



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 15th November 2024

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

## ST. BENEDICT'S REMEMBERS

Remembrance Day is an important date on the calendar and we have been keen to impress upon our pupils the importance of valuing the role of our armed forces and, particularly during the World Wars. Children have revisited this in Collective Worship, in history lessons and the Mini-Police were even part of the Town's procession on Remembrance Sunday (thank you to Mel Rowlands and her wonderful team). Our Year 6s joined local dignitaries and members of the community in marking the day at the memorial on Monday, while the whole school remembered the fallen of St. Benedict's last Friday.



## CHAMPIONS!

On Tuesday, St. Ben's took two boys' teams to complete their League fixtures at Strode. Team A played in the plate finals, coming fourth, including an excellent victory over Elmhurst with 2 goals from Elijah. Jamie and Noah provided wing wizardry while Aiden was solid in midfield. Reggie T, Vlad and Jacob defended resiliently. Jasper and Jake proved a threat up front and captain Mason in goal barked orders from behind to keep his team organised and competitive.

Team B triumphed in the cup competition after 3 wins and a draw; goals from Ralph, Jacob and Raphael made the difference with excellent defensive performances from Hartley and Theo. Captain Owen was a constant menace while Dexter sat in the CDM position, soaking up opposition pressure before launching attacks of his own. Charlie made some excellent cameo appearances and goalkeeper Mark was on hand to keep out any shots from the opposition. The results this week mean that this St. Ben's team become history-makers, being the first Boys' team from St. Ben's to win the Mendip league in over 20 years. Well done, boys – an exceptional achievement by a brilliant team!



Members of both St. Ben's Boys' teams.  
Missing from the photo, Aiden and Mason

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Tui: for writing fantastic instructions on how to trap a cave lion!	Keira: for her fantastic dedication to improving her subtraction skills! Super job!
Unicorns:	Toby: for always working hard and trying his best.	Leah-Bluebell: for being methodical in her learning.
Chameleons:	Barnaby: for always being ready to learn and giving everything a go!	Cassie: for fabulous effort in swimming lessons.
Owls:	Bowie: for super discussion about Emperor Claudius invasion of Britain.	Elodie: for resilience and determination in all her work.
Spiders:	Ollie: for showing kindness to his friends when they need help.	Jack R: for an improved attitude to working independently.
Tortoises:	Jack P: for great focus and super work in all his lessons this week.	Nico: for great work in art this week.
Leopards:	Luna: for always giving 100% even when things can be challenging.	Reuben: for a big improvement on his presentation.
Peacocks:	Paige: for outstanding effort in all lessons.	Solomiia: for always striving to better herself!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 23.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Cats!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 99.6% attendance. Well done Tortoises, you get an extra break next week!	
<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 – 93%</span> <span style="color: green;">Unicorn - 92%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Owl - 81%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Chameleon - 80%</span> <span style="color: orange;">Tortoise –84%</span> , <span style="color: pink;">Spider – 96%</span> , <span style="color: yellow;">Leopard - 88%</span> , <span style="color: brown;">Peacock - 100%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock class with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award:</u>	Letty (Yr6): for helping another child in maths by explaining the method and how to get to the correct answer. Jacob P (Yr6): for being kind. Not just to his friends but throughout the school.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	AR Target Master: Rupert, Joseph (Yr3), Mason B (Yr6) Star Awards: Ralph (Yr5): for always being kind and supportive towards his peers. Learning Behaviour: Bronze: John (Yr5) and Mason Ti (Yr6)	

## ENJOY THE CARNIVAL AND WATCH OUT FOR SOPHIA!

The spectacular festival of lights that is the carnival reaches Glastonbury this weekend, so wrap up warm as you get out to enjoy the fun.

Good luck to all our pupils and parents who are involved – keep an eye out for Sophia in Year 6 (pictured right). Sophia's float is entitled 'Country Kidz' and she is extremely excited about being part of the show once again. Make sure you cheer her on as she drives by!



# What are you up to?

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

This week, a number of our pupils blended the worlds of school and home as they attended the Town Remembrance Procession, representing the school's Mini-Police. Here they are proudly holding the banner created by our wonderful Nurture Group and friends, under the guidance of our Learning Mentor, Mrs Tidball. Huge thanks to the Mini-Police for volunteering their time to attend.



## YEAR 4 VISIT NEWT

On Thursday, Year 4 got to visit the Roman Villa at the Newt. It was the first time we have been as a school and the pupils were very impressed...



## PLEASE SUPPORT US AT THE FROST FAYRE

As ever, our PTFA will be running a stall outside the school for the Frost Fayre. This year, the Fayre falls on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, so please come and visit us for a burger or a hot drink.

Our wonderful new-look PTFA are also looking for parents to help out on the stall for shifts of two and a half hours. There are a variety of jobs on offer, from taking orders to preparing drinks. Please contact Mr Ranger or Miss Hopkins if you might be up for lending a hand at some point during the day.



## P T F Amazing

They've given so much of their time  
To raising funds for you;  
With discos, fetes and quizzes  
And many cake sales too!

They've gifted us our minibus  
And paid for trips as well,  
The Play Area and books for you  
Have come under their spell.



There've been waffle stalls,  
Hot chocolates, and BBQs galore;  
We've had raffles, puddings, gin bars  
And cake auctions and more!

They've helped create us BenFest  
And some evenings to remember;  
From halls packed out for bingo  
To Frost Fayres in November.

We appreciate the hours  
The unselfish time they've spent,  
They've given without taking  
To us they're heaven-sent.

They've been the backbone of our PFA  
We're so grateful for their work,  
Whenever there've been jobs to do  
A shift they'll never shirk!



When it comes to making money  
They've always gone the extra mile,  
With their band of merry workers  
And always with a smile!

So from all of us at St. Ben's:  
(Parents, Governors, Pupils, Staff),  
We say thank you for the job you've done  
And thank you for the laughs.



And now you're handing over  
 To a new PTFA -  
 They've got great big shoes to fill  
 Is all that we can say!

So here's a little gift of thanks  
 For your toil over the years  
 For all you've raised we give our praise  
 With a hearty, loud **three cheers!**

**Thanks for leading a brilliant PTFA,  
 Tina and Trudi – you're the best!  
 Pupils, staff, parents and governors of  
 S. Ben's. xx**



**A HUGE thank you to the dynamic duo of Mrs Lawford and Mrs Allen (above) who have given so much of their time to organising and running PTFA events over the past 6 years. They have been a crucial part of the team that has helped us fund a new minibus and Phase 1 of the Play Area. We also say an enormous thank you to our outgoing Chair, Sharon Tomsett. They have now handed over to a new PTFA team, with Rich Daniels as Chair. We have been delighted to see some parents join the team and warmly invite more parents to join us for meetings. The first main fund-raiser of this year will be the Frost Fayre on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact us if you would be happy to help out on our burger and hot drinks stall.**

### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> November (1-3pm)	Girls' Football League finals at Strode
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – all day	Frost Fayre – parents please sign up to support our food stall
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco – more info soon
w/b 16 <sup>th</sup> December	No clubs this week (except DASH and Ben's Den – no Ben's Den on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service at St. Benedict's Church – 2pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear your Christmas jumper to school Day for Save the Children</li> <li>• Cutting of the Holy Thorn,</li> <li>• Christmas Lunch</li> <li>• Year 3 Nativity at St. Benedict's Church (2pm)</li> <li>• Year 3 Nativity for parents at St. Benedict's Church (6pm)</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays No Ben's Den
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term