



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 2nd May 2025

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

VE Day 80th Anniversary Friday 9th May 2025



Next Thursday is the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. We will celebrate this milestone on FRIDAY 9th MAY by focusing on the importance of VE Day, including a few songs and some extra break to play some games in the afternoon. Our theme will be red, white and blue, so please help your child to choose some appropriate clothes for the day. Mini-flags are permitted! The day will run as usual – all festivities will be during the school day.

DOGS: a polite reminder

As a dog owner, I love our four-legged friends, but some of our children are very nervous of dogs, so please be respectful of this as you wait outside at drop-off and collection. If you have a dog, please stand well back from the gate and keep your dog on a short lead so that children can enter and leave school without feeling apprehensive.

Many thanks for your understanding and support with this.

TUNING UP OUR MENTAL HEALTH

Before Easter, we held a fund-raiser event in St. Benedict's Church in aid of the Mayor's charity, 'The Glastonbury Mental Health Network'. The event was the brainchild of Glee Club leader, Miss Greuter, and Glee Club and Choir Club performed brilliantly to a packed audience. This week, the Mayor came in to collect the money that had been raised – an impressive £302.26.

The mayor told the children that, amongst other things, this money will be used to train up shop-keepers in Glastonbury to support mental health in Glastonbury. Thank you to everyone who sang or attended the performance – you are helping to improve mental health in our community.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Emilia: for always being a presentation peacock!!	Zara: for trying really hard to make sure she is at school on time!
Unicorns:	Olivia: for great listening and following instructions in swimming.	Iris: for being a fantastic help to her friends in swimming.
Chameleons:	James: for being a community minded member of the class and helping others.	Roman: for showing determination and resilience to improve his times tables.
Owls:	Nahla: for super imaginative ideas during question time about dragons.	Amelia: for perseverance and dedication in all her work.
Spiders:	Harriet: for showing kindness to a friend in need.	Aiden: for making an excellent start to his Greek myth.
Tortoises:	Aliya: for super home-reading – at least 6 times every week!	Ralph: for always working hard in all lessons.
Leopards:	Amelia: for approaching all she does with a big smile on her face!	Jasmine: for approaching all tasks with 100% effort!
Peacocks:	Jacob: for excellent focus and effort during assessments.	Nathan: for excellent effort and concentration in class.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 41 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 99.3% attendance. Well done Chameleons, 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 - 76 % , Owl - 87% , Chameleon - 93 % , Tortoise –66% , Spider – 89% , Leopard - 89% , Peacock - 93% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class with 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Lissy: for being a kind friend, helping someone at swimming! Aurora: for being a kind and caring member of our community.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Courtney (Yr3), and Mason Tr(Yr6) Silver: Tabitha (Yr3), Reggie (Yr4), and Shahala (Yr6); Gold: John (Yr5) ELSA Awards: Jessica G (Yr6): for excellent participation in ELSA sessions. Junior Pizzaiolo: Jacob P, Isabelle, Annabelle, Charlie H, Jasper, Jessica GA (Yr6), Harriet, Nellie, Jaxon W, Charlie D, Willow, Mia, Logan G (Yr5), Bodhi, Lily Pai, Amelia H, Louie, Evie, Ruby (Yr4), Joseph, Finn, Holly, Freyja, Alfie, and Liam (Yr3) Best Pizza: Harrison S (Yr3), Leilani, Kobi (Yr4), Charlie W (Yr5) and Vlad (Yr6)	

A TOAST TO YEAR 6 BOOSTER GROUPS AND TO MISS LOCK

Next week sees the last SATs Maths Booster Group sessions and Mr Ranger and Mr Kelland wanted to say a big thank you and well done to those pupils who have turned up at 8am twice a week – their attitude to the sessions has been brilliant. They also wanted to thank the staff who have delivered the groups and to say a BIG thank you to Miss Lock for her outstanding services to toast-making – she has fuelled our pupils' learning.

Right: some Booster Group pupils enjoy their toast!



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week we feature Year 4 Carmen who has received rave reviews for her ballet performance at the Supreme Dance Competition. We also star Ruby who has excelled at clay pigeon (and rabbit) shooting at Mendip Shooting field. WE also shine a light on Manu and Reggie who you may have seen at the Glastonbury Medieval Fayre; they are part of the Viking re-enactment team and spent their weekend teaching the public about different types of pelts. Austin in Year 5 has also been busy – he’s been supporting the team at Twinnies’ Farm, helping out with looking after the animals. We also say well done to Karla and Rupert for coming third in a dog show (with Karla’s dog, George!). Finally, we salute Year 6 Jasper for being player of the match in 4-4 draw vs Milbourn Port; he was particularly praised for his ability to keep hold of the ball.



From top left, clockwise:

Carmen’s dancing award, Ruby’s clay shots, Manu and Reggie’s medieval adventures, Austin’s awesome work on the farm, Karla and Rupert’s dog-showing, Jack’s marathon adventure and Jasper’s player of the match performance.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 9 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary Celebrations – red, white and blue theme.
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 summer half term 2
Fri 27 th and Mon 30 th June	INSET days for Glastonbury Festival – School closed
Wed 2 nd July	Transition Day – children meet their next teacher
Fri 4 th July	BenFest – 5 – 9pm
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 last 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; we managed to raise an impressive £254!

The PTFA's next project will be our summer extravaganza, BenFest, on Friday 4th July. Please save the date. This is an evening of fun with music, food, entertainment and activities – it really is fun for all the family!

There will be raffle tickets going home after half term.

There are many ways you can take part, from baking a masterpiece for our cake auction, to running a stall, or just by coming along on the evening!

If you can support the PTFA with BenFest, please let us know!