



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 7th February 2025

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

PLEASE USE 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.



NETBALL TEAM OFF TO A FLYING START

On Tuesday, our Netball team started their season with a bang as they began their Mendip Schools' League campaign. First up they faced West Pennard and with some outstanding play they eased to a 12-0 victory, goals from Jasmine (3), Hartley (2), Dexter (4), Nellie M (2) and Issy (1). Next up came Brookside, who received the same treatment as St. Ben's raced to a 10-1 triumph, goals from Solomiia (4), Mason B (2), Jasmine (1), Dexter (2) and Nellie (1). Our super-coach, Miss Dyer, was delighted with the team's superb performance and with their excellent attitude. The next round of matches will be in March.

SNOW JOKE

There has been talk of challenging weather ahead. A reminder that if there is a school closure, we will alert you via Class Dojo and on the website. There is no need to contact individual staff members to ask if school will be closed as any decision will be clearly posted.

Sometimes, a decision to close school or restrict clubs/Ben's Den may be due to staffing issues rather than access to the school site itself – many of our staff travel from distance and flooding/icy conditions can vary from place to place. We have a very dedicated staff team who are committed to St. Ben's, so please be assured we will make every effort to remain open if it is safe to do so.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that we are having a drive on children wearing the correct school uniform. From half term onwards, we will be speaking to pupils and their parents if they are wearing incorrect uniform. This means ensuring pupils have the correct trousers/shorts and shoes on uniform days and are wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days. If you require any support with this, please contact Mr Ranger.

NO DRAMA CLUB NEXT WEEK

There will be no Drama Club next week (11/02) as Maxine is not available due to a medical appointment. Maxine sends her sincere apologies and will make up for this by adding an extra session to the end of this term (Drama will now run until Tuesday 1st April).

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Imogen: for consistently being a presentation peacock.	Lillie: for always being ready to learn.
Unicorns:	Lil: for writing a lovely descriptive story about 'The Green Bus'.	Tristan: for being so joyful when he reads his book.
Chameleons:	Bodhi: settling back into class brilliantly and for persevering in writing tasks!	Freddie: for beautifully descriptive writing and for sharing his fun facts!
Owls:	Isaac: super story telling in English and great effort to improve hand writing.	Lauralie: for always working cheerfully and presenting her work beautifully.
Spiders:	Derek: for great learning behaviour this week.	Sophia: for being an excellent friend to a new child.
Tortoises:	Elijah: for a superb effort in his English work.	Tinayeshe: for great work finding homophones.
Leopards:	Manu: for a big improvement in his presentation and focus in the classroom.	Archie: for taking time and pride in improving his presentation.
Peacocks:	Sofia: for always approaching her learning with a positive attitude.	Nathan: for fantastic effort with his maths work.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 32.4 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 97.7% attendance. Well done Spiders, 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 – 92 %, Unicorn - 89%, Owl - 93%, Chameleon - 86 % Tortoise –68%, Spider – 96%, Leopard - 100%, Peacock - 100% Meaning that this week's champs are Leopard and Peacock classes with 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Barnaby: always being supportive and kind to others and being a generous friend. Aliza: always contributing to the class community with a big smile! Dexter: for his excellent attitude to sport and to life.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Emilia, Karla, Keira, Joseph, Olivia (Yr3), Louie, Bence, Eloise, Molly, Mya, Penelope, Evie, Amelia, (Yr4), Jack R, Annabelle, Elisa, Cattleya, Orrin, Oliver, Blaize, and Jacob R (Yr6) Silver: Blossom (Yr5) and Mason Titley Reading: AR Target: Jacob R (Yr6); Star Pointer: Harriet (Yr5)	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wed 12 th Feb pm	Millfield production of Beauty and the Beast (Year 3 and 4)
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

YEAR 5 BOYS TAKE ON MILLFIELD

On Tuesday 4th February, St. Ben's took two boys' football teams to face Millfield. Although it was a Year 5 fixture, St. Ben's took the opportunity to try out a few Year 4 players and even a Year 3! On Pitch 1, Team 1 got off to a flying start and, with goals from Ralph (x2) and Raphael, were 3-0 up at half time. Meanwhile, Team 2 spent the first half getting to know each other and were level at 1-1 at half-time (goal from Hamish). The second half on Pitch 1 saw Millfield play their way back into the game, with two goals. They then tested the St. Ben's defence, but Aiden and Reggie were superb and Mark in goal pulled off some outrageous saves. On Pitch 2, St. Ben's really found their stride and it turned into a goal-fest with goals from Harry (x3), Charlie (x2) and John (x2). Final scores: 3-2 to St. Ben's and 8-1 to St. Bens. Millfield e-mailed us afterwards to say the teacher who refereed said that, *"it was the best football fixture he's ever had in all his time here. He wanted to say how great your parents, players and staff were."* Praise indeed for St. Bens! Thanks again to Millfield for hosting us.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. First up this week is Year 6 Jasper who has scored his first goal for Street. We also feature Year 3 Ted who learned how to build a coracle last weekend at the Avalon Marshes Centre (which is a great, local place to visit). We also say a huge well done to Year 3 Florence who has gained her Level 5 award for swimming at Strode. Finally, we shine a light on Year 3 Harrison who was the Tor Rugby team player of the week, selected for his great sportsmanship and encouraging his team-mates. If you might be interested in joining Harrison at Tor Rugby, please see the flyer below for more details.

What have you been up to? Let us know and you could be the star of next week's newsletter!





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**NEW SEASON
NEW PLAYERS!**

COME ALONG AND HAVE A TRY

CUBS (U3-U6): SAT 9.30AM-11AM

MINIS (U7-U12): SUN 9.30AM-11AM

JUNIORS (U13-U16): SUN 11AM-12:30PM

COLTS (U17-U18): SUN 2PM-4PM

**FUN, ENJOYABLE
RUGBY FOR
ALL ABILITIES**

**SEASON STARTS ON
THE FIRST WEEKEND
IN SEPTEMBER**

**ALL AGES,
2-18 YEARS
BOYS & GIRLS**

YOUTH@TORRUGBYCLUB.CO.UK

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



To book contact: min@happymojo.co.uk



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