



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 9th May 2025

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

GREAT START TO CLUBS

This week saw an excellent start to our summer clubs, with a debut for STEM Club and the first rounders and cricket of the year. A reminder that Production Club starts on Monday. Martial Arts will return after half term and will be on a Thursday – more info soon.

GOOD LUCK, YEAR 6!

Next week sees Year 6 take on their SATs tests, a measure of their progress in Reading, Maths and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). They have worked really hard and we are proud of them all. We know they will all put in 100% effort next week and we wish them luck.

As ever, it's a team effort and we thank the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 for walking quietly and sensibly around school during the tests next week to help the Year 6's focus.



VE Day – 80th Anniversary celebrations



On Friday, St. Ben's marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a playground party to remember. We were lucky enough to be joined by esteemed members of our community including the Deputy Mayor, local Headteachers and representatives from friends of the school, Knights and Burns the Bread. We also played host to school governors, PTFA members and staff and residents from St. Benedict's Nursing Home as well as the church. The children (under the guidance of Mrs Coton and Ms Greuter) sang a range of war songs and Mr Ranger spoke of how the town of Glastonbury was affected by World War II. Terri, Casey and Max from Burns the Bread then unveiled an incredible Union Jack of cakes which they very generously donated to the school - the children quickly devoured these before enjoying games of cricket and rounders on the field. Huge thanks to everyone for their efforts in putting this memorable event together and a special THANK YOU to Burns the Bread for their tremendous act of kindness.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Headteacher's Award

Teacher's Award

Awards not presented this week due to VE Day celebrations – we will have a double awards week next week.

Book Battle Champs

This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home:

Cat – 93 %, Unicorn - 78 %, Owl - 73%, Chameleon - 93 %, Tortoise –66%, Spider – 85%, Leopard - 96%, Peacock - 86%

Meaning that this week's champs are Leopard class with 96%!

A TASTE OF KNIGHTS

A group of lucky pupils (and staff) got to visit award-winning fish and chip restaurant, Knights, on Thursday to learn about the process of making fish and chips. The children were also learned about the history of Knights and how they have remained open since 1909, producing fish and chips through both world wars. The visit culminated in a chance to try the delicious fish and chips, which the group relished. A huge thank you to George, to Kevin and Charlotte and to the Knights team for giving our children such a warm welcome and for their customary generosity.



Peg soldier troop march on St. Ben's

This week, as part of the VE Day celebrations, every child got to create their own peg soldier. Every class learned about the different battalions and their uniform before deciding how to dress their soldier. The effect when all 230 soldiers got together was breath-taking. The soldiers are displayed on the table by the office. The idea was the brain-child of Ms Bradshaw, our History Lead, who was delighted with the impact of the final display as well as the knowledge the pupils gained about our armed forces.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (please ensure Year 6 pupils are in all week!)
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 and Year 3 workshops with Wessex Water (at school)
Friday 23 rd May	Year 6 trip to Rural Life Museum
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

VE DAY CARD FOR NURSING HOME

Mrs Tidball and her creative elves have been very busy Bees once again as St. Ben's school has been a hive of activity preparing for VE Day. A group of pupils have worked very hard to create a card for St. Benedict's Nursing Home to show how much we appreciate the older generation and the sacrifices they made for us during World War II and beyond.

At our VE Day anniversary celebrations on Friday, the card was handed over to the Care Home staff and residents so that it can be displayed at the Nursing Home. The card contains messages from our pupils, describing their feelings of thanks for what happened 80 years ago. Huge thanks to the pupils and to Mrs Tidball for their thoughtful words and brilliant creative work.



YEAR 5 VISIT NEVER-NEVER LAND

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 got to watch an impressive performance of Peter Pan and Wendy, performed by the students of Millfield. Our pupils, many of whom are fine performers themselves, loved the show. As ever, we are incredibly grateful to Millfield for inviting us; it was a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.



Wedmore Village Farm Kids Festival



WEDMORE VILLAGE FARM, PLUD ST, WEDMORE BS28 4BH. 24TH OF MAY, 2025. 10AM UNTIL 4:30PM BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

TOR THEATRE

PRESENTS



Including:

Artisan Market

Locally made food, clothes, toys, face painting, organic skincare, massage & more!



- TOR THEATRE, PERFORMING THE TIME MACHINE BY H.G WELLS.
- MAGIC OWL & SARAH MOONEY - STORY TELLING FROM THE YURT.
- LARA HONNOR, SKOOL BEANZ - LEARN HOW TO GROW MICRO-GREENS USING RECYCLED CONTAINERS.
- MICHELLE BLACKMORE, OWL ENLIGHTENMENT - MEET & LEARN ABOUT THESE MAJESTIC CREATURES.
- MISCHA STRIDE, THE FOOD FOREST PROJECT - MAKE VERY SPECIAL FLOWER CROWNS USING FLOWERS FROM THE FARM.
- VANESSA BECKER-HUGHES, SOMERSET EEL RECOVERY PROJECT (SERP) - LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EELS AND THEIR PLACE WITHIN OUR WATERWAY, WITH LIVE EELS!
- ST MARY'S, MESSY CHURCH

MUSIC FROM MEMBERS OF THE BRISTOL STRING QUARTET, HESTER ELEANOR, BETTY BLIGHT & BEN HICKS

PLUS FOOD, DRINK, WILD PLAY & MORE. GET YOUR TICKETS FROM EVENTBRITE OR EMAIL WEDMORE VILLAGE FARM



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