



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 28th November 2025

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

## ST. BEN'S MAKES HISTORY

*This week, we had a very special visitor who came to present an award to the pupils and staff of St. Benedict's.* Michael Gorely, who works for the Historic England team, came to celebrate the excellent History work going on at St. Benedict's as he handed out the Heritage Schools Award. Michael delivered an assembly to the whole school, congratulating the children and staff for their focus on the amazing local history in our area. History Lead, Ms Bradshaw, who was the driving force behind transforming our History curriculum, could not contain her joy at receiving the award on behalf of the school and dedicated the wooden plaque to the great work going on in all year groups.

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## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK (A BIT) LIKE CHRISTMAS

Once again, our pupils were invited, by Sarah Marks and the Town Council team, to create a

Christmas decoration each for the Town's Christmas Tree and this week, members of the School Council got to hang these decorations with help from the Mayor and Mrs Caston.



Meanwhile, back at school, some elves were busy decorating the Bee Hive...

## ST. BEN'S FROST FAYRE STALL

A reminder that we will be running our usual burger stall at the Frost Fayre tomorrow. This will be located outside the school and we'll also have a seating area, so why not come and have a bite to eat and take the weight off! All proceeds will go to projects to benefit our pupils, including our current focus on replacing the Astro Turf area. If you can help at the Frost Fayre, please call Jane Daniels in the School Office.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Lily: for always working hard in maths!	Samy: for always being a helpful friend!
Unicorns:	Franklin: for amazing work in reading.	Poppy: for always working so hard to present all of her work beautifully.
Chameleons	Keira: for a brilliant focus in maths when answering reasoning questions.	Holly: for a super focus and attitude this week towards her learning.
Owls:	Saoirse: for super dedication and hard work in all subjects.	Elias: for fantastic focused work in maths and the golden write.
Spiders:	Amelia: always ready to learn, gives 100% and models exceptional behaviour and work ethic to others.	Eli: for improving focus and independent learning.
Tortoises:	Cassie: for being resilient in her maths this week.	Kamil: for always working hard in all his lessons.
Leopards:	Saimum: for showing excellent levels of resilience in maths.	Jesse: for an excellent attitude in all lessons.
Peacocks:	Hamish: for always being an outstanding role model to his peers.	Willard: for showing great resilience in maths this week.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 25.4 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 98.3% attendance. Well done Chameleons, 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: <span style="color: red;">Cat – 71 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Unicorn - 77 %</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Owl - 82%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 100 %</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Tortoise – 66%</span> , <span style="color: red;">Spider – 93%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard -96%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 93%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: green;">Chameleon</span> class with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Marley: for showing resilience and also showing forgiveness and kindness to others when distracted by them. Amber: for being kind to everyone and resilient in all her work.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Bobby, Alicia (Yr3), Raphael, and Jaxon D (Yr6) AR Target Master: Alicia, Charlie B, Parker (Yr3), Jesse, and Raphael (Yr6) Hundred Club: Raphael (Yr6); Millionaires' Club: Raphael (Yr6)	

### A TOKEN GESTURE

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!

### ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance at school is really important: the data shows us that pupils who have better attendance generally achieve more and get better jobs; they also have better wellbeing levels. Good attendance and punctuality at school also better prepares them for the world of work.

The Local Authority are now challenging schools to improve attendance and identify and support those pupils and families with poor attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will contact you to challenge and support and you may also be referred to the Local Authority attendance team for their support.

# St. Ben's Makes History (cont'd from front page)

Michael's presentation focused on the great work happening, not just in History, but in the wider curriculum, including links to Art and Computing. A huge well done to all pupils and staff and a BIG thank you to Ms Bradshaw for her hard work in creating an award-winning History curriculum.



## 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 Siena, who won the 'Name the Koala' Children in Need competition at Greggs in Street (the Koala was called Conker!). It's a huge well done to Year 4 Tabby, who passed her Trampoline Level 1 (in just seven weeks!) and took part in a Gymnastics competition in Bristol. We have been extremely impressed with Year 6 Eden's recycled craft work, creating festive decorations from household objects. Finally, we salute Charlie in Year 3 who was awarded Player of the Match for his outstanding debut for Wells Football team; he registered two goals and an assist!

**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.**



## PEACOCK ART CATCHES THE EYE

At their Inspire Workshops this year, Year 6 worked on a piece of art, comprising smaller sections by each child (and parent) coming together to form a larger abstract piece.

Peacock Class's final piece is now displayed in their classroom and we thought you might like to see it.



## St. Ben's Wasps Triumph

On Monday this week, St. Ben's Wasps took on the best teams in the area and came out on top. They started the tournament with a steady 2-0 win over

St. John's and St. Vigor's, goals from Lewis and Richards. The second game saw a cagey

encounter that ended in a narrow 1-0 win over Selwood (goal from Foote). Game 3 against Hugh Sexey's seemed to be history repeating itself with a 1-0 win, Foote once again the match-winner.

Defensively, St. Ben's were solid as a rock with Keeper Holloway well protected by the defensive duo Taylor and Jenkins.

Next up were Elmhurst and St. Ben's began to express themselves with captain Sharp running riot and Foote and Andrews finding space at will. Two goals from Cox and a tidy finish from Lewis led to a 3-0 victory.

The final game saw St. Ben's nemesis, Brookside, standing between the team and a place in the County Finals. Once again, St. Ben's defensive qualities shone through as they worked tirelessly as a team to see out a 0-0 draw. This result saw St. Ben's crowned Champions and they will defend their title at the County Finals in January.



## St. Ben's Bees Buzzing After Brilliant Debut

On Monday, a team made up of St. Ben's debutants took to the field at Strode.

Representing their school for the first time in Year 6, they took the first game, vs Elmhurst, to adjust to the pace of the game and played out a 0-0 draw.

The second match saw much better passing, especially from Newton, Patel and Salmon but opponents Selwood also provided a threat with Daine in goal keeping them at bay before they finally broke the deadlock.

In a second game vs Elmhurst, St. Ben's looked far more confident, with Chiutsi and Lamb showing great control and Tapera scoring with a smooth finish. Salmon ran the show in midfield and Patel got on the scoresheet with two far-post poacher's goals. Kowalczyk and Sandu formed a lethal partnership, putting in some crunching tackles. The level of play and superb attitude meant the team were a credit to St. Ben's.



### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Frost Fayre – please come and buy a burger!
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear your Christmas Jumper to School (for Save the Children) Whole School Christmas Lunch (funded by Glastonbury Festival)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church (1:45pm)
Last week of term	No Clubs (except DASH and Ben's Den: No Ben's Den on 19/12)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Festive Film Night until 5:15pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Festive Film Night until 5:15pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Nativity performance to parents: 4pm in the School Hall
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Spring Term begins
<b>NOTE THE DATE: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>INSET Day – School is closed. Pupils will return on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>



5<sup>th</sup> of December  
3.30pm to 5.30pm

**ST JOHN'S INFANT SCHOOL**  
**Christmas Fair**  
fun for the whole family

Handmade gifts, food stalls, carols, bric a brac, crafts, and more!  
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**STREET CRICKET CLUB**  
**JUNIORS**  
**CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**23rd December**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Victoria Club, Street**

**£4 per ticket**  
All junior cricketers and friends welcome

To book: Kerri – 07725 211171  
Danielle – 07514 650692

*Why not book up to watch this fabulous Strode show in the next two days (28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November) to get 15% off your ticket price!*

*Tickets available from:*

<https://www.strodetheatre.org.uk/event/the-wizard->

