



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 21st March 2025

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

PARENTS' EVENINGS A SUCCESS

Thanks to all those parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings this week. It was great to see so many of you.

If you did not manage to book a slot, please contact your child's teacher for an update or to book an appointment in the next few weeks.

PROMPT CLUB COLLECTION

A polite reminder to parents and carers to collect their child/ren promptly after clubs. We are very grateful to our wonderful staff who offer to run clubs and as a school we are committed to offering these free of charge, where possible. With this in mind, I am passionate about ensuring teachers and TAs are free to get on with their other commitments once clubs have finished. Thank you for your support with this.

GOOD LUCK ST BEN'S FOOTBALLERS

On Saturday 22nd March, St. Ben's football team travel to Keynsham for the Regional Finals. They will be taking on County champions from Berkshire, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Bristol. Best of luck!

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

This week we have had a very special visitor. Alex Colling from the RSPCA has joined us to run workshops with every class on the impact of litter on animals. As part of Alex's visit, every child has taken part in a litter pick in a different zone of school, with Year 6 branching out to the St. Ben's churchyard. Huge thanks to the brilliant Alex whose visit has shown just how much rubbish there is everywhere and challenged us to consider how we solve this problem! We hope to welcome Alex back to St. Ben's later this year.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Savannah: effort and determination to improve her handwriting in English.	Silvia: for settling into Cat Class so well!
Unicorns:	Bethany: for always trying her best in all she does.	Francis: for trying really hard to improve his knowledge of fractions.
Chameleons:	Kobi: improved focus in class and greater resilience when tackling things.	Holly: always trying her best and fantastic ideas in whole class discussions.
Owls:	Elodie: for excellent effort to improve spellings in her writing.	Leilani: super work in maths always having have a go at problem solving questions.
Spiders:	Amelia: for improved organisation and readiness to learn.	Pasha-Rose: for her positive and resilient approach to school.
Tortoises:	Leo: for great progress in his star reading test!	Saimum: for always working his hardest in all subjects.
Leopards:	Charlie: for a more positive attitude towards his maths work!	Jessica: for being more resilient in her independent work time. Arithmetic skills.
Peacocks:	Vlad: for a positive attitude towards his learning.	Hartley: for excellent progress with his arithmetic skills.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 43.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class with 99.3% 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 - 100 % , Unicorn - 96% , Owl - 88% , Chameleon - 93 % , Tortoise -62% , Spider - 88% , Leopard - 92% , Peacock - 96% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class with 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Loki: for helping Silvia settle into life in Cat Class! Showing his kindness. Leah-Bluebell: for giving up her own time to keep her community litter free. Liam: resilience with the minibus seatbelts. He is now able to do it on his own!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Rupert, Freddie, (Yr3), Kobi (Yr4) Silver: George, Tui, Iris, Lil, Florence, Flynn (Yr3), Carmen (Yr4) Reading: AR Target: Andrew (Yr3), Tallula (Yr5), Olivia, Hartley, Shahala, Dexter, and Nathan (Yr6). ELSA Award: James: for completing ELSA.	

ART CLUB WORK ON LOCAL PROJECT

For the past two weeks, pupils at Lower School Art Club have been contributing to a piece of work that is part of the Red Brick Building's Morlands' Project. Project Manager, Alison Horgan, and Art Club Leader, Miss Mills, were both really impressed with the quality of the artists' work.



FOND FAREWELL TO VISITING CHRISTIANS

Sadly this week we are waving goodbye to some St. Benedict's heroes. The Visiting Christians (aka Annie, Phil and Mike) are sadly unable to continue taking Collective Worship on Tuesdays as well as delivering Easter and Christmas Story workshops on many occasions. They have been visiting St. Ben's in this capacity since 2018 and have brought fun and entertainment to their delivery of Christian stories and parables. Children and staff alike will miss them and we thank them for all their hard work and for giving so generously over the years.



PTFA EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Following the success of our recent PTFA Quiz, please put the following dates in your diary for summer term PTFA events:

Thurs 24th April (3:30 – 5pm): Lower School Film Night

Fri 25th April (3:30 -5pm): Upper School Film Night

Friday 4th July: BenFest! Our big summer fundraiser, with fabulous entertainment, delicious food and drink, stalls, our famous cake auction and much, much more. Let us know if you wish to perform or know any other artists who may wish to take part (free of charge!)

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Sat 22 nd March	St. Ben's football team to Keynsham for Regional Finals
Fri 28 th March at 3:30pm	Glee Fund-raiser Concert at St. Ben's Church: tickets available soon.
Monday 31 st March	School photos – please come in school uniform!
Tuesday 1 st April @ 2pm	Spring Concert in Church
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
Wed 23 rd April	Year 4 Field to Food Trip (Bath and West Showground)
Thurs 24 th and Fri 25 th April	Lower School and Upper School Film Nights (see above)
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (please ensure Year 6 pupils are in all week!)

LIBRARY GROUP CREATE MINI-BOOKS

A group of children from across the school got to visit Glastonbury Library on Thursday afternoon and were tasked with creating mini-books. The event, linked to World Book Day, was a lovely opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the world of reading. Aside from the excellent work, Mrs Newbury and Mrs Tidball, who accompanied the group, were incredibly impressed with the outstanding behaviour. A huge thank you to the library for hosting us.



Welcome the return of the light

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING EQUINOX 22ND MARCH

The Langport Mummers
Music, food
& Bonfire

Live Folk Music

Betty Blight
&
Ben Hicks



Address: Wedmore Village Farm, Plud St, Wedmore BS28 4BH

22nd of March, 2pm until 7pm - parking available, toilets, shelter, food and drink - show starts at 2:30.

Tickets available via Eventbrite

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