



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 14th February 2025

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

HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM

After what has been a really busy half term, please have a restful and relaxing (or energetic and action-packed, if that's what you like!) half term break. We return to school on Monday 24th February. Clubs continue as per this half term (with the exception of Martial Arts – see Class Dojo re signing up for next half term. Please note that there will be no Choir Club or Netball Club on 24th February as Mrs Coton and Miss Dyer will be at Osmington Bay.

PTFA QUIZ A SUCCESS

Thanks to all the parents and pupils that came to our quiz at Tor Rugby last Friday. A great night was had by all (especially the team next to us!) and we raised £350 towards our new play area. Congratulations to our champions, the No Hoppers and well done to all teams for their efforts. A HUGE thank you to quiz masters, Jane and Rich Daniels for a fabulous quiz that got us all thinking!

The final standings:

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| The No Hoppers: | 85 points |
| Let's Get Quizzical: | 82 points |
| Agatha Quizteam: | 80 points |
| Mystical Force: | 80 points |
| Year 3 + 3: | 75 points |
| Born to Spuddle: | 75 points |
| Yorkie Bars are on us: | 74 points |
| The Winners: | 67 points |
| Enchanted Pickles: | 64 points |
| The Not Know it alls: | 58 points |
| TBC: | 58 points |
| Simply Minded: | 54 points |
| We are here because our kids aren't: | 50 points |
| The Misfits: | 43 points |

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 were invited to Millfield to watch their production of Beauty and the Beast. It was a fabulous show with an incredible set and some excellent performances. We are, once again, very grateful to Millfield for this generous invitation and we thought their show was superb!

"I loved the quick changes and how much effort they put into it." Aliza

"I liked the stunts (especially the back flips) and the singing." Darron



"It was fantastic!" All of Year 3 and Year 4

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 your child struggles with sensory issues, please note that Marks and Spencer do an 'easy dressing' range of clothes aimed at the different needs children may have. Please go to:

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/easy-dressing>

If you require any support with this, please contact Mr Ranger.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

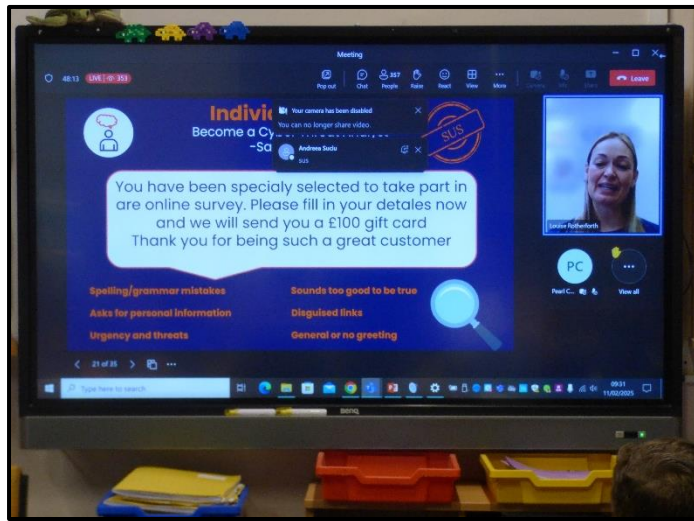
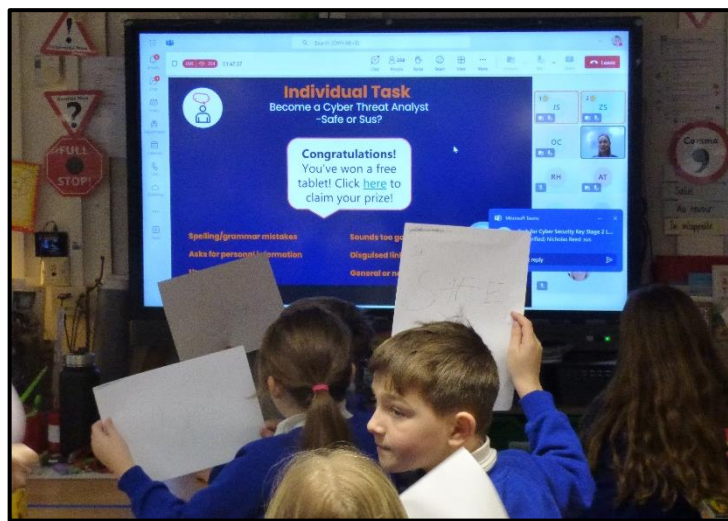
| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Headteacher's Award</u> | <u>Teacher's Award</u> |
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| Cats: | Ruben: for always being there to help and support others! | George: for having a great attitude to his learning and always tries his best! |
| Unicorns: | Elias: for trying hard to improving his learning behaviour. | Karter: for working so hard to improve in maths and spellings. |
| Chameleons: | Emilia: for always showing resilience and positivity when learning new things. | Charlie R: for a brilliant effort to learn his spellings and to use them in his writing. |
| Owls: | Eloise: for super presentation and focus in all lessons. | Aliza: for super class participation and excellent suggestions in class discussions. |
| Spiders: | Hamish: for working hard on his poetry writing. | Ollie: for working so hard to contribute in maths. |
| Tortoises: | Krish: for always being positive and hard-working in all lessons. | Bobby: for being cheerful and resilient. |
| Leopards: | Cattleya: use of similes, metaphors and noun phrases to build character detail. | Kyle: for a great newspaper article on medieval crimes. |
| Peacocks: | Jacob P: for having an excellent attitude towards her learning. | Hartley: for striving to do his best. |
| <u>Class Dojo Champs</u> | This week's champions are Leopard Class with 27.9 points per child and they get an extra break after half term. Well done, Leopards! | |
| <u>Attendance Champs</u> | This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 98% attendance. Well done Chameleons, you get an extra break after half term! | |
| <u>Book Battle Champs</u> | This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 100 % , Unicorn - 93% , Owl - 83% , Chameleon - 80 % , Tortoise –79% , Spider – 96% , Leopard - 92% , Peacock - 92% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class with 100%! | |
| <u>Values'</u> | Keira: for being really resilient and always trying her best! Lil: for showing kindness and caring to children and staff. | |
| <u>Other awards:</u> | Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Paisley, Holly (Yr3), Amelia H, Nahla, Sinead, Chiyewo (Yr4), Marshall, Austin, Leo, Reggie N, and Courtney (Yr5) Silver: Artaius (Yr3), Rupert (Yr4), and Sophia (Yr5) Reading: Millionaires Club: Charlie (Yr6) | |

