



Headteacher's Update

It is unusual for us to spend Holy Week in school, but with Easter being early this year, we are spending this time in school rather than in the holidays.

As we journey together as a school, it is an opportunity to reflect on the power of Easter in our lives and what this time of year means to us as a community. Holy week enables us to reflect on the ease with which we as human beings can be swept along with the crowd and lose sight of what matters. The crowds that celebrated Jesus' arrival on Palm Sunday and called for his death days later. Holy week allows us to step back in these moments and see the sacrifice Christ made for us and for our sins despite our many weaknesses and lack of gratitude.

Through scripture we follow the narrative from Palm Sunday, through to today (Maundy Thursday) then Good Friday and often I find myself imagining those scenes and fully understanding the frailty of those involved. The human weakness shown in self-preservation, anger, resentment and fear are entirely relatable and I am aware that in my own life it can be easy to be led by these feelings when things are difficult. Jesus gave himself for us when we were at our worst. His ultimate sacrifice gives meaning to our lives and my life to follow his teaching faithfully and promises us so much more than we deserve. I hope that we share this ambition in school through our work and ensure that that faith guides all that we do. As we look ahead through the Triduum to Easter Sunday, may we be reminded as Pope John Paul II described that "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!".

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful and happy Easter and Holy Week.

Yours in Christ, Mrs Senior

Ski Trip 2025

A letter was sent to all parents this week about the 2025 ski trip, if you would like to sign your son/daughter up to attend please do so on the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bZYC2aH8GS>

Any questions, please contact Ms M Mak: mmak@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Ms Mak

Equestrian News!

Emily Hawthorne competed at the weekend for St Benedict's Catholic School Equestrian team at the N.S.E.A Grass Roots competition at Suffolk Rural and has qualified for the Grass Roots Regional Championships!

During Emily's first round it poured with rain but this didn't deter her and she came 6th in her class. Excellent jumps in her second round, placing 4th. Well done to Emily and good luck for future events!

Mrs Wright



Year 7 Residential

The deadline for booking the Year 7 Summer Residential to Walsingham is Monday 1st April 2024. We are excited to see so many students have secured their place but still have some availability!

This is a joint pastoral and religious education trip which will provide students with the opportunity to experience a trip away from home whilst engaging with exciting activities!

Students will be within their form groups, spending a day at the Pilgrimage site and a day at Holkham Estate. The trip will include high ropes, cycling and fish and chips on the beach!

Mr Senior has written to all parents/carers explaining the payment details and options. We would like to see as many Year 7s on this trip as possible so if you have any questions, please do email JSenior@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Miss Law

Sixth Form Fundraising

Do you want to join us in making a difference? We are 7 year 12 students, Harry, Bethany, Sophie, Olivia, Clotilde, Jagoda and Rose and on the 2nd of April, we are running 10K to raise money in aid of My WiSH Charity. Their appeal, Wish Upon A Star is aimed at enhancing the care young people receive across the West Suffolk Trust, both in hospital and out in the community, and every donation will help.

We are doing this as part of a school project to make a difference for our local community and by raising money for this cause, we can help patients across West Suffolk in health and social care services.

If you would like to donate please visit our Go Fund, the link:

<https://gofund.me/adb5926f>

We would much appreciate any donations small or big would make a huge difference in fulfilling our goal.

Many thanks,

Clotilde D'Mello



Duke of Edinburgh Training

The Duke of Edinburgh training sessions moved outside this week for some practise using a compass. Each group was given a list of compass bearings which they needed to follow to find the letters to make a word and win a prize. All the groups completed the task so there is hope we won't lose them all when they get to go on their actual expedition!

Mrs Slater

