



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 19th December 2025

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

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Today we break up for two weeks and **will return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time.** Have a wonderful, peaceful break and thank you for your support this term.

## TOR THEATRE BRING JOY & LAUGHTER

On Monday, David and Angela from Tor Theatre performed their brilliant panto 'Scrooge – Oh no it isn't!' to the Upper School and the Lower School. As ever, audience participation was central to the fun and it was a joyful start to the St. Ben's week!



## YEAR 3 NATIVITY WOWS AUDIENCES

On Wednesday, Year 3 produced two wonderful performances of their Nativity, with lyrics by our very own Ms Greuter. Please see page 3 for more details and photos...



## SPREADING SOME FESTIVE GLEE!

Last week, Glee Club made the short visit across the road to St. Benedict's Care Home to get residents in Christmas spirits as they delivered a set of their favourite songs, led by Chief Elf, Miss Greuter.

Once again this year, we have shared a lovely relationship with the Care Home and we wish the residents and staff a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to more adventures together in 2026.

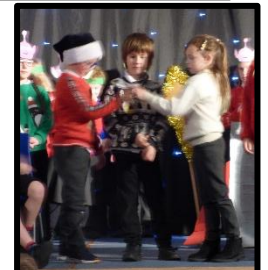


## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Belle: for her excellent golden write and using speech punctuation well.	Alice: for her great effort with her golden write.
Unicorns:	Oliver: for writing a lovely Golden Write based on the Christmas Carol.	Seren: for working really hard to develop character speech in her writing.
Chameleons	Lissy: for super teamwork skills during science experiments this term.	Harrison C: for persevering with his writing!
Owls:	Lil: for super focus and observations in English and science.	Liam: for always trying really hard in maths.
Spiders:	Carmen: for spreading Christmas cheer, and modelling fantastic swimming skills.	Chiyewo: Resilience and great listening in swimming.
Tortoises:	Amber: for being a super – helpful teaching assistant.	Charlie R: for always being cheerful, hard-working and polite.
Leopards:	Krish: for always giving 100% effort to all of his learning.	Courtney: for showing kindness to others.
Peacocks:	Pasha-Rose: for brilliant resilience and hard work in all lessons.	Logan: for an outstanding piece of home learning!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 8.9 points per child and they get an extra break. Well done Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 97% attendance. Well done Owls, you get an extra break!	
<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 – 70 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 75 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 71%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 100 %</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Tortoise – 59 %</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Spider – 84%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 100%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 88%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: blue;">Leopard</span> and <span style="color: green;">Chameleon</span> classes with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Neala: for setting a great example to her friends. Florence: for always being a kind friend.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	<b>Learning Behaviour: Bronze:</b> Juno, Eleanor, Zara, Tabitha, Jago, Silvia, Harry (Yr4), Bryony, Emilia, Holly, Freddie, Lily Pai, Amber (Yr5) <b>AR Target Master:</b> Rubix, Poppy, Rayyan, Seren, Jemima, Neala, Effie, Franklin, Teddie, Reuben, Arwen, Kai (Yr3), Eleanor, Finn, George (Yr4), Mila, and Jack P (Yr6) <b>Star Pointer:</b> Tara (Yr3). <b>ELSA Awards:</b> Rubix and Teddie (Yr3)	
<u>100% Attendance this term</u>	Alexander, Archie, Coral, Teddie, Amy, Poppy, Oliver, Isobel, Franklin, Rayyan, Bobby, Effie (Yr3), Ruben, Ted, Imogen, Emilia, Elias, Tristan, Flynn, Iris (Yr4), Darron, Eli, Tania, Aliza, Elodie-Rose, Barnaby, James, Monty, Lily Pai (Yr5), Jesse, Reggie T, Aliya, Marshall, Isaac, Jack C, Oliver, Mori, Jack R, and Charlie W (Yr6)	
<u>Swimming Awards:</u>	<b>School Swimming and Water Safety Foundation Awareness Award:</b> Barnaby, Reggie G, Olive, Kamil, Monty, Charlie R, Sophia, Emilia, Flo, Kobi, Nahla, Paisley, Chiyewo, Isaac, Honi, Tania, Sage, and Louie (Yr5) <b>School Swimming and Water Safety Self Rescue Award:</b> Kara, Ruby, Bence, Elodie, Amelia, Lauralie, Eloise, Marley, Aliza, Aseel, Bowie, Libby, Carmen, Bryony, Eli, Amber, Molly, Cassie, Leilani, Mia, Lily Pay, Lily Pai, Holly, Reuben, Amelia-Rose, Cave, Freddie, Rupert, James, Daronn, Roman, Felix, Eris, Evie, Bodhi, Penelope, Eleana, Charlie B and Charlie A (Yr5)	
<u>Star Awards:</u>	<b>Sophia</b> (Yr6): for the lovely singing in the mornings and making the office team smile. <b>Jacob and Liam</b> (Yr4) for the waves through the office window each morning and making the office team smile. <b>Mr Lintell:</b> for being an honorary office elf! For doing the jobs the office team don't have time to do. <b>Miss Stone:</b> for being an office helper!	

