



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 15th December 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!



St. Ben's School Christian Values: *Community, Resilience and Kindness*

YEAR 3 'BETHLEHEM BAKE-OFF' NATIVITY LIGHTS UP CHURCH

On Tuesday this week, Year 3 produced two incredible performances of their nativity, 'Bethlehem Bake-Off'. The children were superb, singing like angels and delivering their lines with clarity and expression. Mrs Anderson and Miss Mills were really proud of every child and expressed their thanks to the whole Year 3 team (Ms Grenter, Miss Chouings and Miss Godden) for all their hard work towards these brilliant performances. Well done, Year 3!!



🎄 ST. BEN'S TREE STARS 🎄 AT ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL

There are over forty Christmas Trees on display at the St. John's Church festival.

One of the stars is our very own tree, decorated by Mrs Tidball and pupils from all year groups of St. Benedict's. Well done to every pupil who made a decoration – they are beautiful! Here is our tree, framed by Mrs Tidball and Rev Kieron.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

HUGE thanks to the Glastonbury Festival team who once again donated money so that every child and staff member could enjoy a Christmas lunch together. It was delicious!!



YEAR 6 ATTEND HOLY THORN CEREMONY

On Wednesday 13th December, Year 6 attended the Cutting of the Holy Thorn ceremony at St.

John's Church. This traditional event is an important part of Glastonbury's festive season, with the cutting of this special tree ending up on the King's table – look out for it when he makes his speech on Christmas Day! Year 6 also got to look around the Christmas Tree Festival at the church, including the outstanding trees by the Mini-Police and St. Benedict's School.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Mya: for her fantastic performance in Glee during the Carol Service!	Cat Class: for their fantastic performance of "Bethlehem Bake-Off"!
Unicorns:	Kobi: for working hard to have a more positive attitude.	Unicorn Class: for great team work and an awesome Nativity performance.
Chameleons:	Reggie: for brilliant focus across the curriculum.	Austin: for a real improvement in his writing.
Owls:	Luna-Lily: for Real team Bee working hard in all subjects and for helping her friends.	Jack C: being such a cheerful member of our class and always working hard.
Spiders:	Owen: for always being positive and considerate towards others.	Jacob R: for excellent maths work during our fraction's unit.
Tortoises:	Echo: for always being positive, hard-working and cheerful.	Skye: for beautiful similes in her descriptive writing.
Leopards:	Stacey: a well-written argument on should we allow mobile phones at school!	Finley: for really trying with his handwriting.
Peacocks:	Brandon: for excellent effort and concentration in class.	Lucas: for being an excellent member of the Peacock class.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 26.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Tortoises!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Cat Class with 99.1%! Well done, Cats, you get a well-deserved extra break.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week's Champions were Spider Class – 73% of Spiders read 4x or more this week! Don't forget to keep reading over the Christmas Holidays – our first Book Battle totals will be taken on Wednesday 3rd January! Thanks to all parents and carers who have encouraged and motivated their child to read more – it's really paying off!	
<u>Swimming awards:</u>	The following Year 5 pupils have achieved their 25m swimming awards this term – well done! Mason B, Solomiia, Jacob R, Oliver, Manu, Hartley, Noah, Xahli, Jacob P, Jamie, Dexter, Eve, Eloise, Oriella, Annabelle, Megan MJ, Isabelle, Olivia, Jasmine, Owen, Jasper, Nellie, Cattleya, Sasha, Sophia, Paige, Megan H, Theo, Orrin, Reuben, Nathan, Mason Tr.	
<u>100% Attendance</u>	The following superstars have 100% attendance for this term: well done all of you; this is an incredible achievement! Felix, Barnaby, Rupert, Amelia-Rose, Lily, Mia, Emilia, Evie, Paisley, Reuben, Sage, Eloise, Lauralie, Amelia, Kara (Yr3), Elijah, Krish, Aliya, Oliver, Aiden, Derek, Charlie L, Mori, Hamish (Yr4), Oriella, Manu, Megan H, Megan M, Paige, Eloise, Kyle, Xahli, Jasmine, Hartley, Jessica, Flora, Nellie, Jake, Cattleya, Jamie. Akishar (Yr5), Ruby, Nova, Brandon, Elijah, Lucas, Eaden, Raphael, Harriet, Thea, Monika, Katie (Yr6)	
<u>Other awards:</u>	<p>Values awards: Olivia (Yr5): for alerting an adult when another child needed help. Oliver (Yr5): for being kind friend and a resilient worker.</p> <p>Target Master Reading awards: Aliza, Reuben, Louie, Elodie, Reggie G, Olivia, Monty, Bowie, Leilani and Evie (Yr3) Tallula, Taran and Reggie T (Yr4), Corey, Monika, Thea and Felicity (Yr6).</p> <p>Bronze learning awards: Bronze: Felix, Libby, Monty, Aliza and Eloise (Yr3), Cattleya, Mason B, Sophia, Paige, Oliver, Amelia, Lilah, Skye, Daisy, and Megan M (Yr5), Monika, Ruby, Holly, Harry Florence and Felicity (Yr6)</p> <p>Busy Bee of the Week: Stacey (Yr6): for lovely manners in Beehive. Rosalee (Yr6): for lovely manners in Beehive. Star Awards: Finley, Felicity and Max (Yr6)</p>	

THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS!

Wednesday's Christmas Carol Concert was a true flavour of Christmas. Huge thanks to Mrs Coton for organising the service and to Ms Greuter for her Glee Club efforts. The children were magnificent and a packed St. Ben's Church thoroughly enjoyed the concert.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
2 nd January '24	Return to school after Christmas Holidays.
w/b 15 th January 2024	Spring Term clubs begin. A Clubs' letter will go out at the beginning of next term.



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Don't Be Alone This Christmas Day!

Come and join our Glastonbury Community Christmas lunch on Christmas Day! 🍽️

25th December 2023 from 1pm to 3.30pm at the Glastonbury Town Hall, Magdalene Street, BA6 9EL.

Provided by Glastonbury Town Council and our many wonderful 🧑🏻 volunteers that have organised this lunch and will be helping on the day.

If transport 🚗 is required (5 mile radius maximum) please contact the Town Council Reception Office Monday- Friday 10 - 4pm on:-

Telephone 01458 831769 or email office@glastonbury.gov.uk before 4pm, 22nd December 2023 (offices are closed for the Christmas holidays from 23rd December 2023) 🎄 🍷

This is a free lunch but if you can afford to make a donation this will be much appreciated.

All money received will be put towards Christmas Lunch 2024.

No bookings are required just turn up! 😊 😊

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to out of school. This week, we feature Year 3 Carmen, who has been performing at Strode Theatre with her dance school, 'The South West School of Dance'. She was joined by fellow St. Ben's pupils, Kara W, Lily and Mason Titley. Do you have a skill or hobby you would like us to showcase? Would you like us to feature you in the newsletter? Simply Dojo Mr Ranger to let him know.

