



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 17th January 2025

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

## PARENT DROP-IN CAFE

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us on **28<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm in the School Hall** for a session on Wellbeing. We are delighted to have Rosie Carroll from the Mental Health Support Team to speak about wellbeing and what services are on offer and we can also offer a cup of something hot and a tasty biscuit or two!

Mr Ranger and Mrs Newbury will be there and are available for a chat over a cuppa.

Why not join us for what promises to be a great session at 2pm, then collect your child at the normal time.

## GIRLS COUNTY FINALS

On Thursday, our Girls' football team took on the cream of Somerset at the County finals in Strode. This was their reward for finishing top of the Mendip League. The standard was very high and our team put in five great performances, winning two matches and drawing one to finish fourth in their group. Captain Nellie scored all of St. Ben's five goals but it was a rounded team effort and the girls should be very proud of an excellent season!



## COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

On Tuesday, our Boys' football team took on the best of Somerset at the County Finals at Strode, having qualified as Mendip champions.

The team faced champions from the Bath, Bristol, Bridgwater, Yeovil and Taunton leagues, so the standard was high. A cautious start saw draws against Holway Park (0-0) and Birchfield (1-1, goal from Jacob) before St. Ben's hit their stride with a 3-0 victory over Portishead (Dexter and Owen x 2). The team then suffered a 1-0

defeat at the hands of Newbridge before completing their league games with a 2-0 win over Somerset Bridge. After a tense wait, the team learned that they had qualified for the semi-finals where they met group 1 champions St. Mary's. St. Ben's dominated this encounter and won with a late goal from Jacob. They then faced the only team to have beaten them...

Newbridge! The final was a great game between two excellent teams; it was won by a late goal from Jacob and the celebrations began! This was a magnificent team effort from an outstanding team who are now the Champions of Somerset. The mighty St. Ben's now march on to the Regional Finals vs the champions of Devon, Cornwall and Bristol, which will be played in March



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Rupert: for always working hard in all his work!	Joseph: for his clear, confident reading to the class during guided reading.
Unicorns:	Iris: for always showing beautiful manners.	Florence: for being polite and respectful.
Chameleons:	Felix: improved focus in class and improving his times tables knowledge.	All of Chameleon and Owl Classes for super listening skills, participation and brilliant behaviour on our trips to the Tribunal and the Rural Life Museum.
Owls:	Evie: for resilience and positive attitude in all lessons.	Isaac: for persevering with long multiplication.
Spiders:	Logan B: going out of his way to help his partner in Maths.	Tallula: for great focus and hard work in maths this week.
Tortoises:	Kara: for incredible focus and effort in music this week.	Manu: for improved behaviour towards his learning especially in maths and PE.
Leopards:	Akishar: for always wanting to do his best and always being ready to learn!	Dexter: excellent attitude towards his learning.
Peacocks:	Echo: showing resilience in all her learning.	
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 35.5 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class with 99.7% 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 – 91 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 80%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 68%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 79 %</span> <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise –76%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider – 100%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 92%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 82%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are Spider class with an amazing 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Tabby: for always being a kind member of Cat Class! Bethany: for being kind and considerate to her school community.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	ELSA Awards: Tristan, Aivah (Y3); Pippa and Cassie (Y4) and Courtney (Y5) Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Tristan, Toby, Florence (Yr3), Libby, Lily Pay, Freddie, Barnaby, Flo, Reggie G, Pippa, Mia, Monty, Olive, Kamil, Felix, Roman, Sophia, Cassie, Charlie (Yr4). Music: Solomiia and Megs (Y6)	

### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan at 5:30pm	Osmington Bay talk for Y5 parents and carers – School Hall
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm	Parent drop-in Café (Wellbeing focus) in the School Hall
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 Osmington Bay residential
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 London residential
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day @ St. Ben's
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings – save the date
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Summer Term

# YEAR 4 ENJOY HISTORIC WEEK

This week, as part of their history studies, Year 4 pupils have enjoyed two local visits. First, on Tuesday, they got to visit the Tribunal, an historic merchant's house situated on the High Street. Then, on Thursday, they relished a trip to the Rural Life Museum to learn about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, making their own rune stones and investigating warfare in ancient times. Thank you to Pauline and her team at the Tribunal and to Sandy and the Rural Life team for making this possible.



