



Important Reminders FOR ALL PARENTS:

We welcome all our new families to school this week – not only Reception but in other classes too. We hope you will be really happy at St Benedict's and that your child has settled in well. If you need any help, please speak to class staff in the first instance.

Until Christmas, I (Mrs McGuire) will be helping another school (Christ the King in Macclesfield) for a couple of days a week. It won't make any difference to St Benedict's other than that I might not be on the gate as much – I will still be contactable via email every day and staff can get hold of me if they need me. Mrs McBride (Deputy Head) does not have a class to teach this term so she will have more time to support me in school.

A number of reading books have not been returned to school. Each book costs us £5 and we spent £4000 last year to ensure the children had high quality books to read. We cannot afford to keep replacing them. If a book is not returned, we will ask parents to replace the book at a cost of £5. We suggest that as soon as you have finished the practice read with your child, that you put the book and the reading record in their school bag so that you know where the book is and so they can be read with ny school staff each day.

Year 6 – parents have until the 31st of October to apply for secondary school places. You should do this via the Cheshire East admissions page: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

If you live in a different authority, you will need to apply via their website (even if you want a Cheshire East School)

- Please ensure you name 3 schools in order of preference. If you choose one you may end up with a school in Crewe (it happens every year!)
- If you have applied for a grammar school, you should still choose 3 mainstream schools
- If you live in Cheshire East but want to apply for a mainstream school outside of Cheshire East (EG St James in Stockport), you still need to use Cheshire East website but change the criteria to search for schools in different authorities
- If your child is baptised, please ensure you look at the admissions policy for the school to which you are applying and send the certificate to the correct place – it will impact your chance of admission to the school if you do not send it

All Hallows have an open evening on Monday 11th September from 7pm-9.30pm and open mornings on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th morning from 9.30am. You do not need to book a place.

Term-time holidays are not permitted and a fine will be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more. School is held to account for its attendance levels by the local authority and Ofsted and there is a focus on attendance next term so please do not book holidays during term-time.

If your child is in year 3 or above, they may bring **old shoes/trainers** to school in a bag to keep on their peg so that they can play on the field when it is a little bit wetter.

Events and **important dates** will be shared on the website over the next week or so.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. However, some families are also entitled to Free School Meals through the benefits system. **If your child is eligible, you will receive vouchers for the school holidays and you will only have to pay half for the residential and school trips. Please check if you are eligible here:** <https://synergyweb.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Website/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

A big 'thank you' to The Good Estate Agent for sponsoring the new football kit. It looks brilliant!



Junior parkrun is a free, community event where children aged 4-14 can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate with their families and friends.

The course is 2k long and is held every Sunday morning at 9am with a really fun warm up beforehand, starting near the children's play area at The Carrs Park in Wilmslow. junior parkrun is positive, welcoming, and inclusive, there is no time limit, and no one finishes last.

Our wonderful event is wholly managed by volunteers giving those that participate the opportunity to engage in an activity that supports their health and fitness. Though the name parkrun suggests all participants have to run this is not the case - children who attend can run if they want but also jog, walk, skip, jump or even hop the 2k through the park!

We currently have over 100 juniors who attend our event every week, and we would particularly love to encourage children who may struggle or find fitness activities not as enjoyable as others to come and join us.

Every time a junior completes a junior parkrun it counts towards special junior parkrun milestone clubs, starting with a half-marathon, which are marked with a milestone wristband.

There are also opportunities for juniors and their responsible adults to volunteer at our event which is great fun! Have a look at how happy volunteering can help improve your happiness here - [Volunteering at parkrun makes you happy!](#)

We would love your school to visit us at Wilmslow junior parkrun, and the team are more than happy to come to your school and talk about parkrun in one of your assemblies.

More information can we found on our website here - [Wilmslow junior parkrun](#) and on the main parkrun website here - [parkrun](#)

Reception

The Reception Team are really pleased with the way the children have settled and are quickly falling into a routine. They are beginning to learn names and make new friends. We normally change our reading books on a Monday and a Wednesday. We change the library books (for you to read to the children), on a Monday. Other homework we set is practising the letter and number formation on the sheets we sent home before the Summer in the pack you were given. Please work on this over the next few weeks.

Housekeeping notices: Named PE kits should be in school for the half term. Several children in school, including some Reception children, are allergic to nuts. **Please do not send any nuts products, including Nutella into school.** We will have to remove items to containing nuts. School has a healthy eating policy so we offer fruit or vegetables as a snack and we ask the children to bring water to drink and not juice. If you send lunch please cut grapes in half or quarters as they are a choking hazard.

Year 1

The children have adjusted really well to the new setting and it has been good to see such high attendance already. Phonics homework will be sent home in book bags – we will assess the words each Friday. PE is Monday and Thursday so please ensure a full kit including trainers is in school. Collins ebooks have been assigned. Please tick or sign the book to show when your child has read at home. Book change day is Monday. Children will need a good rest this weekend because the move to Year 1 is hard!

Year 2

Well done on a wonderful start to the year. Homework sheet to be completed by Wednesday please. Reading books will be changed on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure reading records are in school every day. PE is Monday and Thursday. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit including trainers.

