



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 9th February 2024

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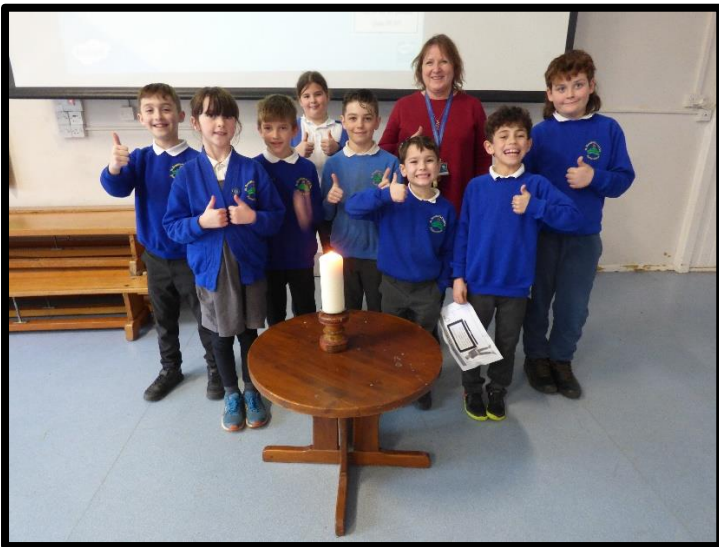
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**St. Ben's School Christian Values: *Community, Resilience and Kindness***

## Online Safety

This week's BIG question focused on Online Safety and Ms Bradshaw and her intrepid team of Digital Leaders were on hand to deliver a clear message about the importance of staying safe online. Please remember to report any concerns you have and don't forget to be kind to others online.



## Have a great half term...

We return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you have a restful week.

## Netballers off to perfect start

On Tuesday afternoon, the netball team got off to a perfect start with wins over West Pennard (4 – 0: 3 goals from Sharp, 1 from Gregory), 5 – 4 vs Ashcott (2 from Sharp, 2 from Zharuk and 1 from Casey-Sharp) and 11 – 0 over Brookside (10 from Sharp and 1 from Gregory). Coach Miss Dyer was delighted with the team's outstanding performance. There will be another afternoon of matches after half term. Thank you to netball coaches Miss Murphy and Miss Dyer for their hard work in Netball Club and thanks to Mr Lintell for transporting the team in the minibus.



## World Book Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day this year is on Thurs 7th March, but as Year 6 are in London on that day, we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March. Please see Page 5, below, for our theme for this year and some ideas to support you.

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Aseel: for her fantastic version of the Green Ship! Well done, Aseel!	Lauralie: for her fantastic art work! Lovely sketchbook work!
Unicorns:	Freddie: for writing an exciting golden write.	Amber: for being resilient during her golden write.
Chameleons:	Darcie: for a superb attitude and effort in everything she does! As demonstrated in her recent golden book write.	Krish: for following all of the ELLI learning characteristics!
Owls:	Eden: for super presentation writing a creature Beowulf story.	Raphael: for great team bee, always working hard in all subjects.
Spiders:	Hartley: showing excellent resilience and sportsmanship during netball matches.	Luna: always working so hard to be the best version of herself in and out of class.
Tortoises:	Amelia: for being a resilient tortoise in maths this week.	Oliver: for great vocabulary in a newspaper report.
Leopards:	Rosalee: superb effort and participation in whole class maths lessons.	Arthur: for cheery and chirpy attitude to all that he does.
Peacocks:	Nova: for an incredible version of 'The Kraken'.	Alex: for always being willing to help others.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class with 22.6 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Owls!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Tortoise Class with 96.9%! Well done, Tortoises, you get a well-deserved extra break after half term.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: <b>Cat – 80% Unicorn - 72%, Owl - 76%, Chameleon - 74 %</b> <b>Tortoise –80%, Spider – 69%, Leopard - 93%, Peacock - 77%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are Leopard class - well done, Leopards!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Bronze: Aliya, Reggie T, Jack P, Mark, Ralph (Yr4), Solomiia, Archie, Letty, Manu, Xahli (Yr5), and Ethan H (Yr6). Silver: Eloise, Megan M (Yr5) Swimming Award: Aiden (Y4) Values Awards: Ralph: for always considering others in his actions and words and for persevering even when he finds things tricky. Jack C: for always showing kindness and caring for Owl class including the adults! AR Target: Mia, Libby, Kamil (Yr3). Hundred Club: Corey (Yr6)	

## SPRING FORTH

This week one of our pupils has had the Honour of being asked to take the part of Bridie for Community Imbolc Celebrations at the Assembly Rooms, to welcome the coming of Spring. As you can see, Echo, pictured right, has fully embraced the role and we wish her luck.



