



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 25th April 2025

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

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to what promises to be an action-packed summer term. As well as the usual highlights, including Sports Day, and various trips and visits, we also have our commemoration of VE Day, which will be on Friday 9th May – our theme for the day will be red, white and blue.

Clubs will start on Tuesday 6th May. A clubs letter has gone out today, so please talk this through with your child and select the clubs they wish to attend. Please note that we will confirm if your child has a place (and if they don't) by next Friday. The deadline to return the clubs' letter is next Tuesday (29th April).

DO YOU PLAY CHESS? WOULD YOU RUN A CLUB?

Chess is a wonderful game – great for strategic thinking and excellent fun. We'd love to run a chess club but we need someone to lead it? Are you a player?

Would you like to inspire the next generation of chess players? If you might be interested, why not give Mr Ranger a call on 01458 831811 or message him on Class Dojo.



YEAR 4 FIELD TO FOOD TRIP

On Wednesday 23rd April, Year 4 got to visit the Bath and West showground at Shepton for a day to remember. The Field to Food experience is a packed day of learning and activities based around where our food comes from. The children got to meet lots of animals and learn about cheese and milk production, as well as bread-making. Thank you so much to Ms Bradshaw for organising the visit and to Mrs Bennetts for volunteering her time to join us. Thanks also to our excellent guides, Sharon and Lisa. See more photos on page 2...



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Karla: for having a great attitude to her learning!	Ben: doing lots of reading at home! 38 times since the start of the Easter holidays!
Unicorns:	Tristan: for showing great resilience when things were scary.	Bethany: for being resilient and trying again.
Chameleons:	Charlie B: for always trying his best and great enthusiasm during our school trip!	Chameleon Class: for superb learning and excellent behaviour on our school trip!
Owls:	Sage: for superb focus and participation in all lessons.	Owl Class: for superb learning and excellent behaviour on our school trip!
Spiders:	Isaac: for being kind to a friend in need – Thank you Isaac!	Thomas: for being confident and resilient in maths.
Tortoises:	Lola: a positive first week at St Ben's. It's a pleasure to have you in our class.	Reggie T: for always being kind, helpful and hard working.
Leopards:	Annabelle: for great focus and participation in class discussion!	All of Leopard Class: for adapting well to change and focussing well in class.
Peacocks:	Sofia: for an excellent attitude towards her learning.	Jasper: for being an excellent friend and for helping others with their learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 24 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's joint champions are Leopard Class and Cat Class, with 100% attendance. Well done Leopards and 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 – 82 % , Unicorn - 79 % , Owl - 81% , Chameleon - 79 % , Tortoise –58% , Spider – 96% , Leopard - 81% , Peacock - 86% Meaning that this week's champs are Spider class with 96%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Bodhi: for impeccable manners during our trip to the Bath and West Showground – holding doors and waiting for pupils from other schools. Mya: for being a really supportive friend to her peers.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Silver: Elodie, Leilani, Lauralie, Kara, Eleana, and Isaac (Yr4), Tallula, Taran (Yr5) and Amelia P (Yr6). 25m swimming awards: All in Year 5: Leo, Mia, Harriet, Isaac, Aiden, Tallula, Darcie, Aliya, Mila, Austin, Reggie N, Ollie, Sophia, Mori, Reggie T, Ralph, Charlie W, Kara, Jack, Hamish, Raphael, Jaxon D	

YEAR 4 FIELD TO FOOD TRIP: MORE PHOTOS...



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week we feature Sophia in Year 5 who has earned a role in a forthcoming TV drama. We also salute Year 3 Iris who achieved a gold medal for backstroke in her Strode pre-squad gala in March. We also shine a light on Tui and Ruben in Year 3 who are members of Plan C Martial Arts Club. During the holidays they both attended their first grading and are now proud owners of a Yellow Stripe belt. Well done to all of you!



CLUBS UPDATE

Clubs will start week beginning
Tuesday 6th May.

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.

YEAR 4 FIELD TO FOOD: EVEN MORE PHOTOS...



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
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!)
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd June	Start of last half term
Fri 27 th and Mon 30 th June	INSET days for Glastonbury Festival – School closed
Wed 23 rd July	Last day of term – break up for Summer Holidays



PTFA MOVIE NIGHTS A SMASH HIT



Thank you to all pupils who attended this week's PTFA Movie Nights – the Lower School got to see Moana 2 on Thursday, while Upper School watched Plankton the Movie on Friday.

Huge thanks to our PTFA team and staff who stayed to run both events. We will update you next week on how much money was raised.



Year 5 Head's Tea Party... at last!

Year 5 missed out on the Head Teacher's Tea Party when they were at Osmington Bay. This week they finally got their reward – a hot chocolate and haribos with Mr Ranger, as well as some extra break time. Thank you for your patience, Year 5, and well done!

