



# St. Benedict's Primary School

08.09.23



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Ambition, Resilience, Respect*

## *Welcome Back from Mrs Nott*

It has been wonderful to see the children coming back to school, smiling and looking forward to their learning. It has been especially pleasing to see how smart so many of them look in their school uniforms. Our uniform expectations are high because it is important for our children to know that they belong to our school and a consistent uniform enables this to happen.

***We are proud to be part of St. Benedict's!***

As a school, we have been sharpening our vision and values and we want everyone in our school community to share the same goals:

***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.

These values are in line with our work on children's rights.

**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 also want the whole school community to join us in working on our improvement priorities.

**Our 5 main key priorities are:**

- 1. Reading** - Support parents to ensure every child reads regularly at home.
- 2. English** - Encourage successful communication, through an oracy framework.
- 3. Curriculum** - Ensure all teachers are fully knowledgeable and confident in delivering the **maths** and **arts** curricula.
- 4. Personal Development** - Enable pupils to take part in a rich variety of activities though after-school clubs.
- 5. Behaviour and Attitudes** - Improve behaviour, attitudes and communication during social times.

As you will notice, reading at home is going to be a key priority and we hope that you will join us in attending our reading workshops this year. Children will be coming home with new book bags and reading diaries. We do hope that you will support your child in reading at home regularly.



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## Diary Dates

**Please make a note of the following dates on your calendars.  
Attendance at school every day is expected.**

### Autumn

Monday 4th September INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tuesday 5th September term starts Y1-6  
Monday 11th September Reception class starts  
Monday 30th October half-term holiday SCHOOL CLOSED  
Monday 6th November INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tuesday 7th November pupils return  
Tuesday 7th/Thursday 9th November Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 15th November school photographer am  
Friday 22nd December end of term 1pm

### Spring

Monday 8th January INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tuesday 9th January pupils return  
Monday 12th February half-term holiday SCHOOL CLOSED  
Monday 19th February INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tuesday 20th/Thursday 22nd February Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 20th February pupils return  
Thursday 7th March World Book Day celebrations  
Friday 22nd March end of term 1pm

### Summer

Monday 8th April pupils return  
Thursday 2nd May election day SCHOOL CLOSED  
Monday 13th May Y6 SATs test week  
Monday 27th May half-term holiday SCHOOL CLOSED  
Monday 3rd June pupils return  
Monday 3rd June Y4 Multiplication Tables Check week  
Monday 10th June Y1 Phonics Check week  
Monday 17th June World Refugee Week celebrations  
Monday 15th July Sports week  
Monday 15th July Parents' Evening (optional)  
Friday 19th July end of term 1pm  
Monday 22nd July INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED

## Festivals



**We celebrate our differences in our school!**  
**We love to find out about one another's celebrations and festivals.**

- Friday 27th October **Harvest Assembly** Send in food for our food bank collection
- Monday 13th November **Diwali Workshop** **KS2 and Hub parents**
- Tuesday 14th November **Diwali Workshop** **KS1 parents**
- Wednesday 6th December **St Nicholas Day**
- Thursday 7th December **Jolly Jumper Day**
- Friday 15th December **Winter Art Competition** – deadline to bring in artwork
- Thursday 21st December **Christmas**– Christmas celebrations and special visitor
- Thursday 8th February **Chinese New Year Workshop** **KS1 parents**
- Friday 9th February **Chinese New Year Workshop** **KS2 and Hub parents**
- Friday 15th March **Spring Art Competition** – deadline to bring in artwork
- Thursday 11th April **Eid ul Fitr Workshop** **KS1 parents**
- Friday 12th April **Eid ul Fitr Workshop** **KS2 and Hub parents**
- Wednesday 19th April **Eid al Adha Mela**

## Coffee Mornings



**Pop in for a cuppa and catch up with Mrs Nott.**  
**Get to know other parents.**  
**Meeting Room 08:45 – 10:00**

Wednesday 13th September  
Wednesday 11th October  
Wednesday 8th November  
Wednesday 6th December  
Wednesday 10th January  
Wednesday 28th February  
Wednesday 20th March  
Wednesday 17th April  
Wednesday 22nd May  
Wednesday 19th June  
Wednesday 10th July

## PC Cooper

PC Cooper is scheduled to come into school to work regularly with our Year 5 and 6 pupils on a range of important topics and to run a Junior PCSO course for a Year 4 group.

Additionally, he is scheduled to run the following parent workshops:  
Thursday 19th October **Online Safety**  
Wednesday 21st February **Gangs and crime**  
Monday 20th May **Local crime issues.**



## *Reading Workshops for parents*



**How can I support my child with learning to read?  
Come along to our reading workshops to find out more  
Main hall 08:50am**

### **How to read with early readers (Rec, Y1, Y2)**

Friday 13th October  
Friday 2nd February  
Friday 10th March

### **How to read with developing readers (Y3,Y4)**

Friday 1st December  
Thursday 7th March  
Friday 28th June

### **How to read with older children (Y5,Y6)**

Friday 8th December  
Friday 8th March  
Friday 5th July

## *Reading Family Workshops*

**Join your child in class to find out how we teach reading in school.**

Friday 15th September **Year 6**  
Friday 22nd September **Year 5**  
Friday 23rd September **Year 3**  
Friday 6th October **Year 4**  
Friday 10th November **Year 2**  
Friday 17th November **Year 1**  
Friday 24th November **Reception and Hub**

## *Maths Family Workshops*

**Join your child in class to find out how we teach maths in school.**

Friday 12th January **Year 6**  
Friday 19th January **Year 5**  
Friday 26th January **Year 4**  
Friday 2nd February **Year 3**  
Friday 23rd February **Year 2**  
Friday 1st March **Year 1**  
Friday 15th March **Reception and Hub**

## *English Family Workshops*

**Join your child in class to find out how we teach English in school.**

Friday 19th April **Year 4**  
Friday 26th April **Year 3**  
Friday 3rd May **Year 1**  
Friday 7th June **Year 5**  
Friday 14th June **Year 6**  
Friday 21st June **Year 2**  
Friday 12th July **Reception and Hub**