



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 16th January 2026

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

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT!

On Monday, our Year 6's learned about Crime and Punishment with inspiring workshops delivered by Sam from the South West Heritage Service. They got to hear about some of the more gruesome local punishments and predictably... they loved it!



LESS UPF = LESS LITTER

As a school, we are trying to cut down on packaged, processed food, and promoting whole foods in re-usable containers. This week's BIG Question focused on this and Siena (Y3) and Derek (Y6) have had some great ideas about healthy eating...



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

ROCK DAY

COMING SOON

ON Friday 23rd January, 2026

DRESS UP AS A ROCK STAR AND ROCK ON!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

08:45 19 JANUARY 2026 - 19:30 22 JANUARY 2026

OPEN DAILY FROM 07:30 TO 19:30

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING GROUP WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PLAYER
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES

Cat Class v Unicorn Class
Chameleon Class v Owl Class
Spider Class v Tortoise Class
Leopard Class v Peacock Class

Certificates will be awarded to the MVP's as part of Times Table Rock Stars Day next Friday.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Ayan: for working hard during maths and showing good times table knowledge!	Harry: for always practising his spellings
Unicorns:	Bobby: for showing great control in a tricky situation.	Mia-Rose: for being super mature and wearing her glasses all of the time.
Chameleons	Verity: for showing increased independence in her learning and being more confident in herself!	Lexi: for being more confident to share her ideas in class discussion.
Owls:	Leah-Bluebell: for excellent focus and attention to presentation in all lessons.	Bethany: for super handwriting and presentation in all her work.
Spiders:	Ephraim: a being a great new member of Spider Class and embracing our school values.	Amelia S: for being so helpful around the class and keeping areas tidy.
Tortoises:	Freddie: for superb work on speech punctuation. Sophia: for trying hard to improve her handwriting and presentation.	Libby: for super work on division. Roman: for marvellous multiplication this week!
Leopards:	Nico: for wonderful presented work on The Highwayman.	Tallula: for always striving to do her best!
Peacocks:	Jaxon D: for approaching difficult situations with honesty this week.	Nellie: for always being a kind ray of sunshine everywhere she goes!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 14.1 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class, with 98.3% attendance. Well done Spiders, 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 – 64 % , Unicorn - 86 % , Owl - 79% , Chameleon - 100 % , Tortoise – 86 % , Spider – 83% , Leopard - 96% , Peacock - 92% Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon class with 100%	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Emilia: for always being resilient and hard-working. Sage: for ALWAYS showing kindness.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Arthur, Diego, Reyed, Samy, Florence, Harry, Effie (Yr3), Tabitha, Lillie, Verity, Ted, Florence, Olivia (Yr4), Tania, Louie (Yr5), Willow and Yuliiia (Yr6). ELSA award: Amelia (Yr4) and Alfie (Yr4): for excellent participation in sessions!	

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Friday 23 rd Jan	TT Rockstars Day – dress up as a rocker for tables fun and challenges
Fri 13 th Feb	Break up for Half Term
NOTE THE DATE: Mon 23rd Feb	INSET Day – School is closed. Pupils will return on Tues 24 th Feb
Tues 3 rd – Wed 4 th March	Year 6 London residential
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day at St. Ben's
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th March	Year 5 Osmington Bay residential

FOOTBALL COUNTY FINALS

On Tuesday this week, St. Ben's Boys' team took on the cream of Somerset at the County Finals. They had qualified as the top Mendip team and found themselves taking on the champions of Yeovil, Taunton, Bridgwater, Bath and North Somerset.

First up was a tough tie against St. Vigor and St. John and in the pouring rain, St. Ben's quickly found themselves 1-0 down after a ripper of a shot ricocheted past keeper Holloway. They soon scored again after a darting run and slick finish split the St. Ben's defence.

The game ended 2-0 but St. Ben's showed great resilience and recovered to win their second match (vs Huish) 1-0 with a goal from Sharp. Jenkins and Taylor at the back were starting to show great composure and control and Andrews and Richards made great cameo appearances. Next up were Bishop Henderson and after controlling the early exchanges, St. Ben's were very unlucky to go 2-0 down. Despite dominating much of the second half they could not claw their way back into the game. The penultimate match saw frustration for St. Ben's as they dominated their opponents, Hamp, throughout, but could not find the net. Cox, Lewis and Foote all had chances but were thwarted by an inspired Hamp keeper.

In their final match, St. Ben's finally found their form and battered Portishead. They started confidently and were soon ahead through Foote; then came the Cox show as the fleet-footed striker scored a first half hattrick. Lewis was a constant menace and added to the tally before Andrews' second half goal wrapped up a 6-1 victory for St. Ben'. The team, who were left to rue their missed chances in earlier games, finished fourth in their group, and therefore were among the best eight schools in Somerset. Their attitude and sportsmanship all season have been outstanding.



On Wednesday, St. Ben's Girls' team took on the cream of Somerset at the County Finals. They had qualified from the Mendip tournament and found themselves taking on the champions of Yeovil, Taunton, Bridgwater, Bath and North Somerset.

St. Ben's first game was against Moorlands who were a strong, attacking team. St. Ben's defended resolutely with Rowen and Unger solid at the back, and keeper O'Neill pulled off a number of saves before Moorlands scored a late winner. Next came a tie vs Barwick and Stoford, which St. Ben's dominated, with captain Drake-Scott and wingers Jenkins and Person persistent threats. Eventually the St. Ben's pressure paid off as Francis bagged a winner.

