



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 5th September 2025

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

## WELCOME BACK!

We have enjoyed a brilliant start to our new school year and it has been so lovely to welcome our wonderful pupils back and to get to know our new Year 3s and the pupils who have joined us in other year groups. We are also excited to welcome new members of staff: Miss Barry has joined us as a teacher in Year 5, Miss Richards as a TA in Year 4, Miss Dudderidge as a TA in Year 5 and Miss Doolan as a TA in Year 6. They will strengthen our already excellent team and we are delighted to have them as part of the St. Ben's team.

We look forward to getting to know you all, but in the meantime, please don't forget to sign up for Class Dojo and to ParentPay as this makes communication much easier.

## HOMework/READING RECORD CHECKS

Our school approach to homework is that we prioritise reading. We believe that the ability to read unlocks so many things in life and allows children to access all other areas of the curriculum.

A reminder of our expectations regarding reading – we expect every child to read at least 4x a week at home and for an adult to sign their reading record. Every child who hands in a signed reading record that shows they have done this will get an extra break on a Friday afternoon. Those who have not will have the opportunity for an extra read at this time. There is also an ongoing BOOK BATTLE between all classes, with the winning class each half term getting to come in in mufti for a day! **Please help to support your child with this.**

## ST. BEN'S NEEDS YOU!

Can you help us? We are always looking for volunteers to support the school in different ways.

Could you be our next:

- **Parent Governor?**
- **Member of the PTFA?**
- **Volunteer reader?**
- **Volunteer TA?**



If you are interested in finding out more, why not contact the office or Mr Ranger – either via Class Dojo, or on (01458) 831811

## CLUBS START on 15/09

Please look out for autumn Clubs' letter, which your child should bring home on Monday. We have a fabulous range of clubs this term, including Irish Dancing Club, Netball, Glee, Choir, Football, Coding and Drama Club. While there is a charge for Drama, it has been an incredibly popular choice over the years and has been the perfect club for our aspiring actors. Maxine Ridout who runs the club, is delighted to be back and has very generously subsidised the cost as she loves teaching at St. Ben's – it is £5 per session (or £2.50 for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant).

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<b>Class:</b>	<b><u>Teacher's Award</u></b>
Cats:	Cayden: For his brilliant attitude to his learning.
Unicorns:	The whole Class – for an amazing first few days at St. Ben's!
Chameleons:	Joseph B: for super art work and for persevering.
Owls:	Leah-Bluebell: for super presentation and artwork in English on her 'about me' T-shirt.
Spiders:	Elodie: Using a growth mindset.
Tortoises:	The Whole Class – for a confident, cheerful start to Year 5!
Leopards:	Ellen: for an excellent start to life at St. Ben's!
Peacocks:	Amelia H: for approaching Year 6 with enthusiasm and kindness.
<b><u>Values' Award</u></b>	<p>Year 3: Poppy: Showing a great attitude to her new community.</p> <p>Year 4: Joseph S: for showing resilience and settling in well to his new classroom.</p> <p>Year 5:</p> <p>Year 6: Nico : for showing kindness to a child who was upset.</p>

## PUPIL PREMIUM – HELPING US TO HELP OUR PUPILS

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is a means tested per pupil payment that helps schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged pupils. In the last few years we have averaged over 70 pupils per year in receipt of the PPG. We have spent this money on interventions, pastoral staffing, subsidising trips and uniform and giving children cultural and social opportunities. If you think you may be eligible, why not apply for the PPG. It is a really quick and simple process and will give your child access to trips, visits and more support. Please Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

## What are you up to?

***Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to outside of school.***

This week, we star Lissy, who has fearlessly conquered the Forest of Dean, Go Ape 'Treetop Adventure'. We also shine a light on Tabby who has completed the Library Summer Reading Challenge. Well done, girls!



**Could you be the star of next week's newsletter? Why not tell us what you've been up to out of school. Please send Mr Ranger a Dojo message, along with a photo, by Wednesday to appear in that week's newsletter.**



# St. Ben's Premier League Fantasy Football

It's been an exciting start to the Premier League season with lots of new transfers making an immediate impact for their teams. With three matchdays already complete, the St. Ben's Fantasy League table is starting to take shape and the top is dominated by the Paveys.

