



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 23rd May 2025

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

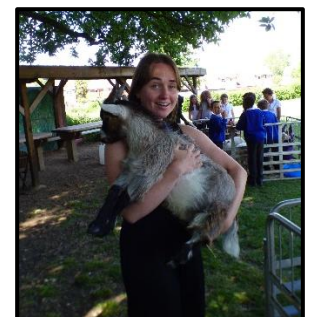
HAPPY HALF TERM!

It only seems like moments ago that we were returning to school after the Easter Holidays, but it's half term already! Thanks for your support this term in what has been an action-packed, sun-drenched five weeks. We look forward to seeing you all on 2nd June for the final half term of this year and we've already got lots of learning adventures planned as well as some highlights of the school calendar, including Sports Day, BenFest and our Champions' League football tournament.

Have a restful break and see you on Monday 2nd June.

ANIMAL MAGIC WITH TWINNIES FARM

On Tuesday 20th May, we were lucky enough to be visited by Chrystal and Kiki from Twinnies Farm. The visit was courtesy of their helper, Year 5 Austin Hodder, whose excellent work for them earned him a visit for his school. Our human visitors brought some very special friends in the form of rabbits, guinea pigs, pygmy goats, sheep and a pony. Staff and children alike loved the visit and we hope to welcome back the Twinnies' Team next year. Thanks to Chrystal and Kiki and to Austin, too!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Silvia: being resilient during swimming when she was finding it tough!	Emilia: for always being a presentation peacock!
Unicorns:	Alisia: for great determination in swimming.	Alfie: for working hard to overcome problems.
Chameleons:	Charlie A: for improved focus on his writing skills.	Florence: showing immense patience and care when creating her clay dragon's eye.
Owls:	Daronn: for super descriptive writing about the Flotsam Camera's diary.	Bence: for super calculation and reasoning in maths and speedy times tables.
Spiders:	Sadie: for being confident and pushing herself out her comfort zone.	Willard: for an amazing fact file all about Zeus!
Tortoises:	Nico: for great work and a lovely positive attitude at St Dunstan's.	Elijah: for a being a presentation peacock in all his work.
Leopards:	Owen: for throwing himself into everything he does with 100% effort!	Akishar: for amazing contributions in all class discussions.
Peacocks:	Echo: for being a thoughtful and conscientious member of the class.	Shahala: for excellent ideas in her story writing.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 26.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 98.3% 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 - 89 %, Owl - 100%, Chameleon - 83 %, Tortoise –83%, Spider – 100%, Leopard - 91%, Peacock - 84% Meaning that this week's champs are Owl, Spider and Cat classes with 100%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Amelia: for super calm and helpful attitude to helping her class mates. Roman: for amazing resilience by improving his times tables scores week on week even though he finds it tricky.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Aurora (Yr3), Amelia, and Willow (Yr5); Silver: Juno, Savannah, Lillie (Yr3), Sinead, Penelope, Monty, Emilia, Holly, Honi (Yr4), Tinayeshe, and Aliya (Yr5) Gold: Karter (Yr3), Logan B (Yr5), Vlad and Megan M (Yr6) AR Target Master: Olivia, Megan, and Echo (Yr6)	

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

We already know that we have some very talented pupils and we are looking forward to seeing their skills and talents at our forthcoming Talent Show. Talent Show class heats will run from Mon 16th – Thurs 19th June with each class's champion going through to the Grand Final on Friday 20th June. Class Champions will be invited to perform on the outdoor stage at Benfest, so there is plenty at stake. As well as being fun and entertaining, performance is all about confidence and resilience so please encourage your child to take part and help them to practise.

ROUNDERS TEAM WIN!

Our Rounders team got off to a flying start this season, with wins over Walton (63-11) and Brookside (42-38). On a hot day, the team's attitude and behaviour were superb and coaches Mrs Varney and Mr Lintell were very proud of them.

Squad:

Mila, Issy, Lola, Solomiia, Kara, Dexter, Mason B, Owen, Jake and Ralph. A special mention for Issy who stood in as bowler at the last moment and was outstanding!

YEAR 6 CELEBRATE SOMERSET AT RURAL LIFE MUSEUM

On Friday 23rd May, Year 6 got to visit the Rural Life Museum to learn about Celebration in Somerset; each child got to take part in three workshops, learning about maypole dancing, wassailing and creating banners. Sadly, the visit was the last time we will see Sandy Thomas, who has been the Education Officer at the Rural Life Museum for the past eight years; Sandy is retiring and will be sorely missed. We say a HUGE thank you and good luck to Sandy for all the support and wonderful sessions she has offered us over the years.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school. This week we feature Harry and Jacob who have been inspired by Jasper to sign up to play cricket for the Street Sea Dragons – they both made a great start to their seasons last week. Also, it's 'break a leg' to Sophia in Year 5 who is appearing in *The Little Mermaid Jr* at the MacMillan Theatre, Bridgwater; there may still be tickets available if you're lucky – it's running from 30th May – 1st June!



KITH and KIN

Year 4 were visited by an Anglo Saxon this week! On Thursday, the wonderful Leela Bunce put Year 4 through their paces as she performed her one woman show, *Kith and Kin*. As well as entertaining the audience, Leela took the children back to Anglo-Saxon times, teaching them some ancient language and crafting skills. Thank you so much to Leela who offered the brilliant session free of charge.



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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:
Mon 2 nd June	Start of summer half term 2
Tues 3 rd June	Cricket Tournament at Tor Leisure (letters have gone out to players)
Tues 10 th June	Year 6 to Wells Cathedral for Moving Up Service
Wed 11 th June	Enrichment Day
Thurs 12 th June	Year 4 to Orchard Court Farm
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th June	Talent Show – heats in classes, then Grand Final on Friday
Mon 23 rd June	St. Ben's Upper School Champions League Football Tournament
Tues 24 th June	St. Ben's Lower School Champions League Football Tournament
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
Fri 11 th July	Sports Day – Upper School am; Lower School pm
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

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Wedmore Village Farm Kids Festival



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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

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