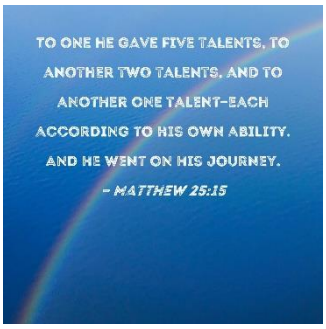
ST. EDMUND'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR GIFTS



This week at St Edmund's, our Gospel reflection has focused on Jesus' Parable of the Talents. Through this story, we are reminded that each of us is a unique gift from God, blessed with our own talents, abilities and qualities. God does not expect us all to be the same; instead, He encourages us to recognise what makes us special and to use our gifts to help others and make the world a better place.

Sometimes our talents are easy to recognise, while others are found in the little things we do every day – showing kindness, helping a friend, making someone smile or having the courage to try something new. Our values of Faith, Compassion and Resilience encourage us to make the most of these gifts and to use them in ways that reflect God's love.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

Next Friday, 20 November at 6:00pm, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance to Remember Those We Hold in Our Hearts, in St. Benet's Church, Beccles. This will be an opportunity to come together and remember family members and friends who are no longer with us. Today, children will be bringing home a special star on which they can write the names of those they wish to remember. Please return these stars to school before next Friday, 20 November. They will be placed in a basket and taken to the altar during the Offertory. If your child would be willing to attend the Mass and help carry the baskets to the altar, please contact the school office to let us know.

PANTOMIME TRIP!!

A quick reminder that our whole school will be joining our federated school, St Benet's, to watch the pantomime Snow White at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft on Friday 11th December. The trip is now live on Wisepay and tickets can be booked at a cost of £16.50 per child. Thank you to those who have already paid. The actual cost of the trip would be considerably higher, particularly when taking account of the transport costs. However, our wonderful PTA have generously agreed to heavily subsidise the transport element, helping us to keep the cost as low as possible for families. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and generosity.

We appreciate that this can be an expensive time of year for families, so payment plans are available through Wisepay to help spread the cost over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the arrangements, please speak to Mr Kennedy. We are really looking forward to being a part of this event and sharing it with St Benet's once again – kicking off our Christmas celebrations together!

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE – JANUARY STARTERS

We are delighted that our Nursery provision continues to grow and we are looking forward to welcoming a new group of children in January. We currently have nursery places available and children who have turned 3 since September may now be eligible for their 15 hours of funded early education.

If you know of any families who may be interested in a nursery place for their child, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office to find out more or arrange a visit. We would love to welcome more children into our school family and continue to see our Nursery flourish!

TRUST-WIDE CONSULTATION – FUTURE SCHOOL TERM DATES

A trust-wide consultation regarding proposed changes to future school term dates, including an amendment to the dates for the 2027–2028 academic year, was shared with parents and carers via ClassDojo last week. We are keen to hear the views of our school community and would encourage all parents and carers to take the time to read the proposal and share their feedback. The consultation will close on Monday 23 November. The outcome will be communicated before the end of term. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this important consultation.

STAY AND PRAY SESSIONS

Dates for these have now been added to the Diary Dates section of our school newsletter.

BECCLES JUNIOR PARKRUN?

Junior parkrun is a fun, free, weekly 2k event for children aged 4–14 and their families. You can walk, jog, run, volunteer or cheer and everyone is welcome. The parkrun takes place every Sunday morning on Beccles Common at 9am but on Sunday 29th November, we are hoping as many parents and pupils from St. Edmund's will join Mr Kennedy and Mrs Huxtable from St. Benet's down at the common to take part together. If it is your child's first time, find out more and register for free at juniorparkrun.com

Come along, give it a go and let's enjoy junior parkrun together! Kind regards, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Huxtable

PTA BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our PTA is running a Bag2School collection on Monday 23rd November 2026. You are invited to fill as many bin bags as you like with clean, good condition items and leave your bags in the playground entrance by 8:50am. They will then be collected and we will get paid for the amount of items we collect. Items which can be donated include: any items of clothing (big or small), paired shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, underwear, jewellery and soft toys. Please avoid school uniforms, workwear, duvets, pillows and wet or soiled items. The more you can donate, the more St. Edmund's PTA raise for the children of our school. Thank you for supporting our PTA

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Schools are required to follow national attendance guidance which places a clear duty on us to monitor attendance closely and to take action when a child's attendance gives cause for concern. When a child is identified as being persistently absent, we are required to contact parents to discuss this and to offer support where appropriate. As part of this process, families may receive a letter from school next week to formally notify them that attendance has fallen below the expected level. This is not intended to be punitive, but to ensure that concerns are shared clearly and early so that we can work together to improve attendance and support the child's wellbeing and learning.

We value our partnership with parents and appreciate your understanding that these steps are part of our statutory responsibility. By working together, we can help ensure every child is in school regularly and able to make the most of their education.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Oak Class attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph in the centre of Bungay on Wednesday 11th November where they observed a 2 minutes silence, read poems and laid a wreath in memory of those who lost their lives. They represented the school with pride and respect. Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

WB Monday 16th – Assessment Week
Friday 20th –Mass of Remembrance at St. Benet's, Beccles to Remember Those We Hold in Our Hearts at 6pm
Monday 23rd – Future School Dates Consultation Closes
Wednesday 25th – Oak/Rowan Class visit to see 'Paddington in Peru' at Fisher Theatre
Friday 27th – Wear Purple Day to mark the start of Advent
Monday 30th – Beech Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm

DECEMBER

Monday 7th – Rowan Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm
Thursday 10th – Whole School Advent Mass at 9:15am
Friday 11th – Snow White Panto Visit to the Marina Theatre
Tuesday 15th – Christmas Dinner Day
– Oak Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th –Whole School Nativity at 2pm
Friday 18th – School Closes for Christmas Holidays