



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 6th June 2025

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

## IS IT REALLY THE FINAL HALF TERM OF THIS YEAR?

It's difficult to believe that we are now in the last half term of the 2024-25 academic year, but we still have lots to pack in to our last 7 and a half weeks; highlights include our Talent Shows, Champions' League football tournaments, Sports Day, Enrichment Day and much, much more. We also have our Transition Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, when children will get to spend the day with their next teacher, including Year 6 going into Year 7 and Year 2's coming to us.

As ever, thank you for your support in what promises to be a busy time.

## WHATSAPPENING?



I heard on the radio this week that a Headteacher switched on a Year 6 child's phone one morning at school to find 9000 messages from overnight. I am aware that WhatsApp groups are increasingly causing distress for the pupils of St. Ben's and wanted to reflect on a couple of points:

- **No child owns their phone; they are purchased by their parent/an adult. Therefore, that adult has some control over what happens with/to that phone.**
- **The minimum age for use of WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old. No primary school child is 13 years old. Any child under this age is using WhatsApp with the consent of their parent/s.**
- **Harassment (repeatedly causing a person alarm or distress, including by text) is a crime and the age of criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years old.**

We are spending increasing amounts of time in school dealing with the fallout from out of school WhatsApp issues affecting wellbeing. This eats into time that should be spent on educating our pupils.

Can you please speak to your child about their behaviour online/in groups? One of our values as a school is kindness, and some children are being very unkind to others in these groups.

Can you please monitor carefully what groups your child is part of and the content of these groups?

## HOWZAT? CRICKETING SUCCESS

On Tuesday this week, St. Ben's Cricket Team made the short trip to Tor Leisure to take on other schools at a SASP tournament. St. Ben's were slow off the mark in their opener vs Elmhurst but soon got into their stride making 30 runs with the partnership of Cox and Jenkins doing the damage. The total was matched by their opponents taking the match into a 'Super Over' which, agonisingly, Elmhurst won on the final ball. St. Ben's then upped their game in their second match vs St. Paul's A with some outstanding bowling from Johnson and Salter and some excellent batting from the whole team, running out convincing winners, before they dispatched St. Paul's B with imperious batting performances from Lewis, Patel and Sady. Well done to the whole team for a brilliant performance and for entertaining the onlooking St. Ben's parents and grandparents.



# ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Joseph: a great attitude to learning and trying really hard not to be distracted .	Rupert: for working hard at practising a new swimming stroke this week!
Unicorns:	Courtney: for always trying her best in all she does.	Flynn: for working hard to improve his spellings.
Chameleons:	Freddie: super creativity - including a superb piece of persuasive writing.	Lily Pay: being so positive and showing kindness to other members of the class.
Owls:	Eli: for super effort in soundchecks on TT Rockstars.	Ruby: for sensible and nature caring nature to all her classmates.
Spiders:	Luna-Lily: for a beautiful sketch of her character in a story plan.	Sam: for showing resilience in maths this week.
Tortoises:	Taran: for a mature and positive attitude to all his learning.	Kara: super focus and great progress in maths this week.
Leopards:	Jake: for being kind and helping members of the class with their work.	Cattleya: for her positive attitude towards school.
Peacocks:	Mason: for an excellent attitude towards his work.	Eve: for showcasing wonderful creativity within her English work.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 25.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class, with 99.7% attendance. Well done Peacocks, 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: <b>Cat - 97 %, Unicorn - 97 %, Owl - 94%, Chameleon - 97 %, Tortoise -96%, Spider - 96%, Leopard - 76%, Peacock - 93%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are <b>Cat, Unicorn and Chameleon</b> classes with 97%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Verity: for always being resilient in maths! Alfie: for being kind and thoughtful member of our class.	
<u>Other awards:</u>	School Games Sporting Spirit in Cricket: Aiden, Jake, Saimum, Jasper, Elijah, Raphael, and Krish (upper school)	

## PRACTISE MAKES TALENT!



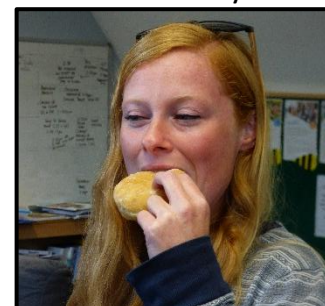
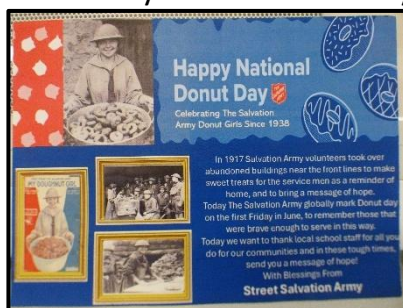
We already know that we have some very talented pupils and we are looking forward to seeing their skills and talents at our forthcoming Talent Show. Talent Show class heats will run from Mon 16th – Thurs 19th June with each class's champion going through to the Grand Final on Friday 20th June.

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.

## THANKS TO SALVATION ARMY

Today we had a very special delivery as Louise from the Street Salvation Army team brought our staff donuts. During World War I, a group of brave 'Donut Girls' delivered donuts to the front line to keep morale up. Today, the Salvation Army deliver to front line workers, including school staff, to say thank you. We were very touched - thank you!



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS ON!

On Wednesday this week, we were visited by Selina Gunn from the Library Service to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The theme for summer 2025 is 'The Story Garden' and the aim, as ever, is to read at least six books before the deadline.

It's free to sign up and there are loads of goodies available as well as awards for those children who complete the challenge. Why not get yourselves along to Glastonbury Library and be part of it!



## FLOWER POWER!

Our gardening team, headed up by the fabulous Mrs Caston, has once again produced a beautiful array of flowers and this week, they have spread joy and colour around the school with little posies of flowers in classrooms, the Staff Room, the Office and Mr Ranger's Office. This year's triumphs included Sweet Peas, California Poppies and Cornflowers.

Thank you so much to Mrs Caston, Echo and Sofia (all pictured) and to the many other green-fingered pupils who have helped to create such beauty and have brought smiles to so many faces.



## WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

**Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school.** This week we feature Bence who is once again a Spartan superstar after taking part in the event in London before half term; Bence ran 3km and overcame many obstacles and then volunteered to help on the line in the adult race! We also shine a light on Saoirse who has achieved her Level 1 gymnastics after just a few weeks at Bounce and Flex in Street. We also congratulate ace swimmer Tabby who has achieved her Level 7 award this week! Well done to you all!



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Wells Cathedral for Moving Up Service
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Enrichment Day: <b>NO SWIMMING.</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to Orchard Court Farm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Talent Show – heats in classes, then Grand Final on Friday
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St. Ben's Upper School Champions League Football Tournament
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Ben's Lower School Champions League Football Tournament
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET days for Glastonbury Festival – School closed
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Day – children meet their next teacher
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> July	BenFest – 5 – 9pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Production Club performance to parents/carers: 6pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Upper School am; Lower School pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July: <b>No Ben's Den</b>	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ at Greenbank: 7 – 9pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July: <b>No Ben's Den</b>	Leavers' Assembly at 2pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> July: <b>No Ben's Den</b>	Last day of term – break up for Summer Holidays

# WESSEX ARROWS U9s

CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 3

New players needed for our new u9s team  
for the 2025/26 season.

For more information, and to get involved,  
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