



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

Our children were absolutely outstanding in all three performances of '**Top of the Pops**'. We have been overwhelmed by the many kind words and wonderful feedback received from families and members of the audience. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the performances.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, who worked two 16-hour days to ensure each performance was a success. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Rogers, who generously gave up so much of her own time to teach the children the choreography.

A very special thank you goes to Miss Fearn, who not only writes the script each year but also directs, manages and produces the entire show in just three weeks. Her creativity, commitment and hard work make this incredible production possible.

We are also delighted that all money raised from the performances will be donated to Bury Hospice. We will share the final fundraising total from all three performances in next week's newsletter.

Graduation Disco

The Year 6 Graduation Disco takes place in school on Tuesday evening, 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Children can come to school on Tuesday in their disco clothes if they are in KS1. If they are in KS2, they will be dressed in their own clothes on this day for the 'World Cup' event and so are welcome to bring a change of clothes that they can change into at the end of the school day should they wish to wear something different for the disco. Admission fee is £3.00 and the price includes a hotdog and drink. Games/refreshments will be available as usual, so the children can bring some spending money. The PTA are asking for cake donations, these need to be packaged with ingredients clearly labelled, (no nut ingredients please) to sell at the disco. If you are able to help please send them into school on Tuesday.

Transition visits

Children in Year 1-5 will visit their new class on Thursday 16th July so that they can spend some time with their new teacher and teaching staff to help them in preparation for September.



Healthy School

Coffee afternoon

Thursday afternoon is our coffee afternoon and all parents are invited to come into school and look at their child's work with them. It's a lovely afternoon to spend sharing your child's achievements. The children are really proud of their work and love to share it with parents, so please try to attend.

As the hall gets congested, we have two time slots. Parents of children in the Infants are invited to come into school between 1.00 – 2.00 pm. Junior parents are invited from 1.45 pm onwards. Parents may also take their children home early if they so wish but need to be signed out via the office. At the end of this day, all children in school will be taking their school books home with them so we ask that if you are attending to bring a strong carrier bag to help and if you are not able to attend that you send a bag into school with your child on that day.

Merit and attendance prize assembly

Our merit and attendance prize giving assembly will take on Friday afternoon at 1.00pm. Everyone, as always, is welcome to join us.

Graduation Ceremony

Our graduation ceremony for our Year 6 leavers will take place on Friday 17th July at 9:10am. Parents and families of children in Y6 are very warmly welcomed to attend.

Uniform

A reminder to parents of children currently in Year 5 : when your child comes back to school in September, they will be wearing a white shirt and tie and not a white polo shirt.

Reports

The children are bringing home a copy of their end of year school report today. There has been an app sent out today asking you to confirm receipt of the report and leave feedback, so please complete that when you have read the report. **Please note Year 6 will not be given their reports until Coffee afternoon on Thursday 16th July as the DfE have informed us that SATs results have been delayed and will not be released until that day.**

Free Breakfasts at Morrisons Cafés

Morrisons and Kellogg's have partnered to offer free breakfasts for both children and adults at Morrisons Cafés across the UK during the school holidays. Families can access a free breakfast consisting of:

- A bowl of Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies
- Dairy or non-dairy milk
- A free piece of fruit (apple or banana)

The offer is available every day from 29th June to 6th September 2026 at participating Morrisons Cafés. Families simply need to ask for a 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at the café till. Each customer can receive one free breakfast per day. This initiative has been introduced to help reduce the financial pressures many families experience during the school holidays, when access to school breakfast clubs is unavailable.

This Week's Gospel

In this week's Gospel, Jesus shares the Parable of the Sower, inviting us to think about what happens when we hear the Word of God. Through this beautiful Gospel, we discover that Jesus is always sowing seeds of love into our hearts through Scripture, prayer and the people around us

Mass

The children in Years 3 to 6 will be walking down to church to celebrate Mass with parishioners on Wednesday at 10.10 am. Everyone's welcome to join us for it.

Finally, a reminder that school closes next Friday 18th July at **2.00 pm**.

Dates summary:

Tuesday 14 th July	KS2 World Cup day (children to dress in the colour of the country they are representing) 3:30-5:00pm Leavers Disco (KS1 children can come to school dressed for the party and KS2 can bring a change of clothes if they wish to do so)
Wednesday 15 th July	10.10 am Mass at St. Marie's Church KS1 World Cup Day (children can come dressed in any clothing appropriate for sport) Ice Cream Van visit to school
Thursday 16 th July	Children in Y1-5 having transition visit to new class 1:00-2pm KS1 Coffee afternoon slot 1:45pm – 3:15pm KS2 Coffee afternoon slot
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Graduation Ceremony 9:10am Merit and attendance assembly 1pm School finishes 2pm

Yours Sincerely
Miss D McNicoll

MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

WORD OF THE WEEK

GRATITUDE

PRAYER

HOW WILL YOU MAKE YOUR HEART GOOD SOIL? ASK JESUS TO SHOW YOU SOME WAYS AND THEN WRITE THEM DOWN.