# YEAR 3 NATIVITY IN PHOTOS

Year 3 produced two beautiful performances of their Nativity on Wednesday (in the afternoon to the school, including special guests Mrs Switzer, Miss Richards and Miss Godden and staff and residents of St. Benedict's Care Home. After school, parents, carers and guests were treated to another mesmerising show as Year 3 sang brilliantly and spoke with confidence as they retold the Christmas story with a little help from song Greenter inspired Christmas song parodies. Well done to every performer and thank you to the Year 3 team for their hard work in preparing the Nativity.



## CUTTING OF THE HOLY THORN

On Wednesday this week, pupils and staff from Year 6 joined dignitaries and members of the Community, including pupils and staff from St. John's and St. Dunstan's for the Cutting of the Holy Thorn. Rev'd Alice reminded us of the importance of the Holy Thorn, the only tree that flowers at Christmas and Easter. There was then a wonderful rendition of the Holy Thorn song by St. John's before their oldest and youngest pupils Took a cutting, which will end up on the King's Table for Christmas.



## PTFA FESTIVE MOVIE NIGHTS

This week saw two movie nights as the pupils of St. Ben's settled in for a festive treat, along with popcorn and a drink.

On Monday, the Lower School got to watch The Grinch, while Tuesday saw the Upper School watching Elf.

Thanks to the parents and staff that stayed after school to help make this possible.

This seasonal treat helped to raise over £280.

A reminder that all money raised this year is going towards our Astro Turf fund.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December!** 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 (15<sup>th</sup> 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 4 Karla, who sang outside Wells Cathedral on a very rainy day to raise funds for her Musical Theatre Group's Summer Show. Despite the weather, there was lots of festive cheer!

We also star Ronnie in Year 4 who put in a player of the weekend performance for his rugby team, Tor Rugby.

Finally, we shine a light on performer Elodie in Year 5 who last week took part in performances of Snow White at the Meyer Theatre in Street.

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.**



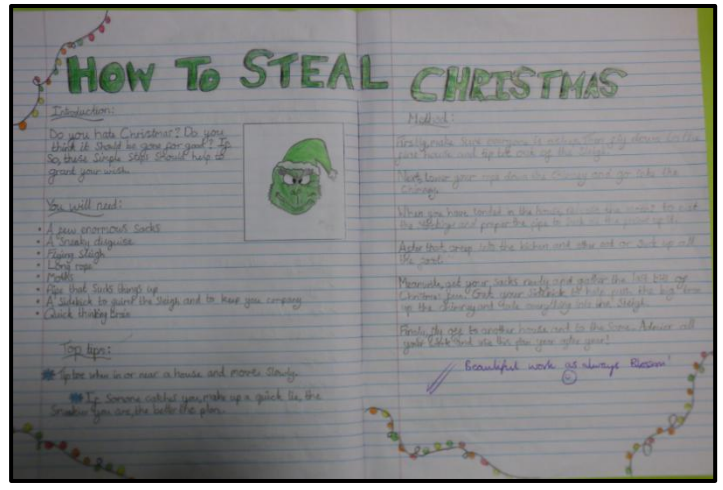
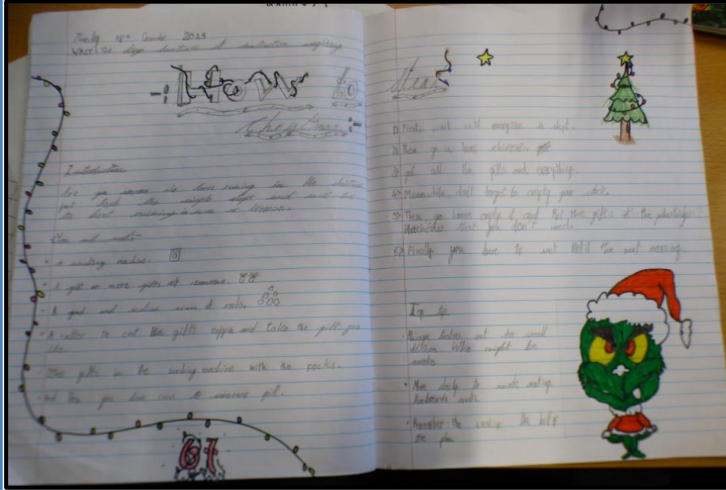
## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Spring Term begins
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	<b>Rock Out with TT Rock Stars!</b> Get ready to turn up the volume on your times tables! <b>On Friday 23rd January 2026, we're hosting a TT Rock Stars Themed Day. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite rock star and enjoy a day packed with exciting, times-table-themed activities.</b> Don't forget: Bring your best rock star outfit and your times tables knowledge – it's time to rock and roll with TT Rock Stars!
<b>NOTE THE DATE: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	INSET Day – School is closed. Pupils will return on Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb

# YEAR 6 FESTIVE WRITING

Year 6 have been getting into the festive spirit with a mischievous twist! Inspired by *The Grinch*, they have been writing imaginative instruction texts explaining **how to steal Christmas**.

As well as capturing the spirit of the season, we're sure you'll agree their work in beautifully presented...



**A Little Christmas Magic**  
at Tor Leisure

**Friday 19th December**  
5-7pm

- Bouncy castle
- Pebble painting & Christmas colouring-in

Free to attend – just pop in

A festive gift from Fusion to our community...

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- Frome Leisure Centre
- Shepton Mallet Lido
- Strode Pool and Fitness Centre
- Tor Sports and Leisure Centre
- Wells Leisure Centre

## Christmas Time table

### Main pool

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30-1:30 General Swim

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 09:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00 General Swim

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:00 General Swim & 12:30-13:30 Fun and Floats

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:00 General Swim & 12:30-13:30 Fun and Floats

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 General Swim

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 15:30-16:30 General Swim

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00 General Swim

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00-12:00 Floats and inflatable  
15:30-16:30 & 17:00-18:00 Fun and Floats, 18:00-19:00 General Swim

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-11:00 & 12:45-13:45 Fun and Floats,  
14:00-15:00 Floats and inflatable

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:00, 13:30-14:30 Fun and Floats, 15:00-16:00 Floats and inflatable

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### Teaching (Small) pool Family Swim's

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30-1:30, 14:00-15:00 & 15:30-16:30

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Have a Merry  
Splashmas  
Full of  
Family Fun!

Strode  
SWIMMING & FITNESS

Somerset  
Council

# FREE CHRISTMAS INFLATABLE POOL PARTY

Somerset Council fusion Strode SWIMMING & FITNESS

Just to thank you to all the schools who have been with us over the year we like to hold a free inflatable party on the 30/12/25, 5-6pm. We will also have a swim teacher on hand for free swim assessments. Spaces are limited so call 01458 443918 quote your school and book your place. Have an amazing Christmas, The Strode team

Sponsored by Swim School

## Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts

WELLS  
CATHEDRAL

20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am-3.30pm

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

### Saturday 20 December

#### Festive Foliage

Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

### Monday 22 December

#### Willow Christmas

Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

### Tuesday 23 December

#### Driftwood Angels

Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.



Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied.

