



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 12th September 2025

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

## HIGH DRAMA!

This week, we were visited by the legend that is Maxine Ridout. Maxine has been running Drama Club at St. Ben's for many years and on Tuesday she came in to deliver a session for each class, which the children relished. Clubs start next week and Drama Club is on Tuesday after school until 4:30pm. Please note there is a cost for Drama; please contact Maxine on 07850 445540 for more details.



## 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! This will start next week.

**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 NEXT WEEK

We have a fabulous range of clubs this term, including Irish Dancing Club, Netball, Glee, Choir, Football, Coding and Drama Club.

Please remind your child that if they cannot attend their club for any reason, they let the club leader know.

A polite reminder to collect children promptly after clubs from the back gate (adjacent to Proper Job).

All clubs end at 4pm, except Drama which finishes at 4:30pm.

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Brody: for always being ready to learn and having a fantastic start to Year 3!	Florence: for always being ready to learn and for her super handwriting!
Unicorns:	Ashley: for working incredibly hard all week.	Neala: for having beautiful presentation.
Chameleons:	Andy: for a superb attitude to his learning and showing curiosity!	Savannah: brilliant listening skills and super explanation of vocab in our class reader!
Owls:	Bethany: for super, well-presented, story about The Three Little Pigs.	Toby: for demonstrating super knowledge and observations about The Iron Age.
Spiders:	Paisley: for modelling our values, helping others and always giving 100%.	Isaac: for showing aspiration and focus in comprehension questions.
Tortoises:	Isabelle: for a calm, confident first week at St Ben's.	Holly: for being a kind and resilient member of tortoise Class.
Leopards:	Mia: for showing impressive levels of resilience with her learning.	Ralph: for always showing kindness to others.
Peacocks:	Raphael: for outstanding commitment to reading over the summer holidays.	Willow: for a positive and pro-active approach to maths.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class and Peacock Class both with 11.6 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done to both classes!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 99.7% attendance. Well done Chameleons, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	We will start the official Book Battle next week, but well done to Chameleon Class this week – 97% of them read at home at least 4 x this week! <b>Please ensure your child reads at home at least 4 x every week. Please sign their Reading Log and remind them to bring their Reading Log to school on Wednesday so that they can help their class to win the Book Battle!</b>	
<u>Values'</u>	Mila: for being an excellent friend and for looking out for those in our community. Sadie: for always being a kind and caring member of our school community. Also well done to Mori and Amelia for earning Star Pointer awards this week.	

## What are you up to?

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

This week, we star Polly who, along with her four-legged friend, Braken, walked 4.5km in Bristol in aid of Alzheimers' raising an impressive £580. We also celebrate Reggie T who won the 'fastest child' in the famous Malle Mile motorbike race in Lincolnshire in July this year! Well done to both of you!



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.



## 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.

## 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.**

# Open Evening 2025

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm - 8.00pm

 **St Dunstan's School**  
GLASTONBURY



**'Come and see what makes our school such a great place to be.'**

To register your interest in attending, please email: [secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk)  
Or visit our website: [www.stdunstansschool.com](http://www.stdunstansschool.com)

# Open Mornings 2025



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
9.00am - 11.00am



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## 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
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
	15:50	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 28th Dec (two performances),

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

Tickets available soon...

