

Friday 5th September 2025

Newsletter



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Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back! It has been a delight to welcome back pupils in Years 1-6, and to meet our new Nursery and Reception pupils. We are very pleased with how the children are settling to new routines and to their learning - well done. We have been giving thanks for everyone in our team who helps us to feel cared for and succeed. **Together with Christ everyone achieves more**

We were all greatly saddened by the loss of Miss Irene over the Summer. This week prayers have been said for her, and we have a book in the Office to share memories and tributes.



Rest in Peace, Miss Irene

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
 And let perpetual light shine upon her;
 May she rest in peace. Amen.

Confirmation Programme Enrolment Mass

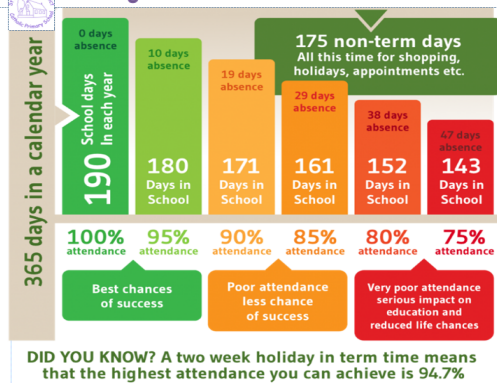
Sunday 9.30am

Ss Mary and Benedict Church

Pupils in Year 6 and above can join the preparation programme to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November.



Good attendance at SMSB means... ...being in school at least 95% of the time



Drop Off and Collection

Remember school starts at **half past eight!** The gates will close at 8.40am so that registers can be taken at 8.45am. Please try to be on time.



Drop Off: Gates are open 8.30am - 8.40am

Collection: Gates open at 2.50pm, collection from the classroom door at 3pm. If we are informed by letter, then pupils in Y5/6 may walk home alone.

After School Clubs...begin next week

Please remember to sign up in advance.

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.30am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) Starting soon - Eritrean Club 4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

This half term at St Mary and St Benedict pupils are growing to be **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



Home Reading

When your child starts school they will soon begin to bring books home - firstly books for you to read to them, and then books for them to read to you. We ask all parents to read with their child daily **whatever their ability**. Pupils benefit greatly from the opportunity to read to adults, and discuss what they have been reading. Please find the time to do this daily, and to fill in your child's diary so that we know you have read together.

Reading is the key to success across the curriculum! It doesn't matter what you read - just that you practise every day and talk about the book every time.

KSI Phonics Workshops for Parents
 Tuesday 16th September 9.30am/2.30pm



Our Birthday Gift to You

We want to celebrate special days with our children in our school community. On their birthday, or the nearest school day to their birthday, children can come to school in **non-uniform**; this way everybody within the school community who sees them will know that it is their special day!



Our value of the month is...
Tolerance



Please note:

- Children may wear our **Summer Uniform** until October half term: purple gingham dresses for girls, purple or white polo shirts and grey shorts for boys.
- All school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- All pupils in Year 1-6 should wear a **PE kit** to school on days they have PE: black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps or trainers. When the weather cools, children are invited to wear a tracksuit or jogging bottoms/ sweatshirt.
- Children **MUST NOT** bring mobile phones to school without prior agreement, and arranging for them to be kept in the School Office securely during the day.
- Children should be wearing sensible black **school shoes**, not trainers or boots as they are not healthy for growing feet and therefore not part of our uniform.

PE Days - Pupils to come to school in kits. Please ensure kits are plain and unbranded.

Year 1 and 2	Monday: Miss Doherty's Class Tuesday: Mrs Collins' and Mr Leybourne's Classes
Year 3 and 4	Wednesday (Year 4 also need to bring a swimming kit on Wednesdays)
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday and Friday



Looking forward...

Sunday 7th September	School Mass 9.30am: Confirmandi presented to the Parish
Monday 8th September	9.15am Mass for Our Lady's Birthday - School Hall After School Clubs begin 3pm Class Meetings for Years 1/2
Tuesday 9th September	3pm Class Meetings for Years 3/4
Wednesday 10th September	3pm Class Meetings for EYFS and Years 5/6 (Hall)
Friday 12th September	AC Cycle Tour stopping off at SMSB!
Tuesday 16th September	9am/2.30pm Phonics Workshops for Parents of KS1 - School Hall
Friday 24th October	Final day of the half term



Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Sep 3
We had a wonderful assembly this morning. We came together to welcome everyone back to the new school year and to think about how we can be the best we can be!



A busy first
week at SMSB!



Keep up by following
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Please remember to cut grapes safely to avoid choking.

