



St. Benedict's Primary School

Newsletter



*Enjoying our rights, fulfilling our dreams.
Ambition, Resilience, Respect.*

Messages from Mrs Nott

Values

There has been a real strong focus on our values **Ambition, Resilience and Respect** and these values are now celebrated weekly during our Friday assemblies,. The children who get the weekly award are also invited to a special tea-party too.

Homework

Last year, you told me that the homework online was not really working for you. We have listened and acted upon this. Children will now bring home a homework book with a range of homework tasks to be completed. Do remember to send the homework back to school every Thursday and do let me know how it goes. I can't wait to see some excellent examples of homework!

Uniform

Pupils are looking much smarter with so many of them wearing uniforms. The message we need to keep sending to our children is that we are proud to be part of St. Benedict's. There are a small number of children still wearing trainers daily. This is not acceptable and senior leaders will start meeting with parents regarding this.

What's on?

18.09.23	PC Cooper with Y5/6 ESafety
20.09.23	Y5 swimming starts
22.09.23	Y5 reading workshop
27.09.23	Y2 trip to Cadbury World
28.09.23	Y4 trip to Tamworth Castle
29.09.23	Y3 reading workshop

Spotlight on Reading!

Reading bags and book bags

We hope you like the new book bags and reading records! This is part of our work on supporting families with home-reading. Do ensure that you read with your child every day and send the book bag in with them daily.



Well done to all children who are reading regularly and having their reading record signed.

Reading reward

One child from each class is chosen by their teacher each week for being a **READING SUPERSTAR**. They receive a book token for our book vending machine. Here are the winners of this week's reading reward for regular home reading:

Year Group	Name
Year 1	Umaiza
Year 2	Malaikah & Rumman
Year 3	Ibrahim & Afnan
Year 4	Fatima & Tayyibah
Year 5	Sajid & Maizah
Year 6	Amna & Maryam
Inclusion Hub	Syed

Attendance

All children should be here, every day, ready to learn and on time. At St. Benedict's Primary, we firmly believe that regular school attendance is essential for the educational progress and overall wellbeing of our pupils.

Attendance support

We understand that some pupils may face challenges that impact their attendance. Our school's attendance team is here to provide support and guidance to pupils and families in such situations. If you encounter any difficulties related to attendance, please do reach out to Mrs. Geraghty (Pastoral Manager) or Mrs. Clayton (Deputy Headteacher).

How to report unplanned absences:

In the event of an unplanned absence, we request you follow these steps:

- **Contact the school:** on the day of the absence, please call the school office before [9am] to inform us about your child's absence
- **Provide a reason for absence:** please provide a brief explanation for the absence, such as illness or family emergency, to help us maintain accurate records.

Congratulations to 3G for reaching our whole school attendance target of 96% Keep up the good work!



Good Mornings!

Breakfast Club

We have now launched **Breakfast Club**. It is open every day at 8am and for ALL year groups. The cost is a bargain at only £4 per child for the whole week and we do not charge for more than 2 siblings if you have a larger family.

Pupils are provided with breakfast (cereals, bagels and juice) and also have a chance to socialise and relax together before school. Once the MAC (Music and Arts Centre) opens we will also have the opportunity to take children in there daily too.

Bagel Bar

We are continuing our free BAGEL BAR and children can have a free bagel on their way into school. Just be sure to be on time so they don't miss out. We want all children to be in their classroom ready for learning before 8:45am

Wake-up, Shake-up

Come and join us every Friday morning at 8:25am in the courtyard for WAKE-UP SHAKE-UP! We have lots of fun and give out awards for the best pupil, parent and teacher !



We are working in partnership with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre!



Exciting news!

This term, all children will be participating in 6 weekly workshops led by Charis McRoberts, an actor, writer and practitioner from the Birmingham REP.

We will be exploring the theme of **SANCTARY**.



This half term, the following classes will be working with the Rep:

- 2P - Plant Sanctuary
- 4P - Religious Sanctuary
- 4N - Journey of a Modern Refugee
- 6A - Child evacuees during World War 2
- Inclusion Hub - Animal Sanctuary



Creative Arts

There has been a real focus over the past two weeks on colours in art. Year 1 have really enjoyed the art project, 'Mix It'. Children used primary colours to create secondary colours. We enjoyed learning about colours and created colour wheels. It was so much fun! Year 2 also enjoyed mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. They made printing blocks from clay and produced some lovely pieces of artwork. The Inclusion Hub have brightened up their classroom this week by learning about primary and secondary colours too. We used paints, paintbrushes and rollers to create art pieces. We made lots of mess too!



MAC – Music and Arts Centre

We are thrilled to announce that we are soon opening our very own MAC – Music and Arts Centre. We have been awarded a £10,000 'Restore the Music' grant and have used this to purchase an amazing assortment of high-quality musical instruments. Children will be able to go into the MAC for their weekly music lessons and art lessons.

Educational Visits

We have carefully planned a range of educational visits across the school year for all year groups. These trips fit in with our curriculum and link to specific areas, such as history, geography or science. They also provide memorable experiences for our children and are a great way for socialising together.

We want to give you as much notice, so you know what is coming. Trips costs approximately £20 per child, if a coach is involved. Please note that if we do not get enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip, the trip will be cancelled, and this has happened on occasions last year.

The cost of trips to the Eco-Park are covered by the school and are free for children.

Reception

Cannon Hill Park and Nature Centre – Summer date TBC
Eco Park - Wednesday 10th July

Year One

Eco Park - Thursday 9th November
Black Country Living Museum – Summer date TBC

Year Two

Cadbury World - Wednesday 27th September
Eco Park – Friday 1st December
Barry Island beach – Summer date TBC

Year Three

Sarehole Mill - Wednesday 4th /Friday 6th October
Eco Park - Friday 24th November
City of Caves – Spring date TBC

Year Four

Tamworth Castle – Thursday 28th September
Malvern Hills – Spring date TBC
Eco Park Friday 17th May

Year Five

Compton Verney – Wednesday 8th November
Eco Park – Friday 24th May
British Museum – Summer date TBC

Year 6

Barry Island beach. Reward trip – Summer date TBC
Safari Park. Reward trip – Summer date TBC

Inclusion Hub

Telford Wonderland – Wednesday 13th December
Barry Island beach – Summer date TBC