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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Erin S and Erin M	Chloe
Finch	Alby and Bridget	Raisa
Haydock	David M and Hannah	Evie
Mary	Petra and Jake	Lacey
Marsden	Henry and Charlotte	Freddie
Rigby	Ethan and Finley	Nellie
Roe	Ochelle and Hannah-Leigh	Leo G
Southworth	Emily and William	Harry
Ward	Mia and Benedict	Summer
Woodcock	Jayden and Armani	Liam



The Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – Following on from the extremely sad news last week regarding the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the State Funeral will be on Monday 19th September and school will be closed on this day. During this week we have had reflection time in classes as a mark of respect for the Queen and our thoughts have been with the royal family and in particular HM King Charles III.



Children have been writing and drawing pictures in our Book of Condolence. They have been reflecting on their memories of the Queen and also writing prayers and words of thanks for the truly remarkable service she gave to her people in the 70 years of her reign.

‘Meet the Teacher’ – On Wednesday 21st September we are having a ‘Meet the Teacher’ event after school, from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Access is through the main school entrance and pupils can show parents/carers around the classroom and have a chance for an informal chat with the class teacher. Please remember this is not a parents’ evening meeting and neither will it be a chance to look at pupils’ books. Please see the letter sent home via the school app for more information.

We ask parents/carers with children in Years 4 – 6, to expect to stay with us for a little longer... perhaps until 5:00pm, but we will provide drinks and biscuits to sweeten the deal!

Harvest Celebration - On Sunday September 18th at 9:30am in church, we will be holding our First Children's Sunday Mass of this school year. This will also be a special Harvest Celebration and we hope that many of our families will be able to take part.

Children are asked to bring a small contribution of food which they will take up in the offertory procession. Tins and packets are more useful than fresh produce and the gifts will be passed on to the Food Bank to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sacramental Programme – Children in Year 3 will be receiving information about enrolling on the Sacramental Programme, so that they can continue their faith journey and prepare to make their sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and First Holy Communion during this academic year. Children in Years 4-6 who would like to make their sacraments should contact either the school office, the church office between 2:00 -5:00pm week days or Mrs Livesey 01772 336049, as soon as possible.

Morning Drop-off – We have noticed that a number of children are arriving in school before 8.40am. Please remember that the school gates are only open at 8.40am except for children attending the before school club. If your child needs to be dropped at school before 8.40am then please book them into the before school club.

Brownedge Christian’s Together Food Bank – At this time of year we think about the work of CAFOD and we celebrate Harvest. With this in mind, we ask that each family bring a food item into school each week. They would very much appreciate tins of fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and rice pudding which are the basic food items on their shopping list every week.

The food is collected by volunteers belonging to Brownedge St Mary’s Church, who help to run Brownedge Christian’s Together Food Bank. The food bank helps to feed over 70 families in the area, every week. If you, or you know of anyone, who is in need of this service, please turn up at the food bank (located at the side of church, in the priory) Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10:00 – 11:00am, with proof of who you are and they will be more than happy to help you.

Pre-loved Uniform – We have lots of good quality uniform which has been donated to school. Please contact school if you are interested in taking some.

Dinner Money - School dinners this year will cost £2.40 a day. Please remember that if your child has moved to Year 3, you will need to pay for their school dinners, unless they are entitled to free school meals.

Brownedge St Mary’s Catholic High School Open Evening – This will be on Wednesday 21st September 5:30 – 8:00pm. Parents/carers will be able to book their tickets for the evening via their school website.