



St. Benedict's Primary School

12.09.25



We are enjoying our rights and fulfilling our dreams.

Ambition, Resilience, Respect

Next Week

	Events	After-School Clubs
Monday 15th Sept		Year 4 Football
Tuesday 16th Sept		Year 4 Multisports
Wednesday 17th Sept	Y5 Swimming Parents Welcome Meeting 08:50am	
Thursday 18th Sept	Parents Presentation – Behaviour 08:50am	Year 4 Hockey
Friday 19th Sept		

Parent Partners

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Welcome Meetings on Wednesday. Your support in school is so powerful, and we can really see the impact that this is having on our children.

If you did not attend one of the meetings this week, you will receive a letter to invite you to one on Wednesday 17th September instead. It is essential that you attend this.

Behaviour Presentation – come and find out on Thursday 18th September, how we support and build up positive behaviour in school. We are very proud of our Rights Respecting, relationship-based approach.



Science

Scientist of the month: Marie Curie



Question of the week: How are habitats affected by climate change?

Autumn term whole school science project to do at home:

Challenge: Earth rescue! Create or design a product or system that helps reduce global warming. Deadline 17th October.

Attendance

A Fantastic Start to the School Year!

We're delighted to see such a strong start to the academic year, with excellent attendance across the school. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn—long may it continue!



As we settle into the term, it's a good time to remind everyone of the legal responsibilities around school attendance.

Please be aware that we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Taking a holiday during term time may result in a **fixed penalty notice** and **legal action** being taken.

In Birmingham, you may be fined if your child has **10 or more unauthorised absences (equivalent to 5 school days)** within a rolling 10-week period.

Penalty Notice Amounts (per child, per parent):

- **First Offence:** £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid between days 22 and 28.
- **Second Offence:** A flat rate of £160 within 28 days. The reduced payment option is not available for repeat offenders.
- **Third Offence:** The local authority cannot issue further penalty notices. Instead, the case is referred to court for potential prosecution.

Remember! Fines are per parents, per child, so a family with two parents and two children could face four separate fines for one period of unauthorised absence. The money raised from fines does not come into school but goes into the local authority budget.

Let's keep up the great momentum and work together to ensure every child gets the best possible start this year!