In their third match, Francis again proved the difference as she slid home a winner after great wing work from Stout, Crossman and Salt. Now St. Ben's were on a high and they put their next opponents, Somerset Bridge under endless pressure before finally scoring through an own goal. St. Ben's began their final match against Mary Elton School in the hunt for a semi-final place, but were soon behind to a well-worked goal after some slick passing by their opponents. Try as they might, St. Ben's could not score the all-important equaliser and, agonisingly they missed out on qualification, finishing third in their group.

This position secured them as one of the top six Girls' teams in the County; the best ever finish for a St. Ben's Girls team. More importantly, though, this is a team and a squad that has shown great resilience and humility this year, as well as some excellent skills. Well done to them all and huge thanks to Mr Lintell, Mr Ranger and Mr Kelland for their coaching this year.



What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Logan in Year 6 who put in a player of the match performance for his team last weekend. We also shine a light on Harry in Year 4 who trialled for Paulton Rovers, Junior Premier League team at the weekend and scored 6 goals!

Well done to both of you!



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.



Sumdog and IXL

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that we are currently participating in a trial of an online learning platform called IXL.

What is IXL?

- An online learning platform used for maths
- A personalised programme that adapts to each child's ability level
- A tool used both in school and at home to support learning

What are the benefits of IXL?

- Provides immediate feedback so students understand why an answer is correct
- Adjusts the level of difficulty to challenge students while reinforcing key skills
- Builds confidence through guided, independent practice
- Helps children learn at their own pace
- Allows teachers and parents to monitor progress and identify areas for support
- Reinforces classroom learning with targeted practice

We are already seeing some very positive outcomes from using IXL, particularly among pupils in Years 5 and 6. As a result, we have taken the decision for IXL to replace Sumdog across these year groups. Sumdog will continue to be available for children in Years 3 and 4, as we have seen greater engagement with this platform among this age range.

Starting next week, Mr Kelland will be running an after-school IXL club for any children who would like to explore IXL further.

GIRLS' RUGBY AT TOR RUGBY – WHY NOT JOIN UP

🚀 GIRLS RUGBY IS HERE TO STAY! 🌸

After a fantastic four week trial in November, filled with amazing enthusiasm and enjoyment from everyone who attended, we are delighted to announce that Girls Rugby is now a permanent fixture at Tor Rugby Club!

THE DETAILS:

📅 When: Tuesdays (Starting 13th Jan): ⌚ Time: 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

👤 Who: Open to all girls in Year 3 to Year 7 (U8s – U12s)

📍 Where: Lowerside Lane (BA6 9GY)

🚫 Format: Non-contact rugby – safe, fun, and focused on skills!

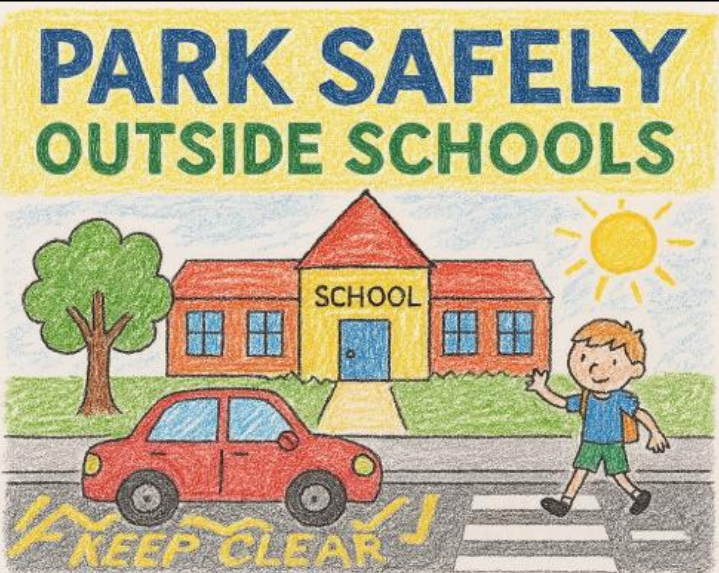
Note: Sessions will remain on Tuesday evenings for now, with the aim of moving to Sundays in the future as our coaching resources grow.

NO BOOKING NEEDED! Just turn up with your boots and a positive attitude. Whether you've played before or never picked up a ball, you are welcome here. It's about having fun, building confidence, and making friendships that last a lifetime!

RUGBY FOR ALL 🌀 Since the days of our successful Women's team in the 1990s, it has felt like a small piece of the club was missing. This new section goes a long way toward filling that gap.

Alongside our recent additions of Touch Rugby and Walking Rugby, this is another massive step towards our goal of offering true "Rugby for All" at Tor.

Spread the word and let's grow the game!



**PARK SAFELY
OUTSIDE SCHOOLS**

SAFETY REMINDER:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines
- No parking on corners or junctions, especially near the school entrance

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Please also note that disabled spaces MUST be kept clear – we have a number of parents/carers with blue badges and they require these spaces.

We have had a number of parents parking on the double yellow lines opposite Proper Job: this is especially dangerous and puts children's safety at risk as they try to cross.

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.

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St John's Infants PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

£5 per person

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Teams of up to 6 people

message 07896 748294 to book in a team!

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