



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 31st January 2025

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

USE OUR FOOD PANTRY!

A reminder to our whole school community that we have a food pantry in the foyer at the front of school. This is available to all parents and carers; please help yourself and also let us know if there is any product/food item you would like us to stock.



PARENT DROP-IN CAFE

Thank you to all parents and carers that dropped in for our Wellbeing Café. Our guest speaker from the Mental Health Support Team, Jo Copland, gave a really informative presentation and parents got to learn about our ethos of wellbeing and positive mental health as well as enjoying an impromptu visit to the Bee Hive.

Next time, we would love to see more of you, so please let us know what you're keen to hear about and chat about. So far, parents have mentioned Online Safety and Resilience, so these are two areas we will focus on in future. Also let us know what time of day suits you best to come in – the best options would be 9am, 2pm or after school. Please share your thoughts with us...



CALLING ALL QUIZZY RASCALS



Are you a quizzer? Do you want to help funds for school projects? Then please join us for our PTFA quiz night next Friday (7th February). It's at the Tor Rugby Club and they will be running a full bar, so come and have a few drinks while you put your brain to the test. Teams of any size up to 6 people welcome. Please contact the School Office to book your team in.

PLUMBER NEEDED

We are in desperate need of a good plumber to do some work in our school kitchen. We are happy to pay the going rate, but we're struggling to find someone and this is holding up the arrival of our new kitchen, which will benefit all pupils. **Can you help?**

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Loki: for his fantastic effort to improve his handwriting!	Artaius: for making great progress with his handwriting!
Unicorns:	Liam: for making a great improvement with his handwriting.	Jovial: for being a presentation peacock.
Chameleons:	Pippa: for a huge improvement in her presentation and handwriting!	Eris: for trying hard this week to improve her handwriting by joining.
Owls:	Marley: for huge improvements in presentation and handwriting.	Molly: for always taking care to present her work neatly.
Spiders:	Harriet: for always being a presentation peacock!	Thomas: for showing great resilience with his handwriting this week.
Tortoises:	Tinayeshe: super sentence starters and beautiful presentation in golden write.	Austin: for a brilliant effort to make his handwriting neat and joined.
Leopards:	Issy: for being resilient and persevering with her maths work.	Eloise: for a big improvement in her arithmetic test.
Peacocks:	Oliver: excellent effort and progress with his handwriting.	Jamie: for excellent innovation of ideas in English.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 30 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 98.3% attendance. Well done Cats, 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: Cat – 97 %, Unicorn - 89%, Owl - 74%, Chameleon - 90 % Tortoise –52%, Spider – 96%, Leopard - 88%, Peacock - 100% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock class with an impressive 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Sadie: for taking time out of her day to help others in need. Reggie N: for always being a kind and generous friend.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Raul, Alfie, Harry, Karter, Leah-Bluebell, Juno, Raphael, (Yr3), Kara, Tania, Lauralie, Elodie, Aseel (Yr4), Noah, Manu, Isabelle, Luna, Jacob, Shahala, Nathan and Echo (Yr6) Silver: Amelia-Rose (Yr4), Thomas, Ollie (Yr5), Amelia B, Jake and Vlad (Yr6)	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 4 th Feb (1 – 3pm)	Netball matches at Strode (letters to go out on Monday)
Tues 4 th Feb (k.o. 3:30pm)	2 x Y5 matches at Millfield (letters have gone out)
Thurs 6 th Feb at 2pm	Y6 Parents meeting re SATs and London in the Hall
Fri 14 th Feb at 3:15pm	Year 5 cake sale in aid of Osmington Bay
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term; return to school on 24 th Feb
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Feb	Year 5 Osmington Bay residential
Wed 5 th and Thurs 6 th March	Year 6 London residential
Fri 7 th March	World Book Day @ St. Ben's
Mon 17 th and Wed 19 th March	Parents' Evenings – save the date
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term

WATER LOT OF LEARNING!

