



# St. Benedict's Primary School

13.12.24



*We are enjoying our rights and fulfilling our dreams.  
Ambition, Resilience, Respect*

|  | Events   | After-School Clubs   |
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| Monday 16/12                               |  | <b>Singing</b> -All<br><b>Folk</b> Y4,5,6<br><b>Composition</b> Y3,4,5,6 |
| Tuesday 17/12                              | Y1 and Hub author event online   | <b>Ukulele</b> Y5  |
| Wednesday 18/12                            | ESOL classes 8:50am<br>Christmas meal                                      |  |
| Thursday 19/12                             | NO Stay and Play<br>Nativity 9:15am Reception parents<br>School closes 1pm |  |
| <b>Holiday</b> 20th December – 5th January |  |  |
| Monday 6th Jan                             | School open<br>Geography project day                                       |  |
| Tuesday 7th Jan                            |  | <b>Ukulele</b> Y5  |
| Wednesday 8th Jan                          | ESOL classes 8:50am  |  |
| Thursday 9th Jan                           | Stay and Play 8:50am<br>Y6 Police visit Y5/6                               |  |
| Friday 10th Jan                            | Year 6 Reading Workshop  |  |



*New library*



I am delighted to inform you that we have secured a grant, as a school, through the Libraries for Primaries scheme for a new library. Libraries for Primaries are going to provide us with a **'flagship library renovation'** worth £12,000!

This library is going to be in one of the existing Reception classrooms and will provide an amazing space for classes and parents to access. This is brilliant news! As Small Heath library is due to close, we will be able to provide a 'flagship library' for our families and local community.

The initial design and planning stage for the library will take place in early January 2025 and the library will be open around May 2025.

We will keep you informed on the progress of the new library over the coming months.



## Respect

At St. Benedict's, we firmly believe in upholding the rights of every child, as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

One of our core values is *respect*.

*We are respectful.*

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



**Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)** Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

**Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)** Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

## Festivals and arts

**In line with our values, the children take part in exciting events that combine art and festivals, showcasing the cultural diversity within our school community:**

Our **Autumn Arts Festival** on 24th October 2024 was a colourful celebration of **Diwali and Harvest**. Children also took part in a **St. Nicholas Day** art activity on 6th December 2024, giving the opportunity to learn about Eastern European traditions.

As we approach **Christmas**, our Reception children will delight us with their Nativity performance on 19th December 2024.

Looking ahead to spring, we're excited to announce our **Spring Arts Festival** on 2nd April 2025. This event will be a celebration of **Eid, Easter, and Vaisakhi**. We're particularly thrilled to share that we've booked **Circus Mash** for this festival, promising an unforgettable experience for our children. To round off our cultural celebrations, we'll be hosting an **Eid Mela** on 9th June 2025 – put the date in your diary!

*Circus Mash booked for our Spring Arts Festival!*



## Visits to places of worship

To provide a broad curriculum, we now take our children to visit different places of worship at key times in the year. Year 6 were really impressed with their visit to a Hindu temple in November. They were incredibly respectful and enjoyed finding out more about different religions and cultures.

Famiha from 6N said "I loved how colourful and bright it was inside the Mandir. It was interesting to learn about a different religion."

Y3 – Church (Easter) 11<sup>th</sup> April

Y4 – Mosque (Eid al Hada) 5th June

Y5 – Gurdwara (Vaisakhi) 8th April

Y6 – Hindu (Diwali) 22nd November

