country Museum

Barry Island Beach

National Justice Museum and Caves

Malvern Hills

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG)

Compton Verney - Shang Dynasty

Safeside

Cadbury World

London and the Houses of Parliament

Local Places of Worship: Mosques

West Midlands Safari Park





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Gateway

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How can parents support?

To help your child thrive at school, we ask that you:

- **Take an active interest in your child's learning** by attending meetings and school events.
- **Ensure your child attends school regularly and on time**, bringing everything they need for the day.
- **Hear your child read every day at home** and sign their reading log.
- **Support and encourage your child with all home learning tasks.**
- **Support the full curriculum**, including P.E., R.E., Music, and personal development.
- **Inform the school of anything that might affect your child's education, wellbeing, or behaviour.**