



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 5th December 2025

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

FESTIVE MOVIE NIGHTS

The children have voted and we announced today that the following festive movies will be shown:

Mon 15th December – 3:15 – 5:15pm: Lower School Movie Night screening of **The Grinch.**

Tues 16th December – 3:15 – 5:15pm: Upper School Movie Night screening of **Elf.**

Tickets are £2 and can be purchased via ParentPay. All proceeds towards the PTFA fund-raising effort towards new Astro Turf.

FROST FAYRE STALL RAISES £870

A huge thank you to the PTFA team who came together to run the Frost Fayre St. Ben's stall outside school last Saturday. The team, made up of parents and staff members working different shifts, managed to raise an incredible £870 for school funds. A special thank you to Jane and Rich Daniels who spent all day running operations!

This year, we are focused on fund-raising for a new all-weather pitch, as our current one is becoming a health and safety risk. We are planning to double the size of the pitch, at an estimated cost of £40,000. We hope to launch a 'Go Fund Me' campaign later in the year...



GARDENING GROUP

VISIT WEDMORE FARM

On a soggy Tuesday afternoon, our group of Grey to Green gardeners got to visit Wedmore Farm and were inspired by all the wonderful projects happening there; they got to plant seeds and investigate how compost works. Next they get to put what they have learned into practice here at St. Ben's. Well done to all the pupils for their excellent attitude and listening skills and thanks to Jack and the team at the Farm for hosting us. Also, thank you to Mrs Caston, Mrs Daniels and Mr Lintell for braving the elements in the name of horticulture!



ATTENDANCE – DID YOU KNOW?

At St. Benedict's, pupils need line up in the playground when the bell goes at 8:45am. If they arrive after the class go in, they are counted as late. **If a pupil arrives after the register closes (9:15am), they are counted as absent for that session. This means that being late could have an impact on your child's punctuality AND attendance.** The Local Authority are now prompting schools to challenge poor attendance and punctuality, so Mr Ranger will contact you if we are concerned about your child's lateness or absence.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Coral: for always being a kind friend.	Jessica O: for always working hard with her maths work!
Unicorns:	Henry: for focused learning all week.	Jemima: for working really hard to improve her writing skills.
Chameleons	Tabitha: such a positive attitude to her learning and showing kindness to others.	Polly: for fantastic attention to detail when sketching Caesar!
Owls:	Alisia: for super presentation and attention to detail in English.	Jacob O: super focus in maths lessons.
Spiders:	Reuben: aspiration in his work, especially his golden write this half term.	Honi: for showing great resilience this week during assessment week.
Tortoises:	Charlie B: for always being cheerful, kind and hard-working.	Felix: for super focus and great work in swimming this week.
Leopards:	Taran: for excellent encouragement of others in PE.	Bobby: for fantastic effort and dedication to his spelling accuracy.
Peacocks:	Charlie W: for improved attitude to reading this week.	Blossom: for giving 100% effort to everything she does!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 11 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class, with 98.7% attendance. Well done Tortoise, 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: Cat – 65 % , Unicorn - 81 % , Owl - 72% , Chameleon - 97 % , Tortoise – 70 % , Spider – 85% , Leopard - 96% , Peacock - 100% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock class with 100%	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Lexi: for being so helpful in the classroom by collecting and emptying the pencil pots! (Without being asked)! Alfie: for a considerate, caring and grown-up attitude to all his class mates.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Poppy, Firdaus (Yr3), Amelia-Rose, Libby (Yr5), Ollie, and Blossom (Yr6). AR Target Master: Toby, Jago, Eliza (Yr3), Lola, and John (Yr6) Millionaires' Club: Archie (Yr3)	

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. It's the final push as our school will only be one of the options until January 2026! Thanks to everyone for choosing St. Ben's!

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027-28

From 2027-28, we are planning to add in a new criterion for Admissions Arrangements to St. Benedict's Year 3. This will be to help us prioritise pupils from St. John's. It will read as follows:

Children attending St. John's Infant School, Glastonbury, in Year 2, for a period of a term or more by the closing date for applications (15th January 2027),

We are currently in a period of consultation regarding this. Please see the Policies section of our website to read the proposed Admissions Arrangements document in full.

What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 6 Lola, who has just started rugby sessions at Tor Rugby. We also shine a light on Year 6 Leo who has been walking up the Tor before school with members of his family for an invigorating morning buzz! Well done to Jemima (Y3) and Eleana (Y5) who both sang at the Wells Cathedral Christmas Concert last week. We are also very proud of Y4 Tristan who has worked hard for over a year to achieve his Level 8 trampolining award. It's a huge well done to members of the Wessex Eagles team (Logan, Jaxon, Jaxon, Mark and Elijah, who came runners-up in their Cup Final and also Toby Lawford who put in a player of the match performance as his team came runners-up in the cup. Finally, to Eli, who visited Sandhurst Barracks at the weekend and helped out with the Chelsea Pensioners.

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.



Clockwise from Top Left: *Eli plays pool with the Chelsea Pensioners; Trampolining **Tristan**; **Jemima** sings at Wells, **Lola** takes to the Rugby pitch; **Eleana** sings at Wells; Members of the **Wessex Eagles**, runners-up in the Cup Final; Keeper **Toby** gets Player of the Match; **Leo** climbs the Tor at day-break.*



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Lost Elf Dept.
Care of: Santa,
Santa Centre
Lapland

5th December 2025

Dear Santa,

I am writing to inform you that at least three of your elves have escaped from your toy-loading dept and are running wild around our school, St. Benedict's in Glastonbury. They are wreaking havoc in the classrooms and corridors and even in our Bee Hive – It's an Elf and Safety nightmare! Earlier this week they were blocking a sink and yesterday they were hanging from ceilings. The children and staff are distracted and no-one is getting any work done. I've included a few photos, below, to show you what I mean.

I know you're a busy man, Santa, especially at this time of year, but you really must keep your elves in order – you don't see our pupils coming to Lapland and playing pranks on you and your team!

While I have your attention, can I say what brilliant children we have here at St. Ben's. They are all so polite and resilient and they have been working really hard to be kind to each other and to look out for members of our community, like the residents of St. Benedict's Care Home. Don't forget this when you're packing up your sleigh and heading for Somerset!

Good luck with your delivery this year!

Christmas wishes,

Mr Ranger

St. Ben's School, Glastonbury

P.S. I'll be expecting an Elf Rescue Team by next Friday at the latest; This can't go on!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wed 10 th December	Wear your Christmas Jumper to School (suggested donation of £1 for Save the Children) Whole School Christmas Lunch (funded by Glastonbury Festival)
Fri 12 th December	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church (1:45pm)
Mon 15 th December	NO CLUBS IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM: DASH and Ben's will run as usual but No Ben's Den on Friday 19th December.
Mon 15 th December	Lower School Christmas Movie Night – until 5:15pm
Tues 16 th December	Upper School Christmas Movie Night – until 5:15pm
Wed 17 th December	Year 3 Nativity performance to parents: 4pm in the School Hall
Fri 19 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th January 2026	Spring Term begins
NOTE THE DATE: Mon 23rd Feb	INSET Day – School is closed. Pupils will return on Tues 24th Feb

5th 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!
Plus a visit from Santa.

TOWN HALL

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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
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