



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 4th July 2025

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

TRANSITION DAY A SUCCESS

This year's Transition Day was a success with Year 6's visiting their secondary school for the day, St. Ben's playing host to the current Year 2's and each class moving up to their next teacher for the day.

Many pupils voiced a mixture of nerves and excitement ahead of the day, but spending time with their next teachers and TAs has put most minds at rest. If your child is still feeling worried about next year, please share this with us. Some degree of nervousness is natural, but we do not want children dwelling on any concerns over the Summer Holidays.

SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

On Thursday we were visited by South West in Bloom judge Terry Porter, along with friend of the school Sarah Marks; this was for the judging team to see what wonderful things St. Ben's are doing around school.

SENDCo Mrs Caston and a group of passionate gardeners (Olivia, Sophia, Sofia and Echo) spoke knowledgeably to Mr Porter about what they have grown this year and our wonderful links to the community.



BENFEST TONIGHT

BenFest time is here, so please come along this evening between 5 -9pm for music, entertainment, food and drink. It promises to be an evening to remember. Our Talent Show finalists get the show started on our brand-new playground stage at 5pm. £2 per person at the gate – please bring change so that we can keep the queues down.

Year 5 stalls, Talent Show Acts

Burgers from Stephens'

Musical entertainment

Bar with a wide range of drinks

Bouncy Castle, PTFA pizzas,

Zorbing and Child Friendly Axe Throwing!

SPORTS DAY NEXT WEEK

Next Friday (11th July) is Sports Day. **Upper School Sports Day will be in the morning (starting at 10am)** and **Lower School Sports Day will start at 1:30pm**. Your child has a letter in their bag to say which team they are in and what colour T-shirt to wear (if possible). Please come and support your child/ren if you can.

Visitors should please enter school via the back gate (Proper Job entrance). There will be teas and coffees for sale for £1 each, please bring change for this.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Headteacher's Award</u> | <u>Teacher's Award</u> |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Cats: | Harrison: always thinking of others and being there to help and support friends. | Imogen: for trying really hard with her maths assessment! |
| Unicorns: | Juno: for always working hard and trying her best. | Raul: for being a kind and caring friend. |
| Chameleons: | Eris: for showing such creativity in everything she attempts! | Pippa: asking such brilliant questions during our PSHE SCARF online workshop. |
| Owls: | Paisley: for amazing focus and determination in all lessons. | Mya: for always presenting her work well with real focus. |
| Spiders: | Isaac: for making huge improvements to his maths this term. | All of Spider Class: for a such a smooth transition day in Peacock Class. |
| Tortoises: | Logan: super hard work and a positive attitude in assessments this week. | Krish: for giving his best effort in his assessments this week. |
| Leopards: | Elsie: for being resilient and having a more positive attitude towards school. | Charlie: for a positive attitude towards his transition day. |
| Peacocks: | Megan: kindness and support towards others when they have a difficult day. | Eve: for excellent effort as part of our play rehearsals. |
| <u>Class Dojo Champs</u> | This week's champions are Peacock Class with 17.4 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Peacocks! | |
| <u>Attendance Champs</u> | This week's champions are Spider Class, with 95.1% attendance. Well done, Spiders, 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 - 70 %, Owl - 80%, Chameleon - 85 %, Tortoise –54%, Spider – 89%, Leopard - 58%, Peacock - 85% Meaning that this week's champs are Cat class with 100%! | |
| <u>Values'</u> | Amelia-Rose: for always encouraging others and showing such kindness in all situations! Leilani: for a determined approach to all her work and always cheerfully helping others. | |
| <u>Other awards:</u> | Learning Behaviour: Silver: Jago (Yr3), Ruby, Chiyewo (Yr4), Harriet (Yr5), Solomiia, Flora, Olivia and Daisy (Yr6); Gold: Echo (Yr6) AR Target Master: Artaius and Joseph (Yr3); Star pointer: Eris (Y4); Hundred Club: Artaius (Yr3); | |

TESCO BOOK MONEY HANDOVER

On Thursday, we were visited by Kristie Mynott from The Glastonbury Tesco team, who delivered St. Ben's £250 book money. English Lead, Miss Murphy was very grateful for the donation which will be put towards re-stocking our Book Vending Machine.

Huge thanks to Kristie and the team at Tesco for their Generous donation and for supporting local schools through their fundraising.

Pictured: Kristie hands over the donation to Miss Murphy and keen readers, Amber and Rupert, from Year 4.





