



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 17th October 2025

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

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St. John's Church. A packed congregation enjoyed some excellent readings and songs from all year groups as well as Choir and Glee Club. The occasion was also a wonderful opportunity to introduce new Glastonbury vicar, Alice Watson, to our school community, and to remind everyone that there is plenty of food to go around – please use our School Pantry or access the Community Kitchen if you are in need.



## HERITAGE SCHOOLS AWARD

Thanks to the hard work of Ms Bradshaw and the pupils and staff of St. Benedict's, we have been awarded the coveted Schools Heritage Award. As History Lead, Ms Bradshaw has been responsible for renovating our History curriculum with a greater emphasis on local history. The assessor for our application recognised this in their feedback:

*"This is the most impressive submission I have received in the South West to date."*

*"The whole history curriculum is very carefully thought through and incredibly engaging and imaginative – I love the enquiry based on images/portraits through time, but it is always rooted in the story of Somerset and the rich history of Glastonbury."*

*"Their work shows how children really use historical enquiry skills across KS2 and engage with primary sources in an age-appropriate way. I also appreciate how you use historical starting points to promote cross-curricular work, such as the Anglo-Saxon bracelet designs and the map work in Year 6."*

**We eagerly await the arrival of our award...**

## TESCO FUNDING FOR NEW LIBRARY: PLEASE HELP!

You may have noticed that St. Ben's is one of the fund-raising options for placing your blue tokens as you leave the Glastonbury Tesco store. We are saving for a new school library with a possible £1500 up for grabs through Tesco funding. Please help us by choosing St. Ben's and telling your friends and family to do the same. Thank you for your support!

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Harry: for always being ready to learn and supporting others in their learning.	Noah: for never giving up on his learning and always having a smile on his face!
Unicorns:	Toby: for writing a great set of instructions.	Firdaus: for being resilient in maths and always trying.
Chameleons	Loki: for super focus in maths and excellent arithmetic skills.	Freddie: for a brilliant focus in English when writing a disgusting recipe.
Owls:	Juno: for super creative ideas in English recipe writing.	Francis: for superb focus during independent work.
Spiders:	Louie: for showing resilience both inside and outside of school.	Leilani: for reasoning and problem solving in maths.
Tortoises:	Sophia: for always being cheerful and making us smile.	Florence: for being a resilient tortoise with her maths this week.
Leopards:	Charlie D: for being a 'Resilient Tortoise' and always trying his best.	Elijah: for outstanding effort in all lessons.
Peacocks:	Jack C: for being an excellent Year 6 role model every day.	Luna-Lily: for working so hard during our long division lessons.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 6.5 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 99% attendance. Well done Owls, 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;"> <span style="color: red;">Cat – 69 %</span>, <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 83 %</span>, <span style="color: green;">Owl - 82%</span>, <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 100 %</span>,  <span style="color: blue;">Tortoise – 82 %</span>, <span style="color: blue;">Spider – 90%</span>, <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 100%</span>, <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 93%</span>                      Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: blue;">Leopard</span> and <span style="color: green;">Chameleon</span> classes with 100%!                 </div>	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Isaac: for spreading happiness and kindness everywhere he goes. Ralph: for being consistently kind and caring – a true role model for others.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	AR Target Master: Leilani and Reuben (Yr5) ELSA Awards: Savannah (Yr4), Eleana and Olive (Yr5)	

### DO YOU HAVE ANY FREE TIME? WHY NOT VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT OUR PUPILS?

We are incredibly fortunate to have a growing team of brilliant volunteers that come in to hear our pupils read. This is such a valuable role as it helps our children to become more confident, independent readers, which is one of the most important skills that school can offer. Our volunteers report great satisfaction in their role and love the feeling of being part of a team. Sign up today – you could be making a difference to a child's life soon!

### BAGS FOR LIFE PLEASE

Do you have a spare bag for life you would be happy to donate to school? If you have any large, strong bags (especially Christmas ones), we'd love to receive them so that we can re-use them for a Christmas project. Many thanks.

### 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.

# CELTS SPOTTED AT ST. BENEDICT'S

On Thursday this week, we made an important historical discovery at St. Benedict's when Year 4 pupils and staff woke up to discover they had travelled back in time and were part of a Celt settlement. The excited pupils spent the day learning all about life as a Celt, including creating Lake Villages, trading with neighbours, making and sampling bread, creating clay pots, making and playing a carnyx and even finding time to plant some beans! Thank you to Ms Bradshaw and the Year 4 team for creating such an engaging and enjoyable day!



# St. Ben's Girls' Football Team kick off season in style

On Tuesday, St. Ben's Girls' team launched their season in style as they began their league campaign with two wins and a draw at Strode. With many players making their debut, St. Ben's gelled quickly with a classy 3-1 win over Elmhurst, with goals from Francis, Jenkins and Crossman, the second match brought a stern test from an excellent Brookside team, with St. Ben's scoring a slick breakaway goal with a cool finish by Person. The team then had to rely on their defensive skills with Rowen, Unger, Godwin and Salt showing great resilience and Keeper O' Neill putting in a player of the match performance. Finally the Brookside pressure paid off and they equalised to end the game 1-1. In their final game, St. Ben's took on Springmead; after a strong start they soon led 2-0 with both goals from Francis. Captain Drake-Scott put in a tireless performance and Stout fizzed with energy as St. Ben's bossed the game. Springmead scored a breakaway goal to set a few St. Ben's nerves jangling, but Francis finished a memorable match with her hat-trick. Well done to the whole squad – their attitude throughout was superb!



## What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 3 Teddie, who has continued his rugby success with a player of the match performance in last weekend's game for Tor Rugby vs Burnham-on-Sea. Well done, Teddie, what an achievement!

**Have you achieved something out of school, or do you have a hobby you would like us to shine a light on?**

**Please send Mr Ranger a Dojo message with a photo and A few words explaining what your child has been up to.**



## 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 75 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.**

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening: 3:30 – 5:30pm (Year 3 in the School Hall) <b>NO CLUBS this week, except Dram Club on Tuesday.</b> <b>DASH and Ben's Den will run as usual.</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 to Wells to meet author (morning only)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents' Evening: 5:30 – 7:30pm (Year 3 in the School Hall)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bikeability (pupils attending will have received a letter)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day – School closed
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 to the Newt
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Unicorn Inspire Workshop at 1:45pm



## 'OPEN DOORS AT ORCHARD VETS'

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@ovg.co.uk) or simply pop it into the practice when passing!).

Orchard Vets, Wirrall Park Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9XE – [www.ovg.co.uk](http://www.ovg.co.uk) –  
01458 832972

# Happy Halloween

 Come along and pick your pumpkins fresh from the field by catching the tractor and trailer ride or a special treat for the children riding on the spooky barrel train. 

Tractor and train rides all included in the entry.

 To book your excursion visit the Website or click on the QR code with your date and time slot you wish to book during October. 

**FOR BOOKINGS GO TO**  
[www.glastonburyweddingvenue.co.uk/pumpkins](http://www.glastonburyweddingvenue.co.uk/pumpkins)