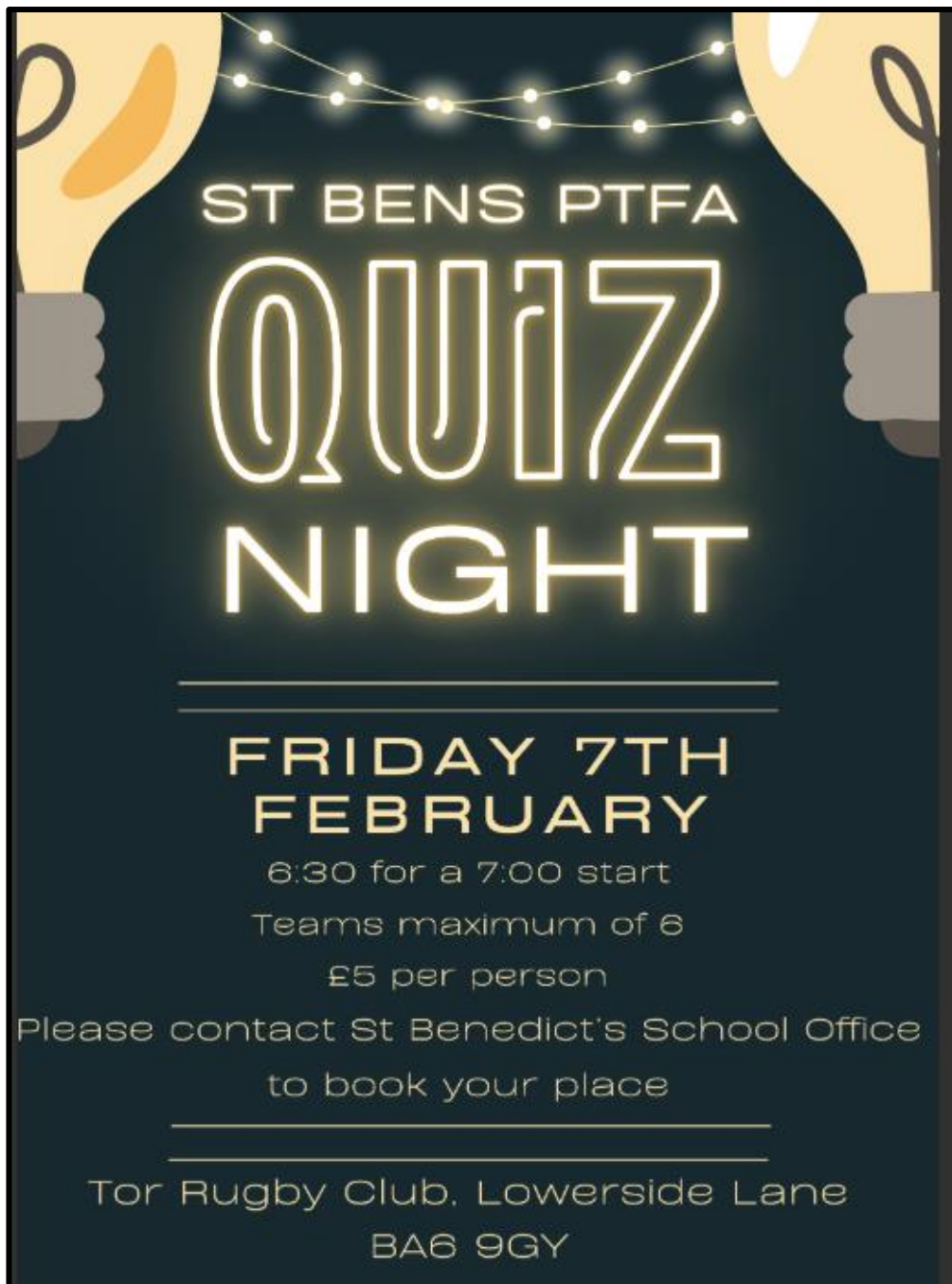
On Friday 31st January, Year 4 enjoyed workshops delivered by Wessex Water. The aim was to improve their understanding of the water cycle and the session leader, Sam, put our pupils through their paces. Sam will return to work with the other year groups later this term. Huge thanks to Sam and to Wessex Water for offering these brilliant opportunities and to our Science Lead, Mrs Anderson, for organising the visits.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM ROUND OFF SEASON

Our Girls' football team rounded off their season with an away friendly vs Millfield. It was a very close first half with the highlight being a long-range effort from Nellie. In the second half, Millfield took control despite some great football from St. Ben's. Millfield ran out winners in the end but it was an enjoyable end to a great season which has seen our girls crowned the champions of Mendip.





HALF TERM FREE FUN SESSIONS AT RED BRICK BUILDING

A couple of great art workshops coming up in the February half term at the Red Brick Building. They have been advertised on their social media pages. The workshops are totally **free** and include break time refreshments. Workshops are for young people aged between 10 and 18. They are run by wonderful local artists and teachers who have loads of experience working with children and are DBS checked.

Here are the details, including a link to the booking page.

Tuesday 18th February 10 - 1pm 'Funky Print Making' with Jen Turnbull

[Free Creative Workshop for Kids: Funky Printmaking | Glastonbury](#)

Wednesday 19th February 2 - 5pm 'Creative Textiles' with Lucy Neve

[Free Creative Workshop for Kids: Creative Textiles & Sewing | Glastonbury](#)

Places are limited and need to be booked in advance (quite a few have already been booked!).

Empowering

PARENT PROGRAMME



Empowering Parent Coffee Mornings

Join us for a fun and relaxing coffee morning and learn how our upcoming parenting programme can support you and your family!

Choose a morning that suits you!

What to expect:

Meet Min from Happy Mojos, who will be supporting you during the parent programme

An introduction of what to expect from the parent programme

Fun, interactive activities to explore parenting challenges

A safe space to meet & connect with other parents

Free coffee, tea, and snacks!

Take-home resources

Date: Tues 21st January

Time: 9.15 - 10.30am

Location:

Bowlsh Infant's School,
Wells Road,
Shepton Mallet,
BA4 5JQ

Date: Tues 28th January

Time: 9.15 - 10.15am

Location:

Virtually via Google Meet

Date: Mon 3rd February

Time: 9.15 - 10.30am

Location:

St John's Infant School,
High Street,
Glastonbury,
BA6 9DR



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