



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 24th October 2025

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

## BISHOP TO BA6 - CHECK

On Wednesday we received a very special visit as the new Bishop of Taunton came to join us for Collective Worship. Fiona Gibson, who was announced as the new bishop that very day, visited with Vicar Alice and members of the St. John's Church team and answered some wonderful (and challenging) questions that our children had generated for our BIG Question this week, including, "If you could ask God a question, what would it be?", "Who is your hero?", "What are your values?" and "Which football team do you support?" Fiona, Bishop of Taunton was a big hit with our pupils and we wish her luck in her new role (although Mr Ranger could not hide his disappointment that Fiona is a Spurs fan).



## HAPPY HALF TERM

A reminder that we now break up for half term. Please remember that we have an INSET Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, so the school will be closed to pupils. School opens again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at the usual time. Clubs will resume as usual on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Please note that Ben's Den will only be available until 4pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

## YEAR 6 MEET AUTHOR

On Tuesday, as part of our commitment to fostering a love of reading, Year 6 visited Cedars Hall in Wells to meet author Sam Sedgman, who shared his inspiration for writing and some of his travelling tales. The event was organised and sponsored by the wonderful Wells Festival of Literature team who also subsidised book sales. Our pupils were truly inspired by the session and many of them brought home books; we have also purchased some copies for school. Huge thanks to the fabulous festival team for their tireless work to enthuse and excite children about the world of books.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Tara: for always working hard and being ready to learn!	Arwen: for always being ready to learn!
Unicorns:	Diego: for writing detailed instructions on how to trap a crocodile.	Layton: for always being kind to everyone.
Chameleons	Lillie: for great team work on Celt Day and always being helpful to others.	Jago: for trying hard to improve his handwriting and for always being positive!
Owls:	Harry R: for always completing his work diligently with a cheerful smile.	Courtney: for completing her work with such determination and cheerfulness.
Spiders:	Eloise: showing kindness to others and modelling resolution in conflict.	Tania: positive attitude to learning and great independent learning.
Tortoises:	Emilia: for fantastic floating at swimming this week.	Charlie A: for a big improvement in his attitude at school.
Leopards:	Reggie N: for always being kind and thoughtful – a role model to others!	Mark: for excellent effort in all lessons.
Peacocks:	Harriet: for planning and writing an excellent story based on our class book.	Ollie: for an amazing piece of home learning.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 10.5 points per child and they get an extra break after half term. Well done Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class, with 99% attendance. Well done Spiders, you get an extra break after half term!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: <span style="color: red;">Cat – 68 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 76 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 78%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 93%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise – 76 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider – 94%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Leopard - 92%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Peacock - 93%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: purple;">Spider class with 94%!</span>	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Molly: showing kindness to younger years and intervening when seeing two siblings upset. Then helping them do the right thing. Amelia H: for resilience in catching up after an absence from school. Nico: Kindness to an adult at lunchtime.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	AR Target Master: Albi, Oliver, Theo (Yr3), Tristan (Yr4), Kara (Yr5) and Mila (Yr6) ELSA Awards: Charlie A: for completing ELSA.	

### TESCO TOKENS: 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!

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Carol Concert: St. John's Church: 12<sup>th</sup>  
Dec at 1:45pm  
Y3 Nativity – performance to parents 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at  
4pm in the School Hall

# YEAR 3 ROCKS AND FOSSILS SESSION

On Monday, Year 3 were visited by the Somerset Museum Service who delivered some 'rocking' sessions about fossils, including the chance for pupils to identify, classify and do rubbings of fossils. Both Unicorn Class and Cat Class enjoyed the sessions and we have some very promising archaeologists in our midst. A HUGE thank you to the Museum Service for these excellent sessions and for inspiring our children about what lies beneath our feet!



## 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 Rayyan, who has continued his rugby success with a star of the week performance in last weekend's game. Well done, Rayyan, what an achievement! We also shine a light on Year 5 Evie who delivered a player of the match performance as she guided her team to a 5-0 victory last weekend. On a similar theme, Year 6 Logan also put in a player of the match performance for his football team last weekend. Completing our roll of honour this week is Aliza in Year 5, who has achieved her Level 2 Gymnastics Award after much hard work at her Tor Leisure sessions each Tuesday evening. Well done to you all!

**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.**



## BIKEABILITY – IT’S WHEELY GOOD!

This week, a group of Year 6 cyclists braved the elements to complete Bikeability training. The two-day course put the children through their paces to ensure that they are safe when on the roads. As ever, huge thanks to instructors Mark and Emily as well as the intrepid Miss Chouings. Well done to all children who took part for their excellent listening and super cycling skills.



### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Tortoise Inspire Workshop at 9am
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Spider Inspire Workshop at 9am
<b>SAVE THE DATE: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John’s Church (1:45pm)
<b>SAVE THE DATE: Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 3 Nativity performance to parents: 4pm in the School Hall

## 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.

## Head Gardeners receive Award

At St. John's School last year, a group of Year 2's became Head Gardeners, helping the school to make their grounds look beautiful in time for the annual 'In Bloom' season. At last Friday's awards ceremony at the Town Hall, these horticulturalists were rewarded for their efforts as St. John's were recognised for their efforts to help Glastonbury to another coveted Gold Medal. Teddie, Oliver and Henry (now in Year 3 at St. Benedict's) enjoyed the evening and, along with Mrs Devane and their parents, celebrated with a glass or two of the fizzy stuff (although we are assured it was non-alcoholic!). St. Benedict's School was also recognised for its achievements and we once again thank Mrs Caston and her hard-working team of pupils for their efforts last year.



**Gardeners Unite!  
Last Year's St. John's  
Year 2 celebrate  
their achievements,  
both in school and in  
local allotments.  
Well done to you all!**



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# Christmas Fair

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December  
3-5pm  
Glastonbury Town Hall

Would you like to have a stall at our  
Christmas Fair? Limited availability.  
Please contact the school office for  
further details.  
office@stjohnsglastonbury.school

A festive poster for a Christmas Fair. The background is white with a green garland border decorated with red and white striped candy canes and red and white swirl ornaments. In the center, there is a small Christmas tree with yellow and red decorations. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts.

# Crispin Hall School Holiday Family Fun Sessions!

**TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2025**

**ALL FREE**  
1 HOUR OF ACTIVITY  
FOLLOWED BY A MEAL

**AGE 3-8years**  
9:30am - 11am  
Martial Arts

**AGE 8-11 years**  
1pm - 2:30pm  
Self Defence

**AGE 12+ years**  
3pm - 4:30pm  
Martial Arts/Self Defence



**MENTAL HEALTH**  
ESTD 2024  
IN  
**COMBAT**  
CIC  
**SPORTS**

DONATIONS WELCOME

DUE TO SPACE WE ARE LIMITED TO 40 CHILDREN PER SESSION AT ANY ONE TIME. IT IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY AND WILL REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT ADULT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT INFO@CRISPINHALL.ORG.UK OR PHONE 01458 447248

# GIRLS RUGBY

**4 FREE TASTER SESSIONS**

**U9-U11 (YEAR 4-6)**

**NEW TO RUGBY? JUST COME AND GIVE IT A GO!**

**STARTS TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

**6:30PM - 7.15PM**

**GLASTONBURY BA6 9GY**




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# REPAIR CAFE

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
2PM - 4PM  
@ CRISPIN HALL

COULD YOU SPARE 2 HOURS TO PASS YOUR BIKE MAINTENANCE KNOWLEDGE ONTO THE LOCAL YOUTH?

GET IN TOUCH WITH MICHAELA ON  
01458 447248  
OR  
[michaela.edmunds@crispinhall.org.uk](mailto:michaela.edmunds@crispinhall.org.uk)



**BACON BAPS & HOT DRINKS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!!**



# STREET CRICKET

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SOMERSET CRICKET FOUNDATION

EVERY TUESDAY  
CHILDREN AGED 9-12

**STREET CRICKET CLUBS:**

- BRIDGWATER COLLEGE ACADEMY  
4.45PM - 5.45PM
- WESTFIELD ACADEMY, YEOVIL  
5PM - 6PM **THURSDAYS**
- WINTERSTOKE HUNDRED ACADEMY SPORTS CENTRE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE  
5PM - 6PM
- WELLSPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE, TAUNTON  
5PM - 6PM

TO BOOK: CONTACT STEVE GASS,  
STEVE.GASS@SOMERSETCRICKETFUNDATION.ORG  
01823 352266

**FREE SESSIONS**  
IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS  
OR CHILDREN NEW TO CRICKET



## Women's Health & Wellbeing Event in Glastonbury!

- Inspiring workshops & talks for females of all ages.
- Tips on **wellbeing & self-care & movement**.
- Local help and support with **housing, health & employment**.
- Come & meet your community & local services!

For all ages 18+



Wednesday 5th November 2025  
10:00AM | 3:00PM

**Book your FREE place:**

[www.sasp.co.uk/events/2025/11/womens-health-glasto](http://www.sasp.co.uk/events/2025/11/womens-health-glasto)

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for friends, feeling good

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