



This week's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16, reminds us that God's generosity is greater than we can imagine. Jesus teaches us that God's love is freely given to everyone, and that instead of comparing what we have with others, we should be thankful for the gifts and blessings we receive. Our mission this week is to celebrate the good things that happen to others. When someone else is praised, chosen or receives something good, we will try not to feel jealous or compare ourselves. Instead, we will choose gratitude, celebrate with them and remember that God's love and generosity are for everyone.



At St Brendan's, our four expectations – Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Kind and Be Respectful – help children understand how we learn, play and treat one another across school.

Towards the end of the week our Recognition Board focus changed from Be Respectful to Learning Bodies. This is one of our four classroom consistencies. Our focus this week is On Task and Learning Bodies.

At break and lunchtime, children can also be recognised for living out St Brendan's Way. Blue wristbands will celebrate kindness, Green wristbands will celebrate respect.

By noticing and celebrating these positive choices throughout the school day, we are helping children understand what kindness and respect look like in practice and encouraging everyone to make St Brendan's a safe, happy and respectful place.



Certificates awarded w/c 14th September celebrated children who demonstrated our St Brendan's Way focus, Be Kind, alongside our Superstar Learners, who have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We also celebrated children who demonstrated our virtue of the week, Love of Learning.

St Brendan's Way- Be Kind

Class- Year 6- TJ
Class- Year 5- Oskar
Class-Year 5 and 6- Esme H
Class- Year 4- Filip
Class- Year 3- Mia L
Class- Year 3 and 4- Connie
Class- Year 2- Esme B-E
Class- Year 1 and 2- Kaitlyn
Class- Year 1- Kleya

Virtue- Love of Learning

Class- Year 6- Wyatt
Class- Year 5- Archer
Class-Year 5 and 6- Grace McG
Class- Year 4- Beau
Class- Year 3- Ellie
Class- Year 3 and 4- Maria
Class- Year 2- Emmi S
Class- Year 1 and 2- Lennox
Class- Year 1- Antoni

Superstar Learner

Class- Year 6- Tolu
Class- Year 5- Anisia
Class-Year 5 and 6- Michaela
Class- Year 4- Tilly
Class- Year 3- Courtney
Class- Year 3 and 4- Dragos
Class- Year 2- Alan
Class- Year 1 and 2- Gloria P
Class- Year 1- Ivliana



- Mrs Ngwerume's Class Swimming every Friday
- School dinner's booked every week by Wednesday for following week
- Book Fair from 24th September to 29th September- 3:30pm to 3:50pm in the hall
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Your Feedback

The views of our parents and carers really matter, and we genuinely want to understand how you feel about St Brendan's and your family's experience of our school.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short parent survey. Your honest feedback is incredibly valuable. It helps us understand what you value most about St Brendan's, what you feel we are doing well, and, just as importantly, where you feel we could do things differently or continue to improve.

We want St Brendan's to be the very best it can be for every child and every family, and listening carefully to our parents and carers is an important part of that. Your views really do help us reflect, learn and shape the way we move forward as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. I really do value your feedback and hope as many parents and carers as possible will take the opportunity to have their say.

It would be greatly appreciated if the survey could be completed by Wednesday 23rd September.

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Break-Time Snack Reminder

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 receive one free piece of fruit or vegetable each day through the National School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

Children in Key Stage 2 may bring fruit to eat at break time. This can be fresh or dried fruit, but it must not be tinned or sweetened.

Please remember that children should not take any other items from their packed lunch to eat at break time.

Thank you for helping us promote healthy choices across the school.

Worship Focus: Kindness and Understanding Bullying

During worship this week, we have been talking about kindness, bullying behaviours and the different roles people may take when bullying happens. We explained that bullying is deliberate, hurtful behaviour that happens repeatedly and may involve an imbalance of power. A one-off unkind incident showing these behaviours is unacceptable and will also be taken seriously. These are bullying behaviours and does not follow this.

Bullying behaviours can include:

Physical – hitting, kicking, pushing, biting, damaging belongings or taking things from someone.

Verbal – name-calling, threats, repeated teasing or making cruel comments about someone or their family.

