



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th December 2024

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

## CHRISTMAS STORY WORKSHOPS

This week, all pupils took part in Christmas Story workshops at St. Benedict's Church.

Please see Page 3 for more details and photos...



## DON'T BE HUNGRY!

A reminder that we have a food pantry in our reception at the front of school. This is for you to help yourselves and we aim to keep it stocked with stock cupboard items to help feed your family. There is no need to check in at reception, simply help yourself!

***We are always keen for feedback – what would you like to see in the Food Pantry?***

## NO CLUBS IN LAST WEEK

A reminder that there will be no after-school clubs in the last week of term. DASH and Ben's Den will run as usual – except there is no Ben's Den on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## CHAMPIONS!

Our Girls' Football Team travelled to Strode on a cold Tuesday afternoon with the aim of becoming Mendip League Champions.

St. Ben's started strongly against Elmhurst with a 4-1 victory, goals courtesy of Nellie, Megs (x2) and Jess. They then followed this up with a 4-0 demolition of West Pennard, Nellie scoring all four! The St. Ben's midfield was supremely confident by now, with Eloise P, Eloise S-J and Paige controlling the play while Daisy, Megs and Jess up front fizzed with energy. Behind them, the defence of Mia and Solomiia with Issy in goal proved impassable.

In their final game, St. Ben's went toe to toe with the mighty Brookside, emerging 1-0 winners with a penalty from Nellie. These results see St. Ben's Girls crowned Champions of the Mendip League, joining our triumphant Boys' team as the best team in Street and Glastonbury this year. Well done, girls, you have been fantastic this season!

Thank you to Mr Kelland, Mr Lintell and Mr Ranger for their hard work on the training pitch this year!



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Lissy: for her fantastic effort in maths and improving her arithmetic score!	Karla: for making a huge improvement in her arithmetic assessment!
Unicorns:	Eleanor: for great stamina and perseverance in assessment week.	Jacob: for working hard in his assessments this week.
Chameleons:	Florence: brilliant progress in arithmetic and a positive attitude in maths!	James: for amazing effort and focus in swimming!
Owls:	Carmen: for superb detailed two page spread on Septimius Severus.	Nahla: for fantastic focus and effort in tests this week.
Spiders:	Sadie: for pushing herself to do things she finds really tricky.	Logan B: for working so hard on improving his handwriting.
Tortoises:	Taran: for a super letter of application for a job as an Elf for Father Christmas.	Aliya: for a thoughtful prayer.
Leopards:	Nellie: for always being a presentation peacock!	Owen: for improving his star test score by 3 years!
Peacocks:	Jamie: for an excellent attitude towards his learning.	Vlad: for an excellent attitude towards challenging calculations.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 25.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class with 98.1% attendance. Well done Owls, 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 - 89%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Owl - 90%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Chameleon - 87%</span> <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise –77%</span> , <span style="color: red;">Spider – 87%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 96%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Peacock - 96%</span> Meaning that this week the champions are Year 6: well done to both classes!	
<u>Values'</u>	Kyle: for stepping in and helping a sport leader when no-one else turned up for their duty, even when he is not a sports leader! Eve: for community and kindness – always empathetic towards the needs of others.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	AR Target: Eleanor, Liam, Alisa (Yr3), Sadie, Tinayeshe, and Mila (Yr5), Star Pointer: Charlie B, Bodhi, Daronn (Yr4), Logan B, Thomas (Yr5), Cattleya, Owen, and Elsie. Hundred Club: Charlie H (Yr6) Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Rupert (Yr4), Jessica G and Reuben (Yr6); Silver: Xahli Swimming: 25 metres: Paisley, Bence, Roman, Felix, Bodhi, and Eris (Yr4).	

## DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE WOWS PARENTS

This week saw the last Drama Club session of this term and, as ever, Maxine and her drama pupils ended off with a performance to parents. The audience (including Mr Ranger), loved the show! The great news is that Maxine is continuing with Drama Club in the Spring Term, and there are places on offer for anyone who wishes to sign up!



# WORKSHOPS SHINE A LIGHT ON THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, every pupil got to take part in Christmas Story workshops at St. Benedict's Church. Run by the Visiting Christian team of Annie, Phil and Mike, along with volunteers, the hour-long sessions reminded us all of the true reason for the season and provided a valuable moment of reflection for our children. As ever, we are indebted to our volunteers for giving their time.



## ST. BEN'S ELVES DECORATE TREES

This week, a group of helpful pupils has helped to decorate not one Christmas Tree but two! With the support of our very own Christmas elves, Mrs Tidball and Mrs Newbury, the children transformed the trees in the Bee Hive and outside the office, and, we're sure you'll agree, they did a fabulous job!



## GREY TO GREEN GROUP'S LAST SESSION

Our Grey to Green Group enjoyed their final session this week, rounding off in style with a hot chocolate as they made their natural Christmas decorations. During their six sessions, the group have identified areas at St. Benedict's in which to grow produce and flowers and they have also planted fruit and veg plants and seeds, ready to spring forth next term. A huge THANK YOU to Barney and Mischa of the Food Forest Project who have run the sessions, we hope they will return to St. Ben's soon. Also, thanks to our SENDCo, Mrs Caston, who has overseen the project.

Here's what the pupils thought...

**"I enjoyed replanting the old sweet pea pods."**

*Manu*

**"It was great fun to spend time in nature; I enjoyed growing the garlic and broad beans."**

*Sofia*

**"I enjoyed planting the strawberries and having hot chocolate."**

*Thomas*

**"I really enjoyed it – it was lovely to stop and look around and be calm!"**

*Echo*

**"I loved planting the strawberries in the soil and being surrounded by nature."**

*Tinayeshe*



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Disco (Lower School 4 – 5:30pm; Upper School 6 – 7:30pm)
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 (arrive at 5:45pm for a 6pm start)</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



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## CHOIR BRING CARE HOME JOY

On Thursday, St. Benedict's Nursing Home enjoyed their second musical visit in a week as Mrs Coton took her Choir Club to entertain staff and residents.

The Choir sang Christmas Carols and festive songs and residents sang along and relished their seasonal visitors.

We are hoping that residents and staff of St. Benedict's Nursing Home will join us next week for our Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday and our Year 3 Nativity on Wednesday.



If you're feeling down or alone, please remember there are kind people out there who want to support you. These friendly voices are only a phone call away...

### Childline

Open 24/7 for under-19s, call 0800 1111 or chat online.

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Their four helplines are open during the daytime Mon-Fri (except 25-26 Dec and 1 Jan).

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