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In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples argue about who is the 'greatest'. Children discovered that the most important things in life are not winning, being the best or most beautiful. Instead, Jesus taught His disciples that to be the greatest in God's sight, we must put others first.



"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

Mark 9:35



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Key Messages

Children will understand that:

- 'Greatness' isn't about winning or being the best.
- Jesus sets us an example to follow: to be great in God's sight, we must put others first.

We have had another lovely week in both schools and celebrated our first school Mass of the year with our new parish priest Father Simon. The children behaved respectfully and our readers were wonderful in their delivery.

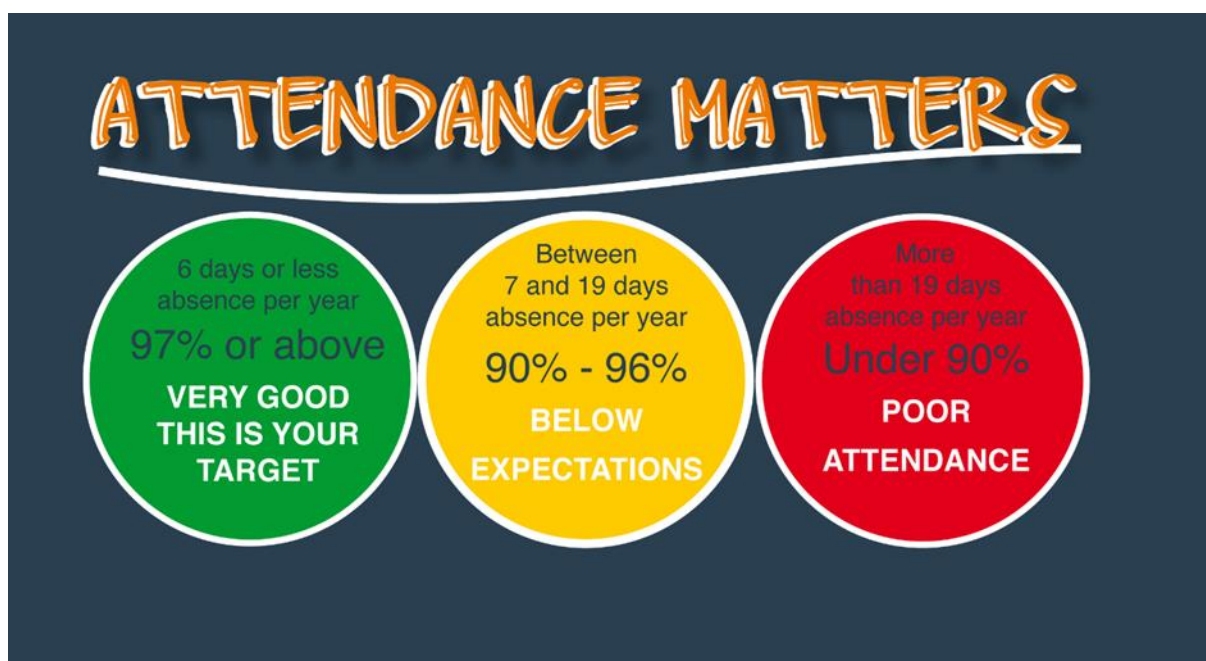
We took our Year 6 children to Mass at the Cathedral too, which was celebrated with other schools across the Diocese. Again, they represented our schools so well and we were very proud of them.

Our next Mass will be on All Saints Day, which is the 1st November where we will join the parish. However, before then we will be holding a Harvest celebration (see the newsletter for dates). As part of our live simply commitment to serve others we will be sending out a list of items that we would like to collect for the foodbank and will really appreciate your support with this. More details will follow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barlow

As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Suffolk LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Well done to all those children and families who are in school on time every morning and to those with 100% attendance last week. Our target was 95% last week.



Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	100%	100%
1	95%	100%
2	89%	98%
3	96%	99%
4	95%	95%
5	89%	97%
6	90%	91%

Birthday treats

We celebrated several birthdays last week – we hope you enjoyed your birthday treats!



Forest School dates

3rd October - Year 3

10th October - Year 2

17th October - Reception and year 1

24th October - Reception and year 1

Other upcoming dates

Tuesday 1st October – 2.30pm - stay and pray session Oak class

Monday 7th October – 1.45pm – 2.15pm - open afternoon for Year 6 at NDHS

Wednesday 9th October – 2.30pm – stay and pray session Rowan class

Monday 14th October – 2.30pm – stay and pray session Beech class

Tuesday 22nd October – whole school photographs

Half term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Wednesday 6th November – 9am – 12noon - open morning for prospective parents – if you know anyone with a child starting school in September 2025, please do encourage them to come have a look at our lovely school

Tuesday 12th November – Crucial Crew trip year 6

A national programme teaching Year 6 pupils about road and cycle safety, hand washing hygiene, fire safety, crime reduction and unknown substance awareness.



Heart of Gold



In Beech class Louie has received the Heart of Gold award for the value of Charity. He has been able to explain how we can help other people who are less fortunate than ourselves in a mature way. Well done Louie.



This week the Heart of Gold for Love (charity) in Rowan class goes to Connor. This is because he is always very caring and compassionate towards others and often thinks of others before himself. He is always trying to think of things he can do to help others and is very reflective. He is kind towards his peers and is a lovely member of Rowan class!



This week's HOG in Oak class goes to Willow for consistently showing our value of love. Willow always takes her time to show love and kindness to her friends, and we see this in class and during playtimes. If someone is upset, she is empathetic and seeks help if they need it. Her thoughtful nature makes her a trusted member of Oak class. She also has a wider understanding of how to show love to our neighbours in the wider community through our charitable work with our Chevington Lodge visits. We are so proud of you and the wonderful young lady you are growing into.