



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 28th March 2025

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

HAVE YOUR SAY

It's survey season at St. Ben's as we try to gauge what you think of your school. We are asking pupils and parents/carers for their thoughts, so please have your say by clicking on this link. You can state your child's name or do it anonymously and we will pick one random person from all completed surveys to receive a £25 supermarket voucher (named surveys only):

<https://forms.office.com/e/Lkj7y8u1XW>

Many thanks to those who have already completed a survey. 😊

YEAR 4 MEET AUTHOR

On Thursday, pupils in Year 4 got to visit Glastonbury Library to meet author, Kathryn White who talked them through the process of illustrating and writing books. An inspired Year 4 listened brilliantly and picked up some tips for their own writing. Thanks to Glastonbury Library for hosting us once again.



ST. BEN'S TAKE ON THE BEST

Last Saturday, St. Ben's football team travelled to Keynsham to take on the county champions from the south of England. In their opening match, St.

Ben's notched up a 1-0 victory over the champions of Bristol, with a well taken goal from Richards. They then took on the champions of Berkshire in a very physical encounter in which St.

Ben's defence were immense, with Whitcomb and Gregory standing firm and Baker outstanding in goal. Captain Carter grew into the game and started to dictate play and Richards up front was a constant thorn in the opposition's side; St. Ben's fans erupted when wing wizard Sharp cut in from the flank to slot past the onrushing keeper and St.

Ben's held out for another narrow victory. The last two group games ended 0-0 (vs champions of Wiltshire and Bournemouth), with St. Ben's progressing as group champions without having conceded. Wingers Lewis and Holmes impressed and Doble's defensive work along with Morrison's poise on the ball made St. Ben's an imperious machine. In a tight semi-final, the valiant team took on the champions of the Isle of Wight; St. Ben's dominated but, heartbreakingly, lost out to an extra-time goal. In what has been an historic season, this mighty group of heroes finished as the 4th strongest team in the South of England.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Lexi: brilliant effort in her reading paper and making lots of progress!	Joseph S: for his brilliant attitude to all his work and assessments!
Unicorns:	Jacob O: making amazing progress in his reading paper.	Aurora: for great progress in reading.
Chameleons:	Reggie G: improved attitude to learning and showing more impendence.	Amelia: for trying hard with her arithmetic and showing great improvement!
Owls:	Aseel: super fable writing and making a huge effort to improve spellings.	Bowie: for super problem solving and reasoning in maths.
Spiders:	Pasha-Rose: bravery and resilience in her first swimming session at St Ben's.	Nellie: for always being positive and kind, even when it's hard.
Tortoises:	Mia: for always working her hardest in all subjects.	Austin: for resilience in our assessments this week.
Leopards:	Jasmine: for a wonderful double page spread of her London trip.	Reuben: for a greatly presented double page spread of his London trip.
Peacocks:	Meg H: for fantastic effort and concentration in her lessons.	Oriella: for always going above and beyond with the presentation of her work.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 24.1 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Tortoises!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class, with 99.2% attendance. Well done Leopards, 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 - 76% , Owl - 97% , Chameleon - 76 % , Tortoise –66% , Spider – 96% , Leopard - 97% , Peacock - 93% Meaning that this week's champs are Owl, Leopard and Cat classes with 97%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Xahli: for always looking out for others when they are hurt. Paige: for showing exceptional levels of resilience in all of her learning.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Charlie A (Yr4) and Meg H (Yr6); Silver: Mila (Yr5), Mason B and Stanley (Yr6); Gold: Nellie (Yr5) Reading: AR Target: Artaius and Imogen (Yr3); Star Pointer: Libby, Eris, Kamil (Yr4)	

YEAR 3 WORK ON RESILIENCE

On Thursday this week, pupils in Year 3 got to work on their resilience through workshops run by the Mental Health Support Team. The sessions, run by Mel from the MHST, were a great success and Mel was delighted with the children's listening skills and attitude to resilience.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week we feature Ben in Year 3 who was inspired by last week's focus on litter picking. Determined to improve his local environment, Ben, along with his Dad and his brother, took to the streets to collect rubbish and managed to fill a whole bag! Well done, Ben – we're really proud of you for being an excellent member of our community! We also feature Harrison C in Year 3 who starred for Tor Rugby U8's in their tournament last weekend. Harrison has told the Bulletin that his team are short of players, so please let us know if you might like to sign up!



Have you done anything to be proud of at home? Why not share it with us and you could be the star of next week's newsletter...



CLUBS UPDATE

A reminder that there will be no clubs next week. After Easter we will send out a clubs letter for the Summer Term, which will outline the new clubs to sign up for in the summer.

As ever, we are hugely grateful that our staff give of their time and skills so freely. Many schools charge for all after school clubs and some schools run very few, so we are incredibly proud of our ethos to offer a wide variety of activities at little or no cost.

It may be that some staff choose not to run a club in the summer term, particularly as we are aware that children enjoy more outdoor time after school in the summer months.

LEOPARD CLASS PLANS

As you are aware, Miss Switzer will soon be welcoming an addition to her family and will be starting maternity leave from the Easter Holidays. We are very fortunate to have excellent cover for her in the form of Miss Hopkins and Miss Hopkins, who will share teaching duties in Leopard Class for the rest of this academic year.

We feel that, with the support of the wider Year 6 team and the excellent pastoral team, this is the perfect arrangement for Leopard Class. Miss Switzer has worked incredibly hard to get Leopard Class in great shape for the challenges still to come and she will be keenly monitoring their progress as the year continues.

We are very excited for Miss Switzer and her family and we eagerly await news!

SCHOOL PHOTOS: 31/03

A reminder that on Monday we have School Photos. Please ensure your child comes to school smartly dressed in school uniform. If they have PE on Monday, can they please bring their kit in a bag.

FOND FAREWELL TO KIERON

Sadly this week we are waving goodbye to Rev'd Kieron who will be sorely missed. Kieron has been part of our local and school community for the past two years and we have loved his Collective Worships, with their mixture of fun and religious education. Kieron is moving on to a post based in Putney, London, in which he will support the Youth programme in the area.

Good luck, Kieron, and thanks for everything!



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:
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)
Friday 9 th May	VE Day Anniversary Celebrations – more to follow soon
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (please ensure Year 6 pupils are in all week!)

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