St. Benedict's C of E VA Junior School

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS Spring 2025

Thank you to the 66 parents/carers (approx. 29% of school) who completed this year's survey

The following is a summary of their views:

| Statements about our School | Strongly Agree/ Agree | Disagree/ Strongly Disagree |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. My child enjoys school. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 2. The school keeps my child safe. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 3. The school cares about my child's wellbeing. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 4. The school informs me about my child's progress. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 5. The teaching is good at this school. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 6. The school informs me about my child's progress. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 7. My child has a positive relationship with their teacher. | 63/66 (95%) | 3/66 (5%) |
| 8. The school helps my child have a healthy lifestyle. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 9. The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 10. My child reads at least 4 times a week at home. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 11. The school is well led and managed. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 12. The school meets my child's particular needs. | 63/66 (95%) | 3/66 (5%) |
| 13. The school offers effective pastoral care to support pupil wellbeing (Bee Hive, therapy, nurture) | 63/66 (95%) | 3/66 (5%) |
| 14. The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour. | 63/66 (95%) | 3/66 (5%) |
| 15. The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 16. The school communicates effectively with me through Class Dojo/newsletters/website. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 17. I believe the school delivers a broad and balanced curriculum. | 65/66 (98.5%) | 1/66 (1.5%) |
| 18. The school helps my child have an understanding of their local community & global issues. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |
| 19. I would recommend St. Benedict's to others. | 66/66 (100%) | 0/66 (0%) |

What you're happy with:

100% of parents/carers believe that:

- The school keeps them well informed of their child's progress,
- Teaching is good at St. Benedict's,
- The school is well led and managed,
- The school takes account of their suggestions and concerns,
- The school helps their child have an understanding of their local community and global issues,
- The school helps their child to lead a healthy lifestyle,
- Their child reads at least 4 x a week at home.

98.5% of parents/carers believe that:

- Their child enjoys school,
- The school keeps their child safe,
- The school cares about their child's wellbeing,
- The school makes sure their child is well prepared for the future,
- The school communicates effectively with them,
- The school delivers a broad and balanced curriculum.

95% of parents/carers believe that:

- My child has a positive relationship with their teacher,
- The school meets my child's particular needs,
- The school offers effective pastoral care to support pupil wellbeing,
- The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.

You also included some lovely comments which I have shared with staff and governors; thank you so much for taking the time to do this, it means a lot to the St. Ben's team.

What we can work on:

Overall, your feedback paints an extremely positive picture of your experience of St. Benedict's. The lowest total feedback score for any question is 95%.

As many of you completed the survey anonymously, for questions in which you selected 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', we would encourage you to contact Mr Ranger to discuss how we can improve your experience of St. Benedict's.

Thank you for your comments which are helpful in identifying some areas for us to develop.

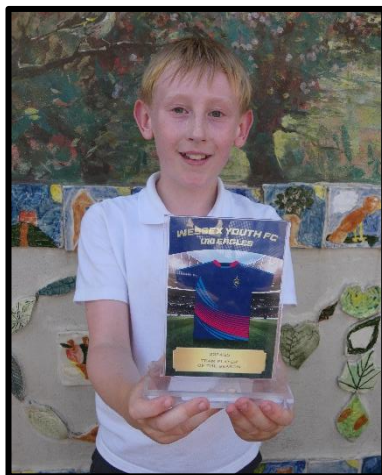
We always strive to offer the best possible educational experience for our pupils and their parents/carers and we are always open to hearing your views – so please get in touch.

As ever, we are always grateful when you share your views, so if there is anything you feel we could improve on or you have a suggestion on how to make St. Benedict's a better place for your child to grow and learn, your views are very welcome. Please contact me via Class Dojo or on 01458 831811. Please do not wait for the next parent survey, I am always happy to speak to you about improving our school and value all feedback/suggestions.

Many thanks to all those parents and carers that completed a survey,

Piers Ranger
Headteacher

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?



Our regular feature on what are wonderful pupils get up to out of school.

This week we feature Year 5 Jaxon who won the Best Team Player at his Wessex Youth FC awards evening and Mark in Year 5 who bagged the Supporters' Player of the Season at the same awards. Well done boys!



Dates for your diary:

| Date: | Event/Activity: |
|---|---|
| Tues 8 th July | St. John's Sports Day at St. Benedict's School: 9:30 – 11:30am |
| Tues 8 th July | Production Club performance to parents/carers: 6pm for 6:30pm start |
| Tues 8 th July | Rounders League fixtures at Crispin (pm) |
| Thurs 10 th July | Year 5 to Rural Life Museum |
| Fri 11 th July | Sports Day – Upper School 10 am; Lower School 1:30pm |
| Wed 16 th July | Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm |
| Mon 21 st July: No Ben's Den | Year 6 Leavers' BBQ at Greenbank: 7 – 9pm |
| Tues 22 nd July: No Ben's Den | Leavers' Assembly at 2pm |
| Wed 23 rd July: No Ben's Den | Last day of term – break up for Summer Holidays |
| Thursday 4 th September | School opens for Autumn Term |

WESSEX WITCHES U9s

NEW GIRLS TEAM – CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 3

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

For more information, and to get involved, please contact – secretary@wessexfc.co.uk



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, please contact – secretary@wessexfc.co.uk





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PLAYERS WANTED

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

AGED 8: school year 3, moving to
year 4 in Sept 2025

SUNDAY 6th, 13th & 20th JULY

10am – 12pm

Come and try for free

For more information contact – Tor Youth Under 9s Coach – Andy – 07807224725