



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 16th May 2025

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

WELL DONE, YEAR 6!

Our Year 6's have been magnificent this week. They have been resilient and calm and approached their SATs tests with maturity and determination – we are so proud of every one of them. Huge thanks go to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers who have helped to support the Year 6's through their tests this week. Also a big thank you to the wider school; the other pupils have been really quiet and respectful to help support their friends in Year 6.

Once SATs were over, Friday saw our SATs BBQ, with Mr Kelland and Mr Lintell on the tongs, creating a delicious breakfast for the Year 6s and all the staff, as a thanks for helping our Year 6's on their journey throughout the school – next step Masterchef! We even got a special visit from Miss Switzer and her new arrival, Barti!



Twinnies Farm to visit on Tuesday 20th May

Next Tuesday we will welcome some very special guests to St. Ben's. Twinnies Farm are coming to set up some animal petting sessions on our school field and every child will get the opportunity to meet our visitors.

The session is being run free of charge as a thank you from Twinnies to Year 5 Austin Hodder, who has been volunteering his time to help out at the Farm by mucking out animals and helping to run sessions. Well done, Austin, and thank you to Twinnies for this incredible gesture!

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT APPRENTICE OR CLEANER?

Due to an increase in our numbers, we are seeking Apprentice Teaching Assistants to work at St. Benedict's; this will be through Richard Huish, with the college day being taught at our Apprentice Hub here at St. Ben's. If you, or someone you know may be keen, please keep an eye out for adverts. WE are also seeking a new cleaner to work after school each day and some holiday hours. Please contact us for more information if you may be interested.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS – DOUBLE WEEK

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Keira: for always trying her best in all her learning!	Lissy: for always being ready for her learning! And trying her best!
	Jago: for always being focused on the carpet during our learning time!	Verity: for being resilient in her learning when she finds it tricky!
Unicorns:	Florence: for making great improvements in maths.	Mazvita: for always presenting her work so beautifully.
	Jovial: for working hard to improve his reading and spelling.	Harrison: for an improved attitude to his learning.
Chameleons:	Sophia: making a huge effort in reading and an improvement in her spellings.	Mia: for being so dedicated to improving her times tables knowledge and speed.
	Kamil: for a fantastic focus and effort in maths and for helping others.	Libby: super focus and attention to detail while creating her clay dragon eye.
Owls:	Chiyewo: for working hard with determination in all subjects.	Carmen: showing determination and resilience with a happy smile.
	Evie: for resilience in maths – never giving up. Well done Evie!	Sinead: for super contribution to class discussions.
Spiders:	Raphael: for an outstanding Greek Myth!	Blossom: for planning, creating and delivering a maths lesson to the class.
	Jack C: for always being kind and showing good manners.	Marshall: for working so hard on improving his handwriting.
Tortoises:	Willow: for super focus and being really cheerful in her work this week.	Mia: for resilience in maths this week.
	Bobby: for unbeatable recall of all his times tables.	Krish: for making an outstanding clay model of a mythical beast.
Leopards:	Archie: for being a pleasure to have in the classroom.	Eloise: for great focus in class and getting more involved with class discussion.
	Noah: for great focus and attitude towards all of his SATs papers!	All of Leopard Class and Peacock Class: for their hard work, positive attitude and enthusiasm towards SATs this week!
Peacocks:	Olivia: for always approaching her learning with a positive attitude.	Megan M: for being a diligent learner and always checking her answers.
	Jessica: for always persevering and never giving up.	

Class Dojo Champs

This week's champions are Peacock Class with 26.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks!

Attendance Champs

This week's champions are Leopard Class, with 100% attendance. Well done Leopards, you get an extra break next week!

Book Battle Champs

This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home:
Cat – 100 %, Unicorn - 96 %, Owl - 90%, Chameleon - 83 %, Tortoise –74%, Spider – 96%, Leopard - 81%, Peacock - 76%
 Meaning that this week's champs are **Cat class with 100%!**

Values'

Nellie: for having a positive attitude in school; Reggie T: being kind and considerate. Isabelle; being more resilient; Dexter; being a calm presence outside.

