



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 3rd October 2025

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

MAKE YOUR MARK ON YOUR LOCAL PARK

Last week, parent Amanda Marshall brought Glastonbury Mayor Michael White into school to launch a campaign to improve the town's play parks. Michael asked our pupils what they wanted to see in their play parks and this week's BIG Question is on this theme. Children have until next Friday (10th October) to share their ideas on an A4 sheet (along with their name and class). If parents and carers have any suggestions or wish to do their own design, we'd love to hear your ideas and will pass them all on to Amanda and Michael. Together we have the power to transform our community spaces, so please encourage your child to share their ideas.



CHESS CLUB A HIT

Thanks to volunteer Amanda Marshall, we now have a thriving chess club on a Wednesday lunchtime. A hotbed of talent, the club is based in Leopard Class from 12:30 -1pm every week.

Chess is an incredible game of strategy and skill which develops brains and builds up stamina and concentration. Amanda welcomes players of all levels, including complete beginners. A huge thank you to Amanda for giving up her time.

Are any adults out there chess players? Would you like to support Amanda running the club? Please let us know.



NO TEDDIES OR FIDDLE TOYS FROM HOME

A number of children have been bringing in teddies or fiddle toys from home. In some cases this has led to issues or arguments. **Please keep your teddies and fiddle toys at home.** Rest assured that if your child requires a fiddle toy, their teacher will work together with the Bee Hive to ensure we find them a suitable one. Many thanks for your support.

QUIZ RAISES FUNDS

A huge thank you to all who attended last Friday's PTFA quiz; a great night was had by all and we managed to raise £203. Massive thanks to quiz masters Jane and Rich for their efforts (and some very edgy questions!), and to Tor Rugby Club for hosting us.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Alexander: for being an independent leopard with his maths questions!	Herbie: for writing some lovely expanded noun phrases!
Unicorns:	Theo: always giving 100% in all he does.	Logan: for working so hard in English.
Chameleons	Silvia: for carefully considering her vocabulary choices when writing and reading her work aloud with expression.	George: for showing resilience when finding some aspects of maths tricky.
Owls:	Ronnie: for superb attention to detail in his work and class discussions.	Elias: for resilience when writing his golden write.
Spiders:	Eleana: for outstanding science work and engagement and resilience in swimming.	Ruby: for aspiration in learning and challenging herself in lessons.
Tortoises:	Lily Pai: for always being ready, respectful and safe.	Bryony: for resilience in maths lessons this week.
Leopards:	Darcie: for always trying her best in all that she does.	Austin: for excellent effort and concentration in class.
Peacocks:	Sam: for beautiful handwriting in his books this year.	Mori: excellent effort with his arithmetic tests.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 14.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class, with 98.7% 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: <div style="text-align: center;"> Cat – 68 %, Unicorn - 79 %, Owl - 79%, Chameleon - 89 %, Tortoise – 78%, Spider – 94%, Leopard - 100%, Peacock - 96% Meaning that this week's champs are Leopard class with 100%! </div>	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Diego: for showing kindness to others. Belle: for being a really kind friend and helping others!	

PARENTS' EVENINGS – BOOK A SLOT!

This term's Parents' Evenings will be on Wednesday 15th October (3:30 – 4:30pm), Monday 20th October (3:30 – 5:30pm) and Wednesday 22nd October (5:30 – 7:30pm).

Letters went home last week.

We would like to see you all, so please ensure you book your space!

Please note that there will be no clubs w/b 20th October due to teachers committing time to the Parents' Evenings. **Drama will still happen.**

MASK MAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday 30th October 2 – 4pm

Sleeping Tree Mask Making & Heart Decorating
Children's Samhain Workshop at Yeast Scrapstore
Tree spirit masks and decorated hearts - all materials provided free.

Ages 4+ - Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE CAT MICROCHIPPING

The RCPA are offering **free cat microchipping** in **Glastonbury on 10 Oct 12.45 - 4.30pm** at **Tor Sports Centre**. This is now a legal requirement, so why not make the most of this offer.

Learning to Lead Group enjoy Forest School

A group of St. Benedict's pupils got to enjoy a day of wet but wild adventures at Forest School near Meare. This is the first experience they have had as part of a Learning to Lead project run by the South Bristol Youth (SBY) team. Thank you to Rachel and the team at SBY, as well as to Miss Chouings, who returned to school very soggy but proud of the amazing group!



What are you up to?

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

This week, we also salute Year 5 Carmen who has placed third in a 'character ballet' dance competition. Carmen was up against other dancers from the region.

Well done, Carmen!

Next week's BIG Question will be all about Clubs, so if your child is part of a club and would like to talk about it, or if you have a flyer or any info about an out of school club that you would like to share, please let Mr Ranger have it by Monday morning.



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 contact Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

Coming soon to a Hall near you...

INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

Each year, we run an Inspire Workshop for each class; this is a chance for parents/carers to come in and spend some time in school with their child while learning about the events, activities and routines of their class and year group.

Please save the date and look out for your invitation:

Mon 6th October; 9 – 10 am: Owl Class

Tues 7th October: 9 -10am: Chameleon Class

Thursday 6th November; **1:45 – 2:45pm**: Unicorn Class

Monday 10th November; 9 – 10am: Tortoise Class

Tuesday 11th November; 9 – 10am: Spider Class

Thursday 13th November; 9 – 10am: Peacock Class

Thursday 13th November; **1:45 – 2:45pm**: Cat Class

Friday 14th November; 9 – 10am: Leopard Class

Please try to make it if you can, or send a family member/close friend to work with your child.



'OPEN DOORS AT ORCHARD VETS'

**Saturday 18th October 2025
12pm to 2pm**

Ever wondered what really happens behind the scenes at your local vets?
Now's your chance to step inside! 🐾

Come and enjoy:

- Exclusive guided tours of our clinical areas – see where our patients are cared for and where surgery takes place.
- Tasty treats & refreshments (including homemade cakes!)
- Fun activities for all ages



With proceeds supporting Secret World Animal Rescue, West Huntspill.



We're running photo and drawing competitions, and we'd love your entries! Photo theme is 'Autumn tails' and drawing theme is 'Draw your favourite animal' (age categories apply to drawing competition so please add details and submit your artwork /photos before the event: info@ovg.co.uk or simply pop it into the practice when passing!).

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