



Children will understand that:

- Jesus loves and values everyone, especially children.
- Jesus calls us to have child-like faith, which means loving and trusting in God.
- Trusting in God helps us feel at peace and make loving decisions.

September and October are the times of Harvest. Yet as the evenings draw in, and the weather becomes cooler, many of us still haven't altered our food shop accordingly. Yes, strawberries and blueberries are always tasty but as we move into the autumn and winter months these foods have to be sourced from other countries meaning that they come with a carbon footprint. There is so much delicious, home-grown, seasonal produce to choose from instead. Shop for grapes, pears, plums, figs, peaches, leeks, butternut squash and pumpkin knowing that you are supporting UK farming and being kind to the planet.

### Challenge: Caring for Creation

Can you make a delicious meal together using sustainably sourced food?

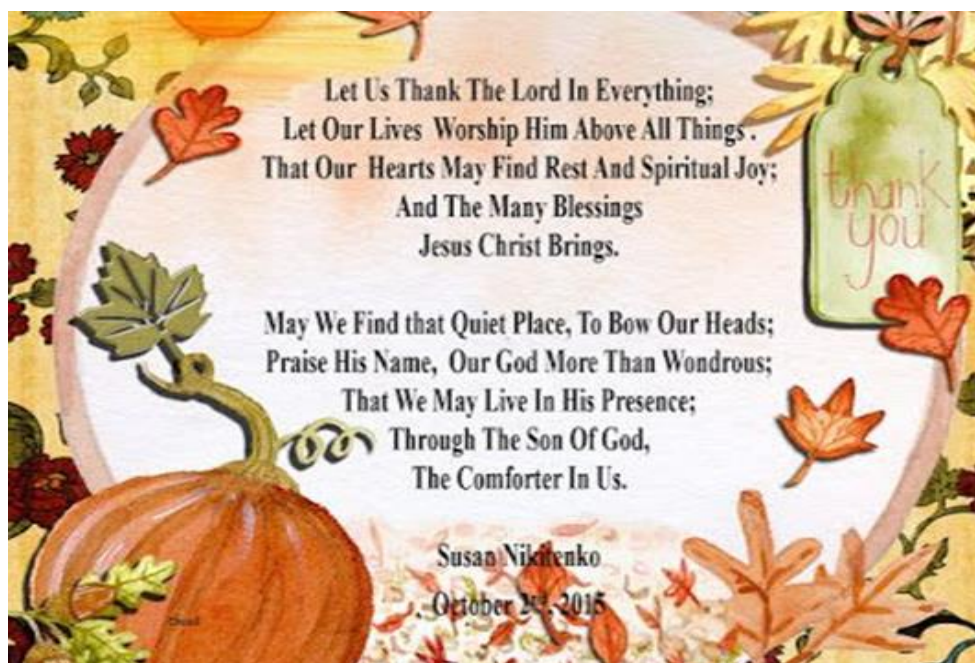
Why not take a photo and send it in with your child to their class teacher to encourage others to play their part too?

We have our Harvest Assemblies next week, where we give thanks to God for all we have received and are grateful for. In our care for others we are collecting for the Foodbank and will ensure all we collect as schools is delivered to them.

I look forward to seeing our Harvest Tables filling up!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barlow



## Good News!

Miss Bicker (St Edmund's) has had her baby! A little boy named George born on 3rd October. We are all so pleased for her and wish them all well at this special time.

## Attendance Matters

This week's target is 96%. So well done to all year groups who have achieved this or better. Reception class in both schools are smashing it this week again! This really is putting them in an excellent position to make the expected progress for their age group.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	100%	100%
1	96%	100%
2	87%	98%
3	97%	99%
4	96%	95%
5	84%	91%
6	90%	97%



### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



### 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

## Asthma Friendly Award

As part of our commitment to being Asthma friendly schools, we have undertaken training in both Asthma and Anaphylaxis as whole staff. The main point that came out of this was we will not be able to administer inhalers for children with asthma unless they come in with a care plan. You have been sent a copy of what this looks like, and we suggest that as part of your child's annual review you ask their nurse to complete this with you. We hope you can do this as soon as possible.

For now, you can complete the care plan yourself and return it to us but strongly advise you to seek medical advice on this.

For those children with an inhaler for other reasons than asthma this will not be necessary.



### Forest School dates

17<sup>th</sup> October - Reception and year 1

24<sup>th</sup> October - Reception and year 1

**\*Forest School will return in January\***

### Other upcoming dates

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2.30pm – stay and pray session Beech class

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 9.30am – 10am – Harvest assembly

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – whole school photographs

*If your child has PE on this day, please send to school in full school uniform with a change of clothes for PE*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm – 6pm – parents evenings

Half term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – 12noon - open morning for prospective parents – if you know anyone with a child starting school in September 2025, please do encourage them to come have a look at our lovely school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Crucial Crew trip year 6  
*A national programme teaching Year 6 pupils about road and cycle safety, hand washing hygiene, fire safety, crime reduction and unknown substance awareness.*

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm – Big Speech assembly

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# Heart of Gold



This week in Beech class the Heart of Gold goes to George for the value of Temperance. George has maturely and independently made good choices in completing his work and feeling proud of this achievement. Well done George.



This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold award for Temperance goes to Tyler.

This is because he has been working hard to manage his emotions especially when editing his work. Previously he would have found this to be very challenging and see it as though he had done something wrong if he was making improvements to his work but he has worked very hard to overcome this. If he is worried about something, he will now try to make someone aware of this and seek help. Well done Tyler!

Oak class Heart of Gold this week goes to Scarlett for her understanding of our value of temperance.

This week in class assembly, we all discussed the meaning of temperance and equality. Scarlett has a clear understanding of how important self control is and the need to practise these values both in our school and through our CAFOD charity work. She also understands that the temptation to become distracted can happen easily. She has worked really hard to stay on task and be supportive of her peers this week. Scarlett, you are growing in maturity and learning the importance of resisting temptation in tricky situations. You can see the bigger picture, of a world where temperance makes a huge difference to our life outcomes. We are so proud of you, well done!

