



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 25th October 2024

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

## HAPPY HALF TERM

Our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard this half term and enjoyed countless learning adventures. Now it's time to rest for a week and save up some energy for next half term. Thank you for your help this half term; we really appreciate the support you give your children and the school.

**Don't forget we have an INSET Day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, so we'll see you all back at school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.** Have a great break.

## AUTHOR TALK INSPIRES YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic morning at the Wells Festival of Literature, where they attended an inspiring talk by celebrated author, Lindsay Galvin. Both Peacock Class and Leopard Class were captivated as she shared insights into her books and her creative writing process. Her engaging stories and practical tips sparked enthusiasm for storytelling among our young writers. We are incredibly grateful to the team at the Wells Festival of Literature for organising this enriching experience, which has encouraged our pupils to explore their own writing talents. It was a wonderful opportunity that will surely leave a lasting impression!



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday this week, a packed St. Benedict's Church played host to our Harvest Festival. We were joined by parents and carers as well as staff and residents from the St. Benedict's Care Home, who very generously donated a hamper and bags of food towards our school pantry. Pupils gave praise for Harvest through song and some interesting readings linked to favourite foods and Father Kieron was on hand to give a blessing. Thank you to everyone that attended and to Mrs Coton for organising the service.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Tabby: for being really resilient and always working hard!	Zara: for her fantastic collagraph printing! Great attention to detail.
Unicorns:	Juno: for impressing me with her beautiful story about the jungle.	Leah-Bluebell: for always working hard and sharing positive learning behaviour.
Chameleons:	Lily Pa: for a beautifully stretched golden book write!	All of Chameleon Class: for superb teamwork on Celt day!
Owls:	Lauralie: for super, well-written golden write about rescuing an animal.	All of Owl Class: for superb teamwork on Celt Day!
Spiders:	Sophia: for always being kind and a good friend to others.	Hamish: for a very impressive Mayan mask!
Tortoises:	Mark: for outstanding descriptive sentence writing.	Tinayeshe: for great participation in maths discussions.
Leopards:	Amelia: always practising her spellings and achieving full marks every week!	Charlie H: for always going above and beyond in his home reading. Lilah: for amazing links in RE!
Peacocks:	Dexter: for being an outstanding member of our school community.	Sophia: for being an impressive independent leopard with her learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 19.7 points per child and they get an extra break after half term. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 97.2% attendance. Well done Tortoises, you get an 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: <span style="color: red;">Cat – 96%</span> <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 93%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 83%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 84 %</span> <span style="color: blue;">Tortoise –60%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Spider – 88%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 100%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 93%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: purple;">Leopard class with a fantastic 100%</span> . Cat Class are the champs for this half term, with Leopard Class taking a lead into next half term.	
<u>Values' Award:</u>	Logan GL: for kindness in making gifts for the staff in class. Luna-Lily: for her unwavering kindness to everyone always.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	AR Target Master: Finn, Karla, Ben, Harry, Iris, Flynn, Florence (Y3); Reuben (Y4) and John (Y5) Learning Behaviour Awards: Bronze – Jake (Y6)	

## PARENTS' EVENINGS A SUCCESS

Thank you so much to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening sessions this week. It is so important to hear about your child's achievements and progress as well as identifying areas to work on. If you haven't already met with your child's teacher, please contact them for an appointment after half term. A HUGE thank you to the members of the governing body and PTFA who gave up their time to make teas and coffees and welcome parents and carers to school.



# What are you up to?

*Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to outside of school.*

This week, we feature Year 3 Iris who has become a lifelong supporter of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity.

Meanwhile Super Jas in Year 6 has gained an award for swimming a mile (this is 48 lengths of the pool!).

Well done to both of you!



## YEAR 4 VISIT CHURCH TO LEARN ABOUT CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Last week, Year 4 made the short journey to St. Benedict's Church to learn more about Christian symbols and to identify the different features of a church. They got to be curious cats as they listened, sketched and asked questions.



## WORKSHOPS 'INSPIRE' PARENTS AND PUPILS

Thanks to parents and carers of Y5 pupils for taking the time to visit us for Inspire Workshops this week, the art-based workshops, centred on decorating Mayan masks, were a big hit...



## SCRAPBOOKING AND JOURNALING CLUB

This week we focus on one of our newer clubs. Scrapbooking and Journaling Club was set up last year by club leader, Ms Lamus, and this year the club has grown in numbers. Last week, the scrap-bookers took home the magnificent journals they have created...

A huge St. Ben's thank you to the fantastic Ms Lamus for giving up her time to share her passion for scrapbooking with our pupils.



### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day: School closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Girls' football tournament at Strode (3-5pm) – letters went home today.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm	Cat Class Inspire Workshop
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm	Unicorn Class Inspire Workshop
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> November from 10:30am	Remembrance Parade – Mini-Police to represent school
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> November	TT Rockstars Competition – more info soon
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> November all day	Year 4 to the Newt for History studies