## What are you up to?



Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to out of school hours. This week, we feature Year 6, Sol, who has reached new heights at horse riding where he has received a 'Well Done' certificate for managing to hold the reins of his fabulous horse, Harvey and count for 100 seconds Well done Sol and well done Harvey! Also well done to Hendrix who has managed to make some very hairy friends – the alpacas at Paddington Farm, where he visits with his Grandma.



**If you have a hobby, belong to a club or have done something special – you could be the star of the next newsletter; simply Dojo Mr Ranger.**

## TT ROCKSTARS – BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

**Maths Lead, Mr Kelland, is delighted with the effort all classes put into their 'Battle of the Bands'. Here are the MVPs for each class...**

### Battle of the Bands 2024

#### Spring 2024

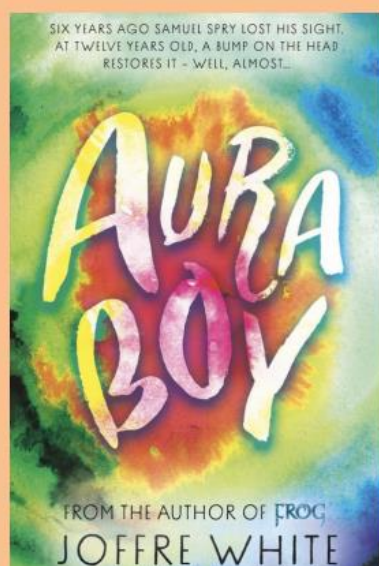
	1 <sup>st</sup> MVP	2 <sup>nd</sup> MVP	3 <sup>rd</sup> MVP
Cat class	Aliza	Reuben	Eleana
Unicorn class	Libby	Emilia	Rupert
Owl class	Raphael	Jack	Charlie
Chameleon class	Elijah	Logan	Leo
Spider class	Jake	Jamie	Isabelle
Tortoise class	Eloise	Echo	Sofia
Leopard class	Katie	Harry	Simeon
Peacock class	Ethan	Brandon	Nam



## COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT GOVERNOR?

We are incredibly proud of our governors at St. Ben's. They are a wonderful group of people from our local community who care deeply about St. Benedict's and work together to help challenge and support the school and its pupils, parents and staff. We are seeking new governors to join this excellent team. Could you be interested? We'd love to hear from you.

Please call or Dojo Mr Ranger or the Office Team if you would like to find out more.



## Joffre White

Author,  
and a UK Patron of Reading,  
will be appearing at

**St Benedict's Junior School  
Glastonbury**

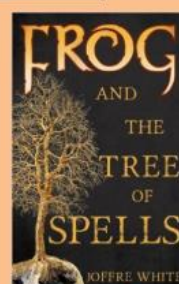
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## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school after half term
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Author Joffre White visiting school: books for sale – see above.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 London Residential
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations at St. Ben's – more info next week.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Residential to Osmington Bay in Dorset
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Science Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School – summer term starts
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week.



## WORLD BOOK DAY – celebrated at St. Ben's on FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

On Friday 8th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme this year will be 'vocabulary'. We would like your children to dress up as a 'word'. For example, your child may dress up as 'dazzling' and wear sparkly clothing. They may wear pyjamas and be 'sleepy' or 'fatigued'. They could be 'petrifying' and dress up as a witch. The more ambitious the vocabulary the better!

Please ensure your child has a placard or sticker with their word displayed on their costume. If your child would like to dress up as a traditional book character this is also fine; they should write an adjective (describing word) to describe that character on their placard. For example, if they dressed up as Iron Man they might choose to be the word 'brave' or 'courageous'. For Cinderella, they may choose to be 'magical' or 'resilient'. You could choose a pirate costume for 'treacherous' or a soldier outfit for 'fortitude'.

If you google 'Vocabulary Parade' there are lots of other examples. Please see some examples below:



**ELEGANT:** *to be graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.*



**Flexible:** bend without breaking.



**Vivacious:** lively and animated.



**Incognito:** concealing your identity.

We look forward to celebrating the English language and the wonderful books that have been created! Thank you for your continued support.

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**15<sup>th</sup> February for ages 8-10 years**

**16<sup>th</sup> February for ages 11-14 years**

**10am-2pm**

**£10 per session per child**

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## Saints and Songbirds

February 2024

Kick-off half term with our selection of family trails and creative workshops for children:

### Stitch a Story Monday 12 February

Explore some of the incredible Cathedral needlework and embroideries, then create your own design.



### Make a Bird Feeder Tuesday 13 February

Help to feed our feathered friends through the hungry gap, play a card game, and go on a Cathedral safari!



### Celebrate the Saints Wednesday 14 February

Follow our Saints trail this Valentine's Day! You may not find St Valentine in the Cathedral, but there'll be plenty of lovely crafts on offer!



## Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE

Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