Dates for your diary:

| Date: | Event/Activity: |
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| 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 |
| Mon 24 th Feb | No Choir Club or Netball Club as Mrs Coton and Miss Dyer will be away. |
| 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 – please note that we are off on Mon 21 st April |
| Tues 22 nd April | Start of Summer Term |

SAFER INTERNET DAY SESSIONS

This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day with our BIG Question Collective Worship focused on making good decisions to avoid being scammed. Pupils were encouraged to consider 'is this too good to be true?' On Tuesday, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 tuned in to Internet Safety online assemblies to take part in activities in which they had to decide if pop-ups and online offers were 'SAFE or SUS?' We were really impressed with their safety skills. Please ask them about this over half term as we work together to ensure our young people are safe online.



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 5 Sophia who is doing a litter-pick to raise money for Cancer Research whilst helping the environment. Sophia's litter-pick is on 13th April and if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause, you can visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/karens-giving-page-23286211>. We also shine a light on Paisley in Year 4 who has earned herself a medal for her performance at her Gymnastics Club. Finally, we feature Year 3 Tabby who has also been excelling at Gymnastics with two silvers and a gold in her recent competition.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: VERY TEMPTING!

This week's Collective Worship featured our Visiting Christians, Annie, Phil and Mike, who, with the help of some very talented actors (our pupils!) re-told the Bible story of the Tempting of Christ. As ever, we are grateful to our visitors for giving up their time to guide our children to learn lessons from the Bible.



RURAL LIFE VISIT FOR ST. BEN'S GROUP

A group of lucky pupils got to visit the Rural Life Museum on Friday. Accompanied by Mr Ranger and Mrs Newbury, the group of pupils from different year groups did a self-guided tour, learning all about what life used to be like in rural Somerset. The children all came up with their favourite fact as well as admiring the art exhibition. Well done to all pupils that took part – the behaviour was excellent!





Plan C Training



*****New Classes*****



**St Benedict's
Junior School
Glastonbury**



*****Monday Evenings*****



**Martial Arts
& Self Defence
for all the family**



**Yoji (3 to 9 years old) 5:15-6pm
Kohai (10 years and over) 6-7pm
Ladies Only Self Defence 7-8pm**



Book your place by following
this QR code and get your first
TWO WEEKS FREE



Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make
souvenirs to take home!



Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take
inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral
windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the
wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical
Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the
Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then
make a clay boss to take home.



FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!



Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am-3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-
entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a
number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities
beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

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!).



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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

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| FUN, ENJOYABLE RUGBY FOR ALL ABILITIES | SEASON STARTS ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER | ALL AGES, 2-18 YEARS BOYS & GIRLS |
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