



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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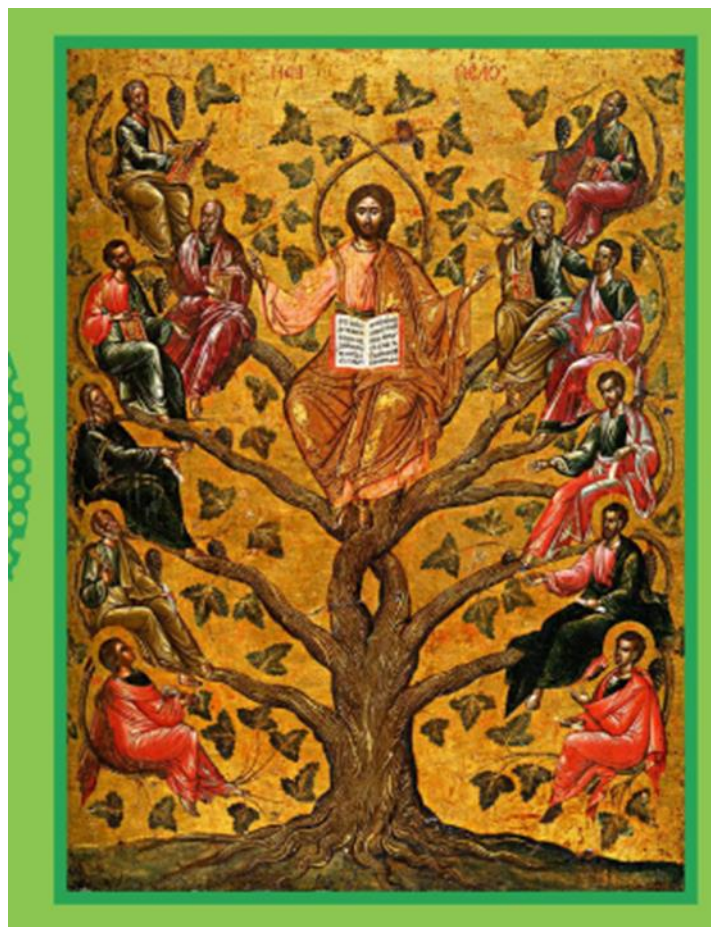
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This week's Gospel describes Jesus as the true vine to which we must remain connected in order to bear fruit. Our Gospel assembly explored this connection through art and children learned that they too can 'bear fruit' in Jesus' name.



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

“Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.”

John 15:5

Children will understand that:

- **Staying connected to Jesus helps us to bear good ‘fruit’.**
- **The Holy Spirit can grow ‘fruit’ in our lives like love and kindness.**
- **Praying, listening to the Gospel and receiving the Eucharist help to keep us connected.**

The children have been busy this week with lots of wonderful learning happening around the school. I have had some time in the classrooms being able to see the positive learning environments in action. The children talk really confidently about their learning and how they use their working walls to help them grow in independence. What I have noticed is how articulate they are using the subject specific vocabulary pertinent to their topics. It was also a joy to hear how our Class 3 children had a wonderful time at the Theatre Royal in Norwich watching ‘The Boy at the Back of the Class’. I think it has really inspired them and helped them see how important it is for us to be welcoming and respectful of all people no matter their background.

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady and in school we mark this special time with a special procession to lay flowers and crown Mary. This will take place on 20th May at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to join us for this special occasion. All children are invited to bring a flower/flowers on this day and we will use these to honour Mary our Mother.

***“From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.
From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God.” St John Paul II***



I want to wish our children from St Benet’s First Holy Communion group a very special day on making this sacred sacrament. I thank all the adults who have been involved in preparing the children. I hope you continue to stay connected to Jesus and grow your faith as you take this important step. I am so sorry I cannot be

there to be part of your special day, as unfortunately I have family commitments but my prayers will be with you as always.

I am putting in a date for Vocations Day – **Friday 21st June**. We would love to get a good range of visitors for our vocations day. Examples could be charity worker or someone who

works in the armed services. We would love for the day to be a wonderful experience for the children so please do consider coming in and talking to the children. Do you own a farm and could bring in some animals or a tractor? Could you share the love for your job as a nurse, dentist, doctor, writer, engineer, builder, joiner etc? Please do let the office staff know.

We are putting together some thoughts for an end of year celebration for both schools. Whilst we have not been able to secure a venue to go to, we felt we do need to bring them together in some way. One of the ideas is to host a fun day at St Benet's and we are looking into booking a company to deliver Circus Skills. We will see if we can get some ice creams sorted for the children and generally have a lovely end to a busy year together. We are open to any other suggestions so again please let the office staff know.

Our end of year art exhibition will be another event to look forward to, our theme is going to be 'Creation' and every class will be producing work based on different media. Once we have a date for this we will let you know.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and remember you have a bank holiday too!
Mrs Barlow

Attendance

Late marks and Absences

The doors open for children in Reception to Year 6 at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Children who arrive after this time must go to the School Office where they will be given their late mark. Late marks are monitored and recorded. Children who arrive from 9.10am onwards are marked on the register as a 'U' for unauthorised absence, unless they are absent due to a medical appointment. Children arriving at the School Office prior to 9.10am will receive a late mark, 'L' on the register. 8.40am-9.10am = 'L', which means that your child receives a late mark. We are required to put a reason on the register for children who are late so office staff will always ask for a reason. If it is a personal/confidential reason please just say so; staff will make a note of this. 9.10am and beyond = 'U', which means the morning is recorded as an unauthorised absence.



As always we are aiming for at least 95% attendance. Please try hard to support us with this.

(Over one academic year)

Year	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	93%	92%
1	93%	95%
2	89%	94%
3	94%	94%
4	80%	95%
5	94%	92%
6	92%	93%

***Updated* Forest School dates**

9th May – Year 4

16th May – no forest school

23rd May – Year 3

Half Term

6th June – Year 2

13th June - Year 1 and R



Other upcoming dates

w/c 13th May – SATs week

20th May – 2.30pm - Mary procession

Please do visit our tree at Annis Hill green. It would be lovely to see some photos of our children next to the school's tree.



Class 2 Maths

This week we gathered information about favourite colour using tally marks





Heart of Gold



Class 1 Heart of Gold this week goes to Imogen. Imogen always works hard as part of a team, helps anyone in need and tidies up even when it is not her mess.

In class 2 this week Malissa has received the Heart of Gold for compassion. Malissa has a big heart and she is able to show love, compassion and kindness to all. She has a gentle manner and is able to share this with all. Well done Malissa.



This week class 3's Heart of Gold for compassion goes to Jade. She is very kind and caring towards others but especially if they are upset. She will always listen and try to find out how she can help them. If someone is upset they often go to Jade as they know she will help them. She is an excellent member of class 3 and a role model to other children. Well done Jade!

This week's heart of gold in class 4 goes to Kane for consistently showing our value of love and compassion. He is a kind natured person, who always tries his best to help his peers and all the staff. As our school community grows, Kane helps to translate any language barriers and in doing this, he also emotionally supports children who are learning to speak English in our school. His love of our school family and wider community shines through for all to see. We are extremely proud of your maturity Kane, well done!