



Message from Miss Lenton

What a wonderful start to the new half term and school year! I am incredibly happy and proud to be the Headteacher of St Brendan's and have really enjoyed getting to know our wonderful children, staff and families. Thank you for the kindness and warm welcome you have shown me this week.

My aim is for us to work together as one St Brendan's community, ensuring we do the very best for every child, while supporting and working in partnership with our families.

Each week, I will share The St Brendan's Beacon with key messages, reminders and celebrations from school. We will also have a newsletter twice each term, sharing more of school life and celebrating the wonderful things our children have been doing. This week's Beacon is a little different, combining our newsletter with our weekly messages and giving me the opportunity to introduce myself. I am really looking forward to all that we will achieve together.

Miss Lenton



This week's Gospel, Matthew 18:15–20, teaches us about forgiveness, making peace and putting things right when relationships become difficult. Jesus reminds us to talk, listen and seek reconciliation rather than holding on to anger or grudges. He also promises that when we gather together in his name, he is with us.

Our mission this week is to follow Jesus' example by being peacemakers. If we fall out with someone, we will try our best to make peace quickly, showing kindness, listening to one another and being ready to forgive.



At the start of this term, we launched St Brendan's Way and introduced our reshaped behaviour policy. At the heart of this approach is a simple belief: children thrive when expectations are clear, consistent and understood by everyone.

Across school, we have agreed four expectations which guide how we learn, play and treat one another:

Be Safe • Be Ready • Be Kind • Be Respectful

These expectations are shared across classrooms and all areas of school, including break and lunchtime. Our aim is to help children understand not only what we expect, but why these behaviours matter.

An important part of St Brendan's Way is restorative practice. When things go wrong, we support children to reflect on what has happened, understand how their actions have affected others and consider how they can put things right. This helps children learn from mistakes, repair relationships and make positive choices moving forward.

By having agreed expectations and a consistent approach across school, we want every child to feel safe, valued and ready to learn. Please do take some time to read our Behaviour Policy, which explains St Brendan's Way and our approach in more detail. Working together as staff, children and families will help us ensure our expectations are understood and supported by our whole school community.



- Mrs Ngwerume's Class Swimming every Friday
- School dinner's booked every week by Wednesday for following week
- Book Fair from 24th September to 30th September



Certificates awarded w/c 31st August celebrated children who demonstrated our St Brendan's Way focus, Be Kind, as well as our Superstar Learners who have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning.

St Brendan's Way- Be Kind

Class- Year 6- Finlay
Class- Year 5- Matilda
Class-Year 5 and 6- Maddison
Class- Year 4- Alisa
Class- Year 3- Shai
Class- Year 3 and 4- John
Class- Year 2- Emmanuel
Class- Year 1 and 2- Finn
Class- Year 1- Tabea

Superstar Learner

Class- Year 6- Ewurama
Class- Year 5- Matilda
Class-Year 5 and 6 -Willow
Class- Year 3- Avril
Class- Year 4- Angeline
Class- Year 3 and 4- Dora
Class- Year 2- Harriette
Class- Year 1 and 2- Finn
Class- Year 1- Avery



As part of St Brendan's Way, our Behaviour Policy has a strong focus on noticing, recognising and celebrating positive behaviour. We want children to know when they are getting things right and to understand the positive choices that help everyone to learn, feel safe and enjoy school.

Each week, we have a whole-school Recognition Board focus in every classroom. The aim is for every child to be recognised and have their name added to the board when they are noticed demonstrating the focus. This week, our classroom focus is 'On Task' – recognising children who are focused, engaged and making the most of their learning time.

At break and lunchtime, we also have a shared behaviour focus. This week it is 'Be Kind'. Adults will be looking out for children demonstrating kindness to others, and when a child is noticed, they will receive a blue wristband to proudly show that their positive behaviour has been recognised.

Through regularly noticing and celebrating these behaviours, we hope to make the expectations of St Brendan's Way – Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Kind and Be Respectful – part of everyday life at our school.



Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is at the heart of everything we do at St Brendan's. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Miss Lenton
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL): Mrs Barron-Edgley

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team, contact the school office, or email safeguarding@cbr.olicat.uk. All concerns will be taken seriously and handled appropriately.

Drop off and Pick Up

A quick reminder that the school day finishes at 3:20pm. Children who have not been collected by 3:35pm will be taken to After School Club, where a charge will apply. Morning drop-off is from 8:40am. Children need to be through the school gates by 8:50am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late, which can affect their overall attendance. Thank you for helping us ensure children arrive and are collected on time.

Your Feedback

We really value the views of our parents and carers and would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short parent survey. Your feedback will help us understand what you value about St Brendan's, what we are doing well and where we can continue to grow and improve.

By working together, we can ensure we continue to do the very best for every child and family in our St Brendan's community. Thank you for your continued support. It would be really helpful if this could be completed by Wednesday 16th September.

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