**READ THE SCRIPTURE SLOWLY.
WHAT DOES GOD SAY TO YOUR
HEART AS YOU READ?**

WONDER QUESTIONS

**WHAT COULD BE EXAMPLES OF THORNS
THAT CHOKE THE WORD OF GOD AND STOP
IT GROWING IN YOUR HEART?**

**WHY IS SEED SCATTERED SO THAT IT
LANDS EVERYWHERE RATHER THAN ONLY
BEING PLANTED IN PLACES IT WILL
DEFINITELY GROW?**

MISSION

**MAKE YOUR HEART GOOD SOIL BY
CHOOSING TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD AT
HOME. MAKE TIME FOR PRAYER AND
READING THE BIBLE. WATCH SOME OF OUR
VIDEOS AT HOME, THEY ALWAYS CONTAIN
THE WORDS FROM THE BIBLE AND A QUIET
SPACE TO PRAY. SEE THE SUMMER BREAK
AS A CHANCE TO DEEPEN YOUR
FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.**

COLOUR



THE SOWER



SAINT OF THE WEEK

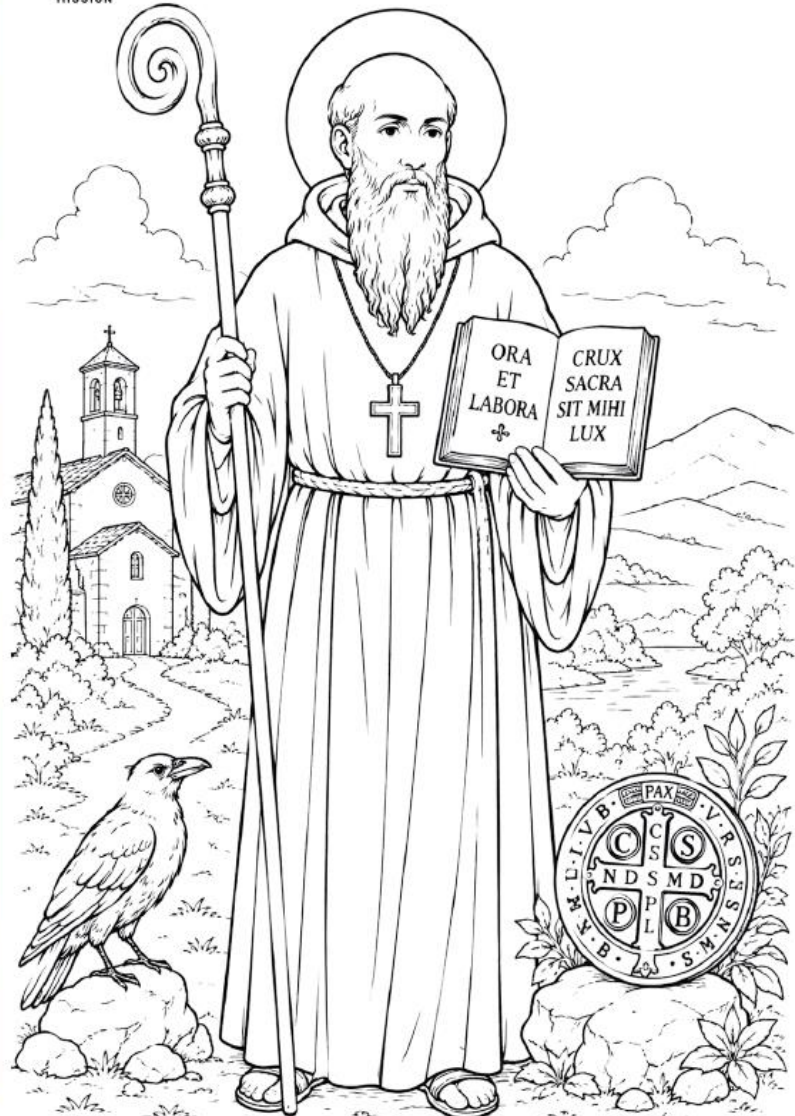


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MARK 10
MISSION

ABBOT | PATRON OF EUROPE

SAINT BENEDICT

FEAST
JULY 11TH



WHO IS HE?

ST BENEDICT WAS A MONK WHO LOVED GOD AND WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE PEACEFUL AND HOLY LIVES. HE STARTED MONASTERIES WHERE PEOPLE PRAYED, WORKED HARD AND CARED FOR ONE ANOTHER, TEACHING THEM TO "PRAY AND WORK" EACH DAY. ST BENEDICT REMINDS US THAT EVEN ORDINARY DAILY THINGS CAN HELP US GROW CLOSER TO JESUS.

PRAYER

SAINT BENEDICT, YOU LOVED GOD AND HELPED PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS. PLEASE PRAY FOR ME AND ASK GOD TO PROTECT ME FROM DANGER AND GUIDE ME EACH DAY. HELP ME TO CHOOSE WHAT IS GOOD AND STAY CLOSE TO JESUS. AMEN.

SAINT MISSION

BEFORE YOU BEGIN A PIECE OF WORK, ESPECIALLY ONE WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT, OFFER ALL YOUR EFFORT AND HARD WORK TO JESUS.