Year 3

We are really impressed with how quickly the children have settled into Year 3. Homework: Maths 12&14, English 86&87 – homework should be in by Wednesday morning. Please ensure reading records are in school every day. Please can children bring a photo of them and their families on Monday. Please give consent and pay for the school trip to Tatton Park on School Gateway app – trip is on the 5th October.

Year 4 A wonderful start to the year from everyone! PE is on Tuesday and Friday – please ensure you have a full kit including trainers in school. Homework: English pages 4&5 Maths pages 4 & 5. Please hand homework in before Friday. Spellings on spelling shed.

If you have any old instruction manuals lying around, please send them into school next week. Put your name on and you will get them back. Instructions about building furniture or build an appliance would be ideal. Ones with numbered steps would be fantastic!

Year 5 Well done on a wonderful first week. PE days are Wednesday and Friday please ensure you have a full kit including trainers in school. Homework: Maths pages 12& 13 and English pages 42& 43 to be completed and returned to school by Friday. Please send your child with a water bottle.

Year 6

Year 6 have made an excellent start and are setting a good example for the younger children to follow.

Homework: English pages 100&101

Maths pages 12-13

Spelling shed

Please choose 3 high schools and make your application on the Cheshire East website before 31st October (see above)

Orchard Fabulous first week! Well done everyone.

Complete maths worksheets before Wednesday.

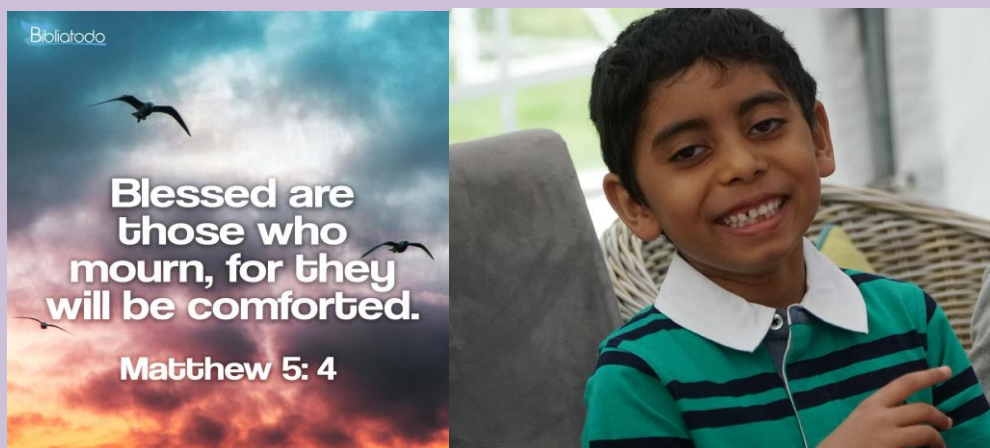
Catholic life

Click [here](#) for the parish newsletter.

Please click [here](#) for the Wednesday word edition

In our prayers we keep the Kalladanthiyil family. As most of our families will know, John-Paul, aged 9, passed away during the summer holidays following a long-term illness. John-Paul was a much loved member of our school community who was full of fun and mischief and we know his friends will miss him greatly. Although we mourn his loss, we are comforted to know that he will now be with his sister Isabel who died in 2020. His Dad and Mum - Shaji and Prinny- and his brothers, Reuben, Ryan and Reon will be strengthened by your prayers.

Many of you have asked if we have arranged a collection for the family – we have set up a Just Giving page if you would like to contribute <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/john-paul-kalladanthiyil?fss=1> All the money will be given to the family. We are planning a memorial for John Paul which we will share in time.



St Benedict's Church : on the first, second and fourth Sunday of each month there is a children's liturgy at St Benedict's and all children are welcome. On the first and third Sunday of each month, there is a coffee morning for all parishoners.

Local churches:

St Benedict's Handforth:

Tuesday to Friday 930am Sunday 10am and 530pm

Website: <https://stbenedictshandforth.wixsite.com/mysite>

St Teresa's Wilmslow:

Mass times: Monday to Friday at 10.00 am, Saturdays at 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass), Sundays at 9.00 am & 10.30 am

Website: <http://www.stteresawilmslow.org/mass-times>

St Pius X Alderley:

Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 8.30 and 10am

Website: <https://stpiusalderley.com/>

If you have concerns about a child who attends our school and would like to raise a **safeguarding concern** – you can email headteacher@stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk . If you have concerns about a child who does not attend our school you will find information here: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/are-you-concerned-about-a-child/cheshire-east-consultation-service-cheecs/cheecs.aspx> or can call Cheshire East Safeguarding team on **0300 123 5012**

There is information on our website about help for a range of issues including domestic abuse. Please ask if you need some confidential advice.

Attendance: Holidays in term-time of **5 days or more**, will be referred for a fixed penalty notice from the Local Authority. If parents do not call or email school to explain why their child is absent, it will be recorded as unauthorised. 5 unauthorised days will also be referred for a fixed penalty notice. In addition, staff will have to make a house call to ensure the well-being of the pupil. Please call or email to inform us. You can see the full policy here: https://www.stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/10554763%20

[Please contact the school office if your child is absent. I do not always see my emails in time.](#)

If you, your child, or another family member needs urgent mental health care, you can contact the Crisis helpline

Please call 0800 145 6485 and the dedicated local staff will support you to access the help you need. The phone line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is open to people of all ages – including children and young people.

Other notices:

If you are a victim of domestic abuse you can find support [here](#)