## The League so far:

1. Real Madras – Matt Pavey: 192 points
2. Spartan Army – Jack Pavey: 190 points
3. Supremes – Martin Salter: 190 points
4. Earth, Wind and MacGuire – Rupert Foote: 179 points
5. Tui's Rockets – Lee Clark: 176 points
6. Char's Stars – Charlie Andrews: 173 points
7. VARthur – Arthur Andrews: 169 points
8. Blazing Bens – Ben Hughes: 163 points
9. Drop it like it's Slot – Abbie Hopkins: 161 points
10. Seven Nation Arne - Jon Cox: 158 points
11. Emilia Wheller – Ethan Wheller: 155 points
12. Matt's City – Mathew Sapsford: 147 points
13. Ranger's Rangers – Piers Ranger: 145 points
14. Can't Get any Wirtz – Elliott Lintell: 141 points
15. Jas Team '25 – Joseph Sapsford: 139 points
16. Unknown – Jake Salter: 123 points
17. Lethal Lexi – Dawn Salter: 98 points
18. AFC Glasto – Jonathan Sawyer: 97 points
19. Hogwarts Heroes – Becky Greuter: 94 points
20. Eagles FC – Morwenna Lawford: 93 points

This weekend, the premiership pauses for the international matches, but your team will be back in action next weekend, so make your transfers now to amass points next time they play!

## Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

A reminder that ALL children should come into school each morning via the Proper Job entrance. There is no access via the front of school.

After school, Year 6 leave via the front of school (onto Benedict Street), with other year groups leaving via the back entrance (by Proper Job). The gate will open at 3:10pm – can any parents of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils **please come down onto the playground to collect their child.**

I appreciate that there is often a bottle-neck at the gate (hence Year 6 leaving via the front), so we appreciate your patience to ensure that every child gets out safely.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, it is essential that you let the school know. We will not allow children to go with other adults unless we have been informed.

**Please ensure you collect your child promptly after school/after their club. If pupils are not collected on time, we may place them into 'Ben's Den' Wraparound Club and parents will be charged for the time.**

# Wellbeing & Wonder

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

## GLASTONBURY TOWN HALL

JOIN A FREE DAY OF PRACTICAL ADVICE AND INSPIRATION

**Resilience:** Energy, Efficiency, Emergency Planning, Climate, Ecology

**Creativity & Joy:** U3A, Bowls, Arts Therapies, Skills & Learning

**Nature:** Wilder Wellbeing, Trees, Allotments, Water, Environment Groups

**Wellbeing:** Mental Health, Grief Support, Birth Stories

**Services:** Primary Care Network, Meet your MP and Town Councillors



An invitation from Glastonbury Town Council

## GLASTONBURY TOWN HALL

### PROGRAMME OF TALKS

	TIME	TALK	NAME
WELCOME	11:15	Welcome	Mayor Michael White
	11:30	Somerset Wellbeing & Wonder	MP Sarah Dyke
	11:50	BREAK	
RESILIENCE	12:00	Energy & Money Saving Advice	Burnham & Weston Energy
	12:20	Household Emergency Plans	Somerset Rivers Authority
	12:40	GTC's New Emergency Plan	Glastonbury Town Council
	13:00	BREAK	
NATURAL WORLD	13:10	Noticing a Butterfly	SWT Wilder Wellbeing
	13:30	Walking To The Trees	To the Trees
	13:50	Local Water Pollution	Local Action 4 Water
	14:00	BREAK	
WELLBEING	14:20	Rediscovering Joy After Loss	Sacred Death Centre
	14:40	Why Birth Stories Matter	Sacred Birth Centre
	15:00	Hypnotherapy, Calm & Purpose	Veda Coda Therapy
	15:20	Folk Law & Mental Health	Grove Wellbeing
	15:40	BREAK	
CREATIVITY & JOY	15:50	Learning in Later Years	Street & Glastonbury U3A
	16:10	The Joy of Bowls	Glastonbury Bowls
	16:30	The Joy of Creativity	Somerset Arts Therapies

UPSTAIRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Our very own dramatic sensation, Sophia Reed, will be appearing in the 'Wizard of Oz' panto this season – 'oh yes, she will!'

Performance dates are:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec (two performances),

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec,

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec (two performances),

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Dec (two performances).

Tickets available soon...

