

Today we say goodbye, good luck and thank you to Mr Groves who has been a caretaker at St Benedict's for over 20 Years. We wish him and his family all the best in their new house and Mr Groves in his new job.

The Abbey 1000 Short Story Competition

Bury St Edmunds is celebrating the founding of the Abbey of St Edmund by King Canute 1000 years ago with a year of special events which started on St Edmund's Day, Saturday 20 November 2021. It will culminate on the Saint's feast day in 2022 (Sunday 20 November). The Abbey of St Edmund was one of the richest, largest and most powerful Benedictine monasteries in England and people, rich and poor, came from all over England and Europe to visit it.

As part of the Abbey 1000 celebrations the Literature Festival is running a Short Story Competition which is open to all. The competition is in three categories: for those aged 9-12; for those aged 13-17 and for those over 18. Students at St Benedicts have been invited to take part.

Stories must be less than 500 words long and linked in some way to the Abbey and its 1000-year history. Other than that, they are limited only by the author's imagination. All details and the entry form have been put on Edulink for those students who would like to enter.

The entries, which must be received by May 13th will be judged by a panel of independent judges and the winners will be announced at the Picnic In The Park event, organised by West Suffolk Council, in the Abbey Gardens on July 16. Please note entries will only be accepted by email with a completed entry form to Abbey1000shortstory@gmail.com

The winning authors in each category will receive a £50 book token and an engraved glass trophy and the two Runners Up in each category will receive a £20 book token. The winning entries will also be published in the Bury Free Press.

Mrs Oakes

May the 4th be With You

Stop by the library this week to celebrate STAR WARS DAY on May 4th!

The library will have several STAR WARS books and other media on special display!

The person (Staff or Student) who does the best CHEWBACCA impersonation will win a special prize!

Mr. Walker

Youth Parliament



On the 11th of April I met with my fellow MYP's (Members of Youth Parliament) and also DYMPs for Suffolk met for the first time in Endeavour House, Ipswich. However, it wasn't all new faces as three of the four MYPs elected this year are students here at St Benedict's. Myself, Catherine Dunn and Ailish Kemble were 3 of the four candidates elected to represent Suffolk's members of youth parliament, a two year post aimed to give all young people the voice they deserve. Over the next 2 years, we will be meeting regularly with local and national decision makers about what must change for young people. At this meeting, we began discussions on "Health and Wellbeing", the topic voted as the priority in the UK by young people. Joined by local councillors, we outlined our views and ideas, particularly on areas such as mental health support and helping young people readjust to the post-pandemic world. It was a highly productive first meeting and I cannot wait to share our future accomplishments that will no doubt help students across the school. We are all truly honoured to serve you as your MYPs and if you have any concerns or questions that you would like to be raised, feel free to have a chat with us anytime you see us and we will raise it our next meeting!

William Blewitt

Accelerated Reader Millionaire Club

These students all have read over 1 million words too! The students who are on this list should come to the library to receive a prize!

Bulacz, Helena -- 4,595,719, Jayaneth, Linduli -- 3,600,417, Wightman, George -- 2,493,739, Knight, Michael -- 2,321,607, Findley, Tegan -- 2,047,064, Dersley, Sean -- 1,718,148, Scott, Frederick -- 1,485,721, Wakes, Isabelle -- 1,326,868, Senior, Finian 1,246,869, Ferdinand, Joseph 1,146,555, Kandeegan, Keerthana 1,112,282, Moran, Phoebe 1,107,775, Moran, Phoebe 1,107,775, Maloba, Frankie 1,088,190, Dive, Natasha 1,034,439, O'Flynn, Izabel 1,026,210, Basham, Isabel 1,106,416, Maloba, Leon 1,004,805

Mr Walker