Social – deliberately excluding someone, spreading rumours, encouraging others to be unkind or trying to turn friends against someone.

Intimidating behaviour – using looks, gestures, actions or threats to frighten or control someone.

Online – sending or sharing hurtful messages, images, posts or comments through games, apps or group chats.

Prejudicial behaviour – targeting someone because of their identity, background, beliefs, appearance, disability or another personal characteristic.

Encouraging behaviour – laughing, watching, joining in, sharing harmful content or helping the behaviour to continue.

The children also learned about the roles involved in bullying and bullying behaviour: target, ringleader, assistant, reinforcer, outsider or bystander, and defender. We reminded everyone that the role they choose matters. Pupils should not join in, laugh, share harmful content or remain silent. They should support the person being targeted and seek help from a trusted adult.

Bullying behaviours will be dealt with

Bullying behaviours are not accepted at St Brendan's. When concerns are reported, adults will listen carefully, investigate what has happened and take appropriate action in line with the school's behaviour and anti-bullying procedures. We will support the child who has experienced the behaviour and work with everyone involved to prevent it from happening again. Parents and carers will be involved when appropriate.

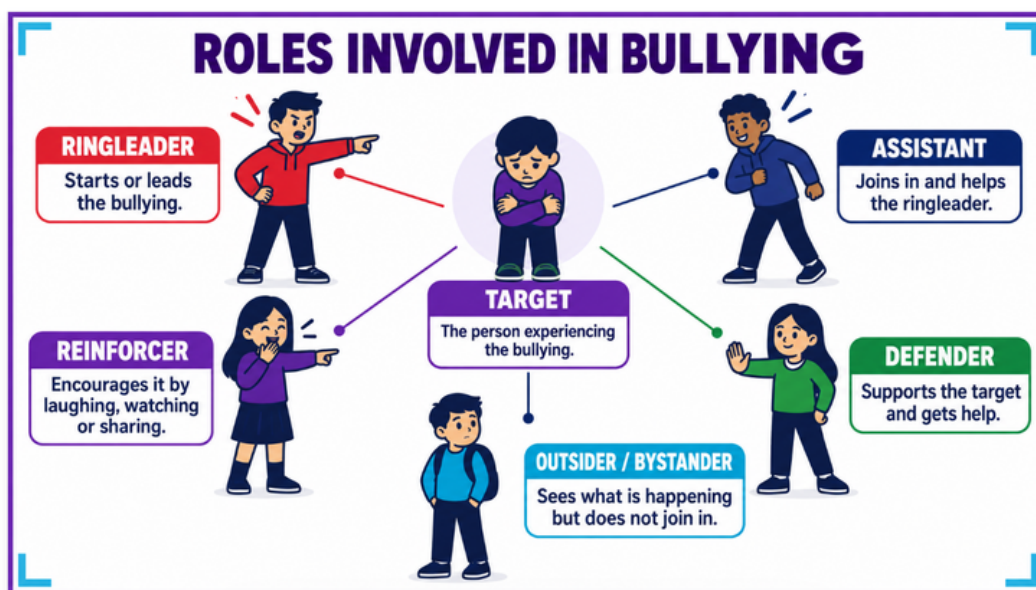
Children have been reminded to tell a trusted adult and to keep telling until someone helps. Reporting bullying is not "telling tales"; it is the safe and responsible thing to do.

This work links closely to the St Brendan's Way:

Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Ready. Be Respectful.

By sharing clear expectations across the school, we can help every child feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

You may wish to ask your child: "What should you do if you experience or witness bullying behaviour?"



The European Day of Languages is celebrated each year on 26 September. This year, it falls on Saturday 26 September 2026, so children will take part in activities at school during the week leading up to it.

This special event is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore different languages and learn more about the countries, cultures and traditions of people across Europe. Each year, we select different places for the children to discover and understand.

This year, each phase will focus on:

- EYFS: United Kingdom
- KS1: Romania
- Lower KS2: Portugal
- Upper KS2: Wales
- Hive: United Kingdom

During their activities, children will have opportunities to hear and use different languages, explore cultural traditions and develop their understanding of the wider world.

If you would like to continue the celebrations at home, you can find activities and resources using the link below: