



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 11th July 2025

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

RECORD BREAKING BENFEST: THANKS TO YOU!

Last Friday saw this year's PTFA summer fundraiser, BenFest, and what an evening! The weather was kind to us and so was our local community; with alcohol and soft drinks donated by the Brooke family's business, 'Thirst Event Solutions', Stephens the butchers offering BBQ treats at cost price, TLE sharing 50% of their profits, and Ben Jackson and team creating a mini-Wimbledon feel, as well as parents and local businesses offering incredible raffle prizes, it is no surprise the event raised a record-breaking £5100!! Huge thanks to our wonderful PTFA, as well as the amazing Ms Greuter for being our MC; the staff and volunteer team and Year 5 children did an incredible job of running stalls and a great time was had by all!



PRODUCTION CLUB'S 'THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS'

On Tuesday this week, we were treated to two excellent performances of Production Club's 'The Wind in the Willows'. Director Mrs Coton and her cast of children from all year groups had been rehearsing hard in Production Club this term and the two fabulous shows (one to the whole school, and guests from St. Benedict's Care Home and one to parents, carers, family and friends in the evening) showed off their brilliant singing and acting skills. A HUGE well done to all the cast and thank you to Mrs Coton, Mrs Stout, Ms Branton and Imogen Bright for their hard work on direction and props.



THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS - 2025



SPORTS DAY NEXT WEEK

A reminder that Sports Day was postponed today, due to the soaring temperatures. It will now take place next Friday (18th July). **Upper School Sports Day will be in the morning (starting at 10am) and Lower School Sports Day will start at 1:30pm.**

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.

ROUNDERS TEAM CROWNED MENDIP CHAMPIONS

St. Ben's Rounders dynasty continues as the team were crowned Mendip League champions for the third year in a row, extending their unbeaten streak. This followed their victory on Tuesday over Ashcott in a tight match that ended 49-42 to St. Ben's. It was a real team effort with the girls hitting the crucial rounders while the whole team excelled in the field. Huge congratulations to the team and to coaches Varney and Lintell, who will surely get a mention in this year's Sports Personality of the year coaching category.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Lexi: for trying really hard at swimming this week!	Finn: for his excellent effort during swimming this week!
Unicorns:	Paisley: for being a kind and caring friend.	Harry R: for contributing great ideas in class discussions.
Chameleons:	Florence: showing such confidence and positivity this week.	Kobi: amazing resilience and community spirit by modelling school values.
Owls:	Elodie: for working so determinedly doing assessments and with spellings.	Aseel: resilience and determination in all her work.
Spiders:	Eden: for an outstanding performance in Wind in the Willows!	Amelia: for a positive attitude towards her assessments this week.
Tortoises:	Saimum: for consistently great home reading all year.	Lola: for always having a positive and cheerful attitude.
Leopards:	Jessica: for being a superb role model during St John's Sports Day.	Isabelle: amazing demonstrations of sports day event; supporting all St John's pupils!
Peacocks:	Solomiia: for always upholding the school values in all that she does.	Nathan: for an excellent attitude towards reading.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 22.2 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 99.3% 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 – 82 %, Unicorn - 86 %, Owl - 68%, Chameleon - 76 %, Tortoise –52%, Spider – 88%, Leopard - 81%, Peacock - 89% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock class with 89%!	
<u>Values'</u>	Karter: for always making sure everyone around him is ok. Ted: demonstrating kindness, resilience and community! He has been a Super Star!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Learning Behaviour: Silver: Zara (Yr3), Amber, Bryony, Louie, Evie, Eloise, Sophia (Yr4), Sadie, Kiyo. Gold: Kara, Isaac (Yr4), and Mila (Yr5) AR Target Master: Andy, Harrison C, Flynn, Lil, Imogen (Yr3), Lauralie (Yr4), Lily-Luna, Taran (Yr5), and Jacob (Yr6); Millionaires Club: Daisy and Echo (Yr6) Star Pointer: Eleana, Daronn, Paisley, Chiyewo, Reuben, Leilani, Isaac (Yr4), Nellie, Logan B, Jaxon D, Yuliia, Jack R, Thomas, Willard (Yr5) ELSA: Jacob R (Yr6) for completing ELSA.	

YEAR 5 VISIT MUSEUM FOR BEE-RILLIANT WORKSHOP

On Thursday, Year 5 got to visit the Rural Life Museum to take part in a 'Bees as Pollinators' workshop. This helped to showcase their Science and Art skills, as they first learned about bees, before creating a piece of printed artwork. Pupils also enjoyed a self-guided tour of the wonderful Rural Life Museum. Once again, we say a huge thank you to the Museum team for hosting us.



ST. BEN'S PUPILS HOST ST. JOHN'S SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday this week, St. Ben's welcomed St. John's staff, pupils and their parents to their annual Sports Day. Mr Ranger organised the event, with Year 6 sports Leaders running the session as Team Leaders and Event Leaders. The St. John's children were a credit to their school, participating with great energy. We were also incredibly proud of our pupils' outstanding leadership and encouraging, motivational behaviour.

The winning teams were:

Reception: Red 2

Year 1: Yellow 1

Year 2: Black 2



DRAMA CLUB END YEAR WITH PARENTS' SHOW

Tuesday saw the last Drama Club of the year and club leader, Maxine, invited parents and carers to come and watch their children perform. The group expressively performed a poem before having some dramatic fun with their guests. Thank you to Maxine for being brilliant this year; we are delighted to announce that she will be back to run Drama Club once again in the Autumn Term.



Y6 TAKE A WALK THROUGH LOCAL HISTORY

On Thursday, Ms Bradshaw once again played tour guide as she came into school on her PPA day to lead Peacock Class on a tour around historic Glastonbury, which included an impromptu visit to the Tribunal. Thank you, Ms Bradshaw!



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?



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

This week we feature Year 4 Carmen who has achieved her Grade 1 Ballet award with a 'High Merit' We also shine a light on Jasper in Year 6, who left BenFest last week to star in an Under 13's cricket match, at which he took two wickets, then returned to BenFest to celebrate! Well done to both of you!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 14 th July at 2:15pm	Glee Summer Show on the playground
Wed 16 th July	Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm
Fri 18 th July	Sports Day: Upper School 10am; Lower School 1:30pm
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

The long awaited... STAFF vs PARENTS MATCH

A scorching Wednesday afternoon saw the first ever St. Ben's staff vs parents football match, a 4-a-side game of 10 minutes each way. The idea was to start to forge even stronger links between the staff and parents (and establish bragging rights for the summer holidays!). The blazing heat led to a slow, continental style with both teams looking strong in the early encounters; Salter and Huntley looked comfortable in possession and Unger on the break was like a West Country Usain Bolt.

It was, however, the staff team that struck first after an intelligent quick throw from Hopkins found Ranger in space. A staff second soon followed but this was ruled out by VAR. As half time approached, the parents found their stride and looked as dangerous as a stoat in a hole. Kelland alleviated the pressure with long-range efforts, but Sapsford in goal held strong. After a stern team talk by gaffer Charlie Holmes, the staff team emerged rejuvenated and the parents could not cope with the movement of Hopkins and the educated left foot of Lintell proved a constant threat. It was no surprise when the staff doubled their lead; in fact the only shock was that anyone on the pitch was still able to find the energy to run, with hamstrings tighter than a school budget.

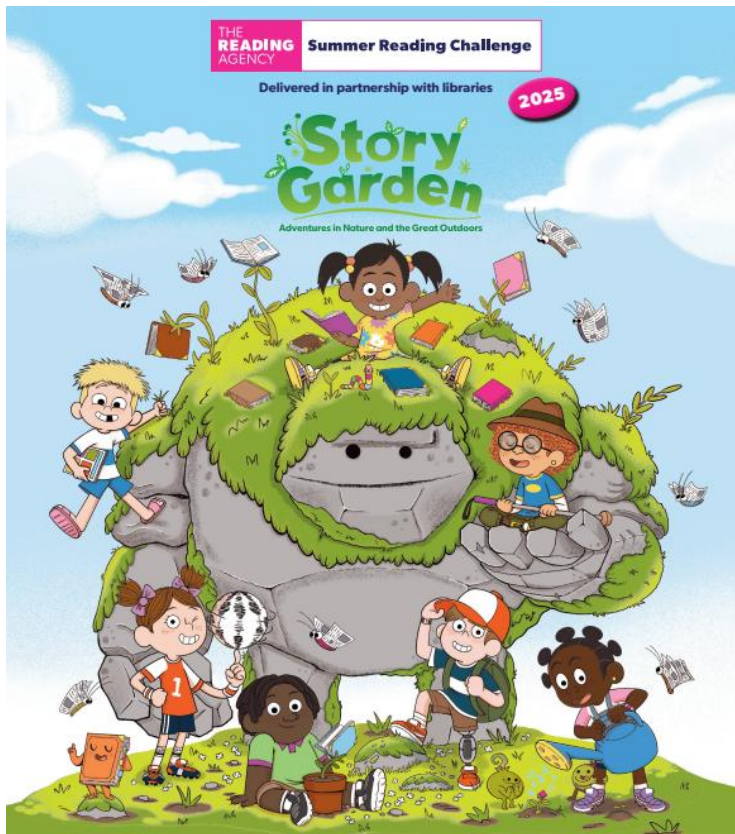
The truth is, due to multiple cases of heat-stroke, no-one knows what happened next, but the history books have recorded a 3-1 win for the staff, with Unger, Hopkins and Lintell joining Ranger on the score-sheet. This reporter would like to say that football was the winner, but that might be a bit of a stretch. Community was the winner (and the staff team!).

The parents now go into Summer Boot Camp, with parent skipper Salter determined to reverse this result when the teams meet again. Huge thanks to both teams for finding the time (and energy) to play; it was a really enjoyable game and we hope to do it again soon!

The teams: **Staff:** Kelland, Hopkins (capt), Lintell, Ranger **Manager:** C. Holmes
Parents: Salter (capt), Sapsford, Huntley, Unger **Mascot:** L. Salter
VAR: Jake Salter



Don't forget to sign up for this summer's
Reading Challenge – simply go to
Glastonbury Library to get involved for free!



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Sign up for free at your nearest library
from Saturday 5th July!



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TOR RUGBY CLUB

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 – 01807224735

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,
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