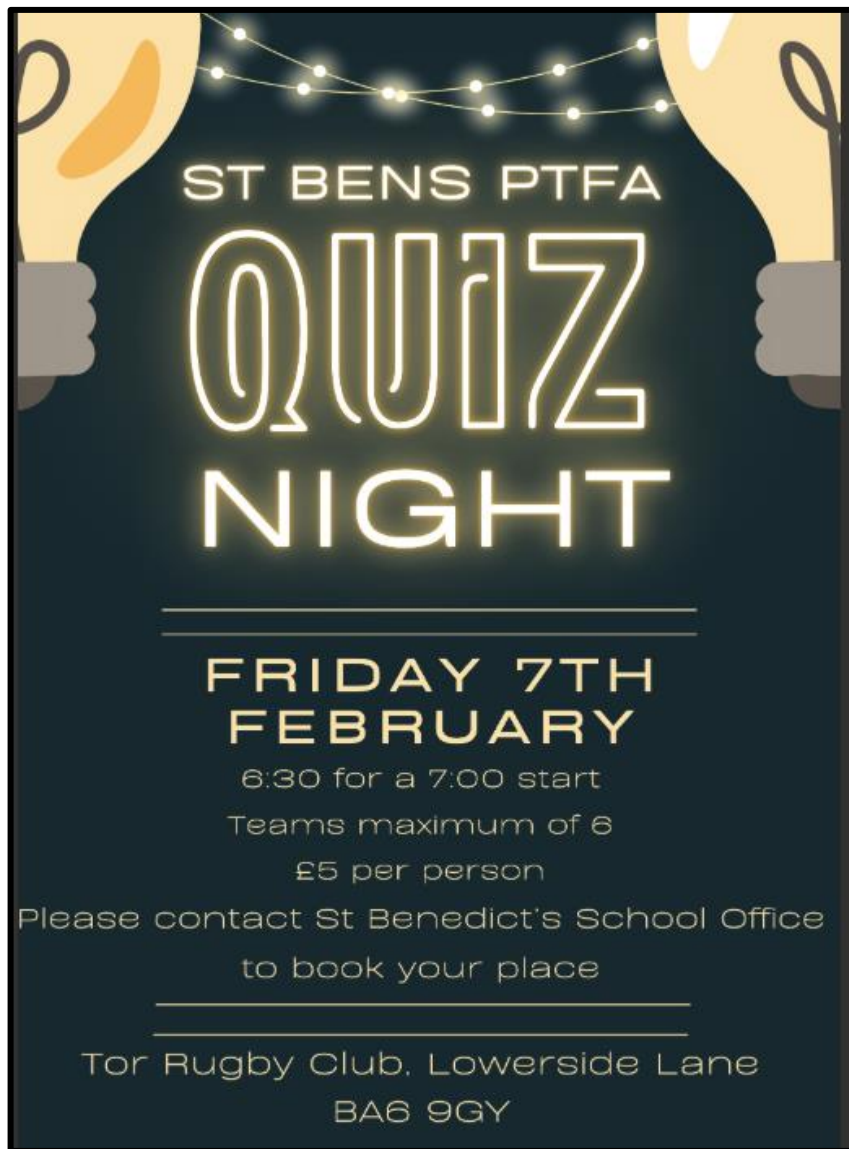
## WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

**Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school.** First up this week, it's FA Cup fever as we feature Evie from Year 4 whose family are huge Bournemouth fans. Last weekend Evie went to see the Cherries who smashed West Brom 5-1 to progress to the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the FA Cup. After the game, Evie got to meet her hero Antoine Semenyo, who managed a goal and an assist in the match. We also star Year 3 Iris who has been working hard at Gymnastics and has received an award from Edge to recognise her efforts.



**Let us know what you've been up to and you could be the star of next week's newsletter!**





## FREE bite-size workshops to help separated parents successfully co-parent

We encourage parents to attend these free online sessions run by Ruth James from Somerset County Council. The focus for each session is to give parents practical tools they can use to help themselves, and their children cope better with their separation/divorce. There are 3 bite-size workshops focused on different topics, you are welcome to come to all 3 – there are 2 of each so your ex-partner can also go along if that is applicable.

Date & time	Topic	Link
Tuesday 21 January 2 PM-3 PM	Helping your children navigate separation and divorce	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073078549829?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073078549829?aff=oddtcreator</a>
Thursday 23 January 9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Managing handovers and transitions for separated parents	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073084758399?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073084758399?aff=oddtcreator</a>
Wednesday 29 January 7 PM-8 PM	A separated parents' guide to successful co-parenting communications	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073016704849?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073016704849?aff=oddtcreator</a>
Tuesday 4 February 7 p.m.-8 PM	Helping your children navigate separation and divorce	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073104998939?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073104998939?aff=oddtcreator</a>

### Updated area with information and support for separated parents:

I have updated the online web support for separated parents: [Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Support For Separated Parents](#)