Other awards:

Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Freyja; Silver: Imogen, Ruben, Harrison, Toby, Eris, Charlie D, Orrin, and Annabelle; Gold: Andy (Yr3), Jake S, Aliza (Y4) and Mason Ti (Yr6)
 Beehive Awards: Sinead (Yr4): for helping with Year 3 Nurture. Jacob O (Yr3): for great manners. Hundred Club: John (Y5)

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week we feature Toby, whose Wessex team narrowly lost 6-5 in the Cup Final, with Toby putting in a great performance in goal. Toby hopes his beloved Crystal Palace go one better in the Men's FA Cup Final this weekend! Cara has also been busy – she's won a bronze medal for her solo song and dance performance at a recent competition. Jasper has kicked off the cricket season in style with a wicket in his team, the Street Sea Dragons', opening game. We also feature Harrison who has scooped another 'Most improved player 2024-25, to add to his collection of trophies and medals he has achieved playing for Tor Rugby. Well done to you all!



WATER LOTTA FUN

On Friday this week we welcomed back Sam from Wessex Water who delivered sessions for Year 3 and Year 5 all about the water cycle and the importance of water. Once again, Sam inspired our young scientists and geographers with her entertaining workshops. Thank you very much to Sam and to the team at Wessex for delivering these sessions.





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Glastonbury
BA6 9EX

When:
5/06 - 9-11am
12/06 - 1-3pm
19/06 - 1-3pm
26/06 - 9-11am
03/07 - 1-3pm
10/07 - 1-3pm

We are very lucky to have the Mental Health Support Team delivering 'Tuning into Kids' at St. Benedict's in June and July.

These are really excellent sessions for parents and carers, giving you invaluable hints and tips for how to understand your child's behaviour and support them as they grow up.

Please note that these sessions are on offer to other schools, so places may fill quickly – book now to avoid disappointment!

(And there will be drinks and biscuits!)

Please note that you will be signing up to all sessions...

Please contact Mrs Newbury to book yourself a place.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tuesday 20 th May	Visit from Twinnies Farm – all day
Tuesday 20 th May pm	Rounders Team league matches at Strode (back by end of 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



Release date May 2025

Join us as a paid on-call firefighter in Frome - Recruitment Open evening 5th June 1800 - 2100

Your community needs you! Glastonbury Fire Station is crewed by local residents and workers, without the efforts of these men and women a fire engine wouldn't be available in people's hour of need.

Glastonbury is a busy on call fire station with approx. 300 incidents per calendar year within the town and surrounding areas. This is an opportunity for men and women who live and/or work within a five-minute response time to the fire station (George Street, Glastonbury) to potentially save lives by attending emergency incidents such as fires, road traffic collisions, chemical spills, floods, gain entry's and many more and we also talk to our community about fire prevention.

Being on-call means that you provide a level of cover whilst at work or at home and when you are needed your pager will alert you to attend the station. People who can give cover during the day are particularly needed. Many people have primary occupations whilst on-call - either employed or self-employed, the Service has examples of employees in factories, shops, takeaways and restaurants who are on-call firefighters. No previous experience of firefighting is necessary for this role and full training will be provided – the ideal prospective firefighter starts with a commitment to the community and a positive attitude. You need to be over 18 and have a good level of fitness and strength, but sometimes people overestimate the levels required and this can deter them (particularly women) from applying. The Service will give people advice and help in preparing for both the written and practical assessments.

We have a recruitment open evening planned for Thursday 05th June 1800 – 2100. At this recruitment event you will be presented with what is required and what it is like being an on-call firefighter, get to ask questions and have a look around the fire engines and station. If you are interested, think you might be interested or open to the idea of helping your community come along and find out more.

There are many benefits you'll receive as an employee of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) such as transferable skills, trained in first aid, teamwork, working under pressure, LGV licence (depending on station needs), trained in manual handling, good publicity and local reputation for your company, pensionable pay & many emergency services discounts

To apply please visit

<https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/careers/on-call-application-process>

Anyone interested can email Watch Manager, Adam Whitcombe direct on awhitcombe@dsfire.gov.uk or are welcome to come to Glastonbury Fire Station, George Street during drill nights on Monday or Tuesday from 1900 - 20:30.

More information about becoming an on-call firefighter is on the website www.dsfire.gov.uk

For more press information please contact: Paul Slaven, PR Officer on 07973 429436

pslaven@dsfire.gov.uk **Keep up to date and follow 'dsfireupdates' on Twitter